

would neither have been ill-bestowed, nor shown in vain. "Open rebuke is better than *secret* love."

4. Doubtless other things beside the necessity of consulting the Colonial Missionary Society, would have "occurred" to brethren, had time for calm reflection been given. If there be any force in this allusion, it only adds weight to the arguments in favor of twelve months' notice of motion. For myself, I candidly own I was inclined to look favorably upon the proposal when it was first made, though all along I deprecated the hot haste with which the thing was driven through. Further thought and consultation have greatly modified my views; and I believe they would have modified the views of others, who, as I think, committed themselves too rashly to a measure which I fear they will live to rue.

5. The whole business affords an illustration of the way in which a few leading spirits, having pretty thoroughly canvassed a measure themselves, fall into the innocent mistake of supposing that no one out of their circle, either needs or desires opportunity to give it special consideration. It is thus democracies glide by insensible degrees into oligarchies. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

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News of the Churches.

BOND-STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, TORONTO. DEDICATORY SERVICES.

The new church edifice on Bond-street, erected by the church under the pastorate of the Rev. F. H. Marling, is rapidly approaching completion, and will be opened for divine worship (D.V.) on Sabbath, December 13th, when the Rev. Dr. Daggett, of Canandaigua, New York State, is expected to preach in the morning and evening, and Rev. J. B. Howard (Wesleyan) in the afternoon.

On the following Sabbath, the 20th, these services will be continued, Rev. Dr. Burns preaching in the morning, Rev. T. S. Ellerby in the afternoon, and Dr. Caldicott in the evening.

The Ladies will hold a Sale in the school-room on Tuesday, the 15th, and a public Social Meeting will be held on Tuesday the 22nd.

We but express the heartfelt desire of the esteemed pastor and people, who are now preparing to remove to their new and beautiful house of prayer, when we say, that the prayers (and the presence, if possible) of friends from a distance would be highly valued on this occasion.

SALE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL, SIMCOE.

GUELPH, Nov. 24, 1863.

MR. EDITOR,—I beg to send you the subjoined item, clipped from a Simcoe paper, for the "News of the Churches" department of the forthcoming number of our magazine. It is not an encouraging item, but a faithful history of that "variety of causes" which, though "superfluous to recount" in a secular journal, would be eminently proper in the denominational organ, and could not fail to minister valuable instruction and warning.