

## THE REV. C. CHINIQUEY.

DEAR SIR,—While the attention of the Canada Presbyterian Church is very properly being directed more than ever to the subject of Home and Foreign Missions, perhaps a word or two with respect to the Rev. C. Chiniquy and his work in Illinois may not be amiss. Permit me first, however, simply to notice a recent visit of his to this place. Having heard that Mr. C. was lecturing in Detroit, the writer sent him an invitation to extend his journey as far as Bosanquet, which he at once agreed to do; and though notice of his coming did not reach us until Friday evening, yet on Sabbath he preached to crowded congregations, many of whom came ten and others fifteen miles, nor did they I am sure regret the distance. As the preacher retailed the story of his early life, his youthful training, his subsequent devotion to mother church, the gradual dawning of the light upon his mind, the soul-agony he endured before breaking forever with Rome, his complete emancipation from servitude to her, and entire surrender to the one Master, Christ, in short, the wonderful things God had wrought for him and his countrymen—he was listened to with the most wrapt attention, and the many dewy eyes here and there over the congregation, told of the deep interest which his story had awakened. Mr. C. preached three times that day, and every time to a goodly audience. At the close of each service a collection was taken up in behalf of Kankakee College, which amounted in all to over \$28.

Now a word about this College. There are at present 140 boys and girls in the institution under training for the work of evangelization. Three, and occasionally four teachers are employed, whose salaries, together with other expenses, amount to the annual sum of \$1100. By the Protestants of the colony this institution is rightly regarded as a necessity; if parents cannot get good education for their children under the shadow of their own church, Rome has an open door for them; Roman institutions invite them. Besides, those French Canadians of Illinois want spiritual teachers, and will want them in the future still more when their present esteemed pastor ceases to watch over them; and where shall there be obtained unless from amongst their own sons and daughters taken and trained up for the work? Further, is it not agreed on all hands that there is a great work to be done in Lower Canada, in *Evangelizing the benighted Romanists* there? How can this better be accomplished than by sending thither well trained French Canadian youths, whose minds are thoroughly imbued with the principles of Protestant Christianity, and well schooled in controversial Theology, especially in controversy relating to the Church of Rome. It is just this schooling, together with the ordinary branches of a good education, which the College at Kankakee is designed to give. But, as was remarked, this College costs \$1100 annually. Mr. Chiniquy cannot support it out of his own personal means which have all been sacrificed, in part for the support of this institution, but chiefly in defending himself from Roman persecution, which has been and is still waged most unrelentingly against him. Deficient harvests have been the rule in Illinois as here, and his people are unable to do much more than maintain themselves. Where then is help to come from, as come it must, or the College be shut up for the present? The churches on the other side—I speak of some of them—treat him anything but cordially, and even close their places of worship against him, assigning as a reason, “you have left us and connected yourself with the Church in Canada, and now you must look to your Canadian friends for support. We feel for you, and wish you success, but we have our own work to do, and cannot help you.” Owing to the terms on which Mr. C. applied for connexion with the Canada Presbyterian Church, namely, that the Church here should not be burdened with the expense connected with his field of labour—(though it was expressly stipulated that he might collect funds from