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PROPRIETORS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the *Canadian Independent* will be held (D. V.) on Thursday, June 14th, at 11 o'clock, in Zion Church, Montreal.

A full attendance is requested, as proposals will be submitted in regard to the future of the Magazine, which it is important to have considered by all the proprietors, if possible.

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LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

At the annual meeting of the Congregational Missionary Society of British North America, to commence in Montreal, on Thursday, 14th instant, a motion will probably be brought forward, to declare independence of the Colonial Missionary Society. We cannot tell how many, but a considerable number of members of the former Society feel so much friction in wearing the Blomfield Street crutches, that they will want to throw them away, and hobble or walk or run alone, as best they can.

We shall not undertake, at present, to discuss this important question in all its aspects. The arguments in favor of separation have been repeatedly set forth in these columns, with fulness, point, and energy, by various correspondents. Those who would make the best of things as they are, have held their peace. It seems to us a duty, therefore, to present the other side of the case, so that the Society may come together with a complete understanding of the matter, and be able to arrive at a well-weighed, deliberate, and wise conclusion.

The recent proposals of the Colonial Society, and the manner in which they were urged upon the Canadian churches, together with the discussions of past years, have made the advocates of secession feel like the "unfortunate" in Hood's "Bridge of Sighs,"—

"Mad from life's history,
Glad to death's mystery,
Swift to be hurled!
Anywhere, anywhere,
Out of the world!"