

such outspokenness among Roman Catholics. We hesitate to believe that all who adhere to the Roman Catholic Church accept all her doctrines of exclusiveness, but how rarely are instances of courage found among them as that of the Minister of Public Works. The Minister of course spoke for a political purpose, but all the same, his speech shows that the government does not intend, at least at present, to yield a point to Rome.

**TAX EXEMPTIONS**

THE protest against the imposition of taxes on church property is having effect. Managers and sessions are discussing the subject, faintly, may be, as yet, but we hope their voice will be soon heard with no uncertain sound. The anti-exemptionists—those who advocate the removing of the exemption from taxation the churches at present enjoy, are active in Toronto and it becomes the bounden duty of the Toronto churches to lead a vigorous crusade in defence of their rights. The question will likely be brought to a popular vote at the municipal Elections on the following questions to be submitted by the City Council :

- (1) Are you in favor of the principle of assessing each individual according to his or her actual worth in real and personal property?
- (2) Are you in favor of the principle of abolishing all exemptions?

It will be seen that a clear issue is here evaded. It is not merely church exemption, but the exemption of various kinds of property. Thus is the question complicated. Many who favour church exemption may fairly argue against the exemption of Dominion property on local grounds, holding that as government buildings are for the use and advantage of the Dominion or Province that they ought to bear a share of the municipal taxes. But the distinction to be drawn between such buildings and churches which minister to the religious wants of the given municipality, is quite apparent. Yet by conjoining these separate classes of property the City Council has taken a course which will make it difficult to obtain a fair expression of opinion from the people, and in proportion to this difficulty, is the duty of church members to enlighten the public and to see to it that the real significance of the situation is made fully known. Managers, trustees, members of session and elders ought to make a canvas without loss of time, before the din of the election fills the air. The REVIEW will act its part and it bespeaks the aid of the other religious papers in the City in a cause that affects them all.

**EARL ABERDEEN AT KNOX.**

WISE counsel it was that his excellency Lord Aberdeen spoke to the students of Knox College. The equipment for the ministry furnished in the classroom, he rightly described as the formation of habits of mind which will entice and lead to a true study of the many problems the minister's life work bristles with. The college imprimatur should imply a well trained mind not only stored with knowledge but capable of utilizing and applying principles and methods, as need arises. His excellency made pointed allusion to the importance of close study, of making the most of present opportunities, and in this respect said the theological work should be free from concurrent studies such as the Arts Preparatory course. In a city with such University privileges as Toronto there should not, in his opinion, be great difficulty in obtaining the literary education in the Arts University so that the theological hall should be free to do its own special work. This belief is widely shared in. Comprehensiveness, was the term he used as that which should distinguish the study for the ministry. An "all-round man" who could take an intelligent interest in the affairs of life, who took a sympathetic share in the avocations of those around him, was the ideal minister of to-day. His excellency urged upon the students to be well prepared for the future which with its glorious opportunities was before them, and in impressive, earnest words invoked God's blessing upon them.

Rev. Principal Caven, who felicitously presided, expressed the appreciation of the church for the high aim their excellencies had set before them in the discharge of their duties and the christian spirit which characterized their actions.

**OUR GREAT PREMIUM.**

OUR announcement of last week has brought enquiries as to the Bible premiums offered by the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW this fall. We thank many friends for their interest in our offer and can assure one and all that the half has not been told. The books are indeed superb. Not only in point of quality of craftsmanship—the typographical and binding qualities—but the contents and general "get up," in fact in every respect the books offered are marvels at the reduced price at which they are offered. The finest copy will be given, with a year's subscription to the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW for \$4.25, a copy beautifully bound in Morocco, which cannot be secured through the trade at less than \$15.00. Such a bargain as this was only possible after long effort, and because of the undoubted reputation of the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW as the oldest and best church newspaper published in Ontario in the interests of the Presbyterian Church. We had to prove our large circulation and our ability to dispose of an exceedingly large number of these valuable books in order to secure a monopoly of the Canadian Market for our readers, and we can confidently predict that nothing ever offered as a Bible premium at the money will give a tithe of the satisfaction this book will give. A Specimen of the type is herewith given:—

US, 14. *They overtake the children of Israel*

may serve the E-gyp'tians? For it had been better for us to serve the E-gyp'tians, than that we should die in the wilderness.	11 C. 1491.
13 ¶ And Mo'ses said unto the people, ¶ Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: ¶ for the E-gyp'tians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.	92 Chr. 20. 15, 17. Is 41. 10. 13, 14. 2 Cor. for whom ye have seen the Egyptians to day, &c. 1 Pet. 2. 10. 1. 21. 22. 24. 4.
14 ¶ The LORD shall fight for you, and ye	

The illustrations are of exceeding value from the artistic and educational points of view. On our ordinary paper it is impossible to bring out a fair specimen of what they resemble on the high toned surface of the paper used in the Bible, but the following will give an idea of the style of illustration with which the book is richly interspersed :



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The prices are :

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- (2) The PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW for one year and the Bible, complete in Full Seal with flush gold edges. \$3.75. (Retail price \$12.00.)
- (3) The PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW and the Bible, complete, best style \$4.25. (Retail price \$15.00.)

The text and paper in these three editions are similar, the binding differs in each case. A valuable feature is that the Bible is supplied with Pronunciation marks as a guide to the correct pronunciation of the words.

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