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## TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

The Pope has summoned all the Bishops  
to Rome. He wishes to see them all before  
he dies.

The local House of Parliament moves  
along very slowly. Whatever is done is done  
very leisurely.

It is still doubted in some quarters if Dr.  
Livingstone is dead. On the other hand it  
is said his body will soon be in Zanzibar.

The Carlists are rather gaining in Spain,  
and Marshall McMahon's authority in  
France has every appearance of becoming  
permanent.

The Dominion Parliament meets on the  
26th of March. Ministers have too great a  
majority to make the Session a very excit-  
ing one.

The weekly meeting for prayer held under  
the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance, in  
Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, every Monday  
afternoon, at 4 o'clock, grows in interest,  
and in the numbers attending.

Very keen discussions are going on over  
the proposed modification of the Educa-  
tion office book depository. We cannot  
see why the map department should not be  
opened to public competition as well as that  
of the books. The public will be all the  
better served for a little wholesome rivalry.

As intimated last week, Mr. Gladstone  
has resigned and Mr. Disraeli reigns in his  
stead. The Conservatives have a good  
working majority, but they cannot undo  
what has been done, nor help going forward  
in the same line as their predecessors have  
followed. The levity and even buffoonery  
displayed by Mr. Disraeli in his election  
speeches are not very becoming in the first  
Minister of the Crown. We have been in  
the habit of hearing that such things were  
confined to the Colonies. Well if they  
were.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK SCHOOL  
BILL.

Both sides seems gathering their forces  
for the battle over the New Brunswick  
School Bill. The Roman Catholics and  
their supporters are anxious to have a mod-  
ification made at the coming Session of  
the Dominion Parliament of the Confedera-  
tion Act, so as to secure Separate Schools  
not only in New Brunswick but in all Pro-  
vinces that may hereafter be formed in the  
North West. On the other hand, the Pro-  
testants of the Lower Provinces are deter-  
mined to stand by their right to manage  
their own local affairs in their own way.  
They feel that if the Confederation Act is to  
be modified or changed at the dictation of  
any and every aggrieved party, then it is of  
no use whatever, and there may just as well  
be a Legislative union at once. They see  
that political combinations and apparent  
political necessities are leading statesmen  
to yield to Roman Catholics whatever they  
may choose to demand, and they feel that  
united and determined action is unques-  
tionable, in order to prevent what they cannot  
but believe to be a grievous injury inflicted  
on their Province and on the rights guaran-  
teed to them at Confederation. It is all  
very well to denounce any such movement  
as savouring of bigotry and narrowminded-  
ness. The cant of liberalism is often the  
most offensive of all cant; but that cant is  
fashionable among a certain class of poli-  
ticians at the present time, and in-limb-  
ing for the meanest of all possible reasons, not  
because they have the slightest fear that  
Roman Catholics are getting less than just-  
ice but because they wish to use those  
Roman Catholics either to get into power  
or to keep there.

The committee of the Presbyterian Synod  
of the Lower Provinces on education, has  
issued a very able circular "to the friend,  
of free schools and unsectarian education in  
the Maritime Provinces." It is a masterly  
reply to the late pastoral of the Six Roman  
Catholic Bishops, and a very timely docu-  
ment which will do good service in the  
case of free schools. Surely the Presby-

terians of Ontario are not going to sit with  
their hands folded and leave their friends  
in the Maritime Provinces to maintain this  
struggle alone. They might surely at any  
rate be giving their representatives a hint  
that they had better take care how they  
meddle with the private affairs of New  
Brunswick, simply to please the Romish  
hierarchy who are apparently determined  
to rule in Canada, just as they are trying  
to maintain or regain their power in other  
lands. Politicians excuse themselves by  
saying that Protestantism is dead and that  
there is no possibility of arousing it so as  
to make it felt at the polls, whereas Popery  
is in politics vigorously alive and decides  
the elections in more counties and cities  
even in Ontario than some people think of,  
and must consequently be conciliated. The  
Roman Catholic vote which is generally a  
unit and has to be secured from the Bishop  
or the Priest, must be bought if not by  
money at least by concessions, and politi-  
cians think that they cannot afford to lose  
sight of this. We have the Pope's brass  
band in Canada as well as elsewhere,  
and it may give considerable trouble before  
all is over, if Protestants are not more alive  
than they have been for some time past.  
True to its instincts, Popery ever struggles  
not for equality, but for supremacy, and in  
Canada quite as much as elsewhere.

## THE REVIVAL IN SCOTLAND.

Among the latest reports from Scotland,  
respecting the revival several times noticed  
in these columns, is the following:—

"Special meetings for young men have  
been held; also one for Sabbath school  
teachers and one for students. Professors  
from nearly all the faculties of the Univer-  
sity were around the platform, and two  
thousand young men of culture filled the  
hall. What influences may be expected to  
flow from such a meeting! Daily, the  
same hall is crowded at noon with the regu-  
lar prayer meeting. The work is spreading  
through Scotland. Young men, business  
men, the intellectual and the higher classes  
of society, are being stirred up, and the  
clergy of all denominations unite in the  
revival. Frequently whole families are  
converted. Rev. Dr. Charles Brown, of  
Edinburgh, says that he has watched all the  
religious movements of the last forty years,  
but has never seen anything approaching  
the present one.

Prior to the week of prayer, Drs. Blackie,  
Bonar, Brown and fifty-four other promi-  
nent clergymen and laymen, in accordance  
with the desire frequently expressed in the  
meetings at Edinburgh, that all Scotland  
might share in the work, issued an address  
to the people inviting every town and ham-  
let to hold a daily meeting of prayer dur-  
ing that week. We trust and believe that  
this invitation was extensively complied  
with, and that we shall yet hear of general  
work. The spirit of John Knox, who cried,  
"Give me Scotland or I die," still lives.  
Let our prayers be joined to those of our  
Scottish brethren.

## Induction at Latona.

The congregation of Latona, is the south  
section of what was formerly known as the  
congregation of Sullivan and Glenelg. Over  
this congregation the Rev. James Cameron  
was settled in 1859 as the first pastor. At  
that time the congregation was connected  
with the Hamilton Presbytery and there  
was no Presbyterian minister, south, be-  
tween that congregation and Fergus, a dis-  
tance of over fifty miles. At that time also,  
it was considered that all the two stations  
could well do was to support a minister  
between them. For thirteen years the two  
stations wrought very harmoniously, till  
each became able to have a minister of its  
own. Two years ago the two congrega-  
tions were erected by Presbytery of Owen  
Sound into two separate charges Chats-  
worth and Latona. The former pastor,  
remained in charge of Chatsworth, and  
Latona was put on the list of vacant con-  
gregations. It is a remarkable instance of  
the progress of the Presbyterian cause in  
that district, and the growth of that country  
in wealth that the congregations that gave  
unitedly in 1859, a stipend of \$600, give  
each of them now \$700 and a manse. The  
Latona congregation having secured as  
their pastor by a most harmonious call the  
Rev. Archibald McDearmid, a man of ex-  
perience and weight of character, he was  
inducted into his charge on Thursday the  
6th of Feb. The Rev. Archibald Stevenson,  
recently settled over the congregation of  
St. John and St. Vincent, preached, the  
Rev. Mr. McLennan of Knox Church  
Sydenham addressed the minister and the  
Rev. James Cameron former pastor of the  
congregation presided as moderator and  
addressed the congregation. In 1859 there  
was no Presbyterian minister between  
Owen Sound and Fergus, along the Gar-  
rafrax road a distance of over 70 miles.  
There are now the following ministers,  
beginning north;—nine miles from Owen  
Sound—Rev. Jas. Cameron; 10 miles south  
the Rev. A. McDearmid; 5 miles south,  
the Rev. Chas. Cameron; 4 miles, (Dur-  
ham) Rev. Wm. Park; 8 miles, the Rev.  
J. Greig; 8 miles, Mount Forest, the Rev.  
Jno. McMillan; 4 miles, the Rev. Wm.  
Mathewson; 12 miles, the Rev. Mr. Mc-  
Donald; 8 miles, the Rev. Mr. Davidson  
the chair, and forty is now by the settle-  
ment of the Rev. Mr. McDearmid, complete,  
and long may it remain unbroken.

## Presentation, Address and Reply.

On the evening of the 14th instant, two  
of the elders of Knox Church, Ekfrid,  
together with G. J. Coulthard, Esq., Reeve  
of the Township, and J. W. Campbell,  
Esq., Deputy Reeve, and about fifty of the  
young people of the congregation, waited  
upon the Rev. W. R. Sutherland, pastor of  
Knox's Church, and presented him with a  
beautiful cutter-deigh, and Mrs. Sutherland  
with a purse containing what is valuable  
anywhere, accompanied with the following  
ADDRESS:

Ekfrid, Feb. 14, 1874.

To the Rev. Wm. R. Sutherland:

DEAR FRIEND,—On behalf of the congre-  
gation of which you have been the respec-  
ted pastor for over a quarter of a century,  
within which period the great changes that  
have taken place should certainly afford  
each of us subjects for serious consideration,  
knowing that we have a mission to per-  
form. We are happy that in all these  
years, your intercourse with us has been of  
the most agreeable character. We come  
this evening desirous of manifesting our  
appreciation of your work as a Christian  
minister, and our respect for you as a  
friend and neighbour. We beg to present  
you this cutter, which please to accept not  
as offered for its intrinsic value, but as indi-  
cative of the cordial feeling that we enter-  
tain towards you and your family. Our  
sincere prayer to Almighty God is, that  
each of us present to-night may, in every  
station to which we may be called in God's  
providence, fearlessly and faithfully dis-  
charge the duties devolving upon us, and  
that however onerous these may be, we in  
dependence upon God's word, may be able  
to come off conquerors through Him that  
loved us, and gave Himself for us, that we  
might live. Hoping that the friendship  
that has existed so long between yourself  
and us may continue unbroken, and that  
after death we may not be divided.

Mr. Sutherland replied as follows:

DEAR FRIENDS,—It is with such feelings  
as are not easily expressed, that I have  
listened to your complimentary address,  
and found myself the recipient of your  
valuable gifts; being conscious of my un-  
worthiness of so many tokens of your kind  
attention and regard. If I have, in any  
measure, succeeded in accomplishing the  
great end of the Christian ministry during  
the past years that I have been permitted  
to go out and in among you, the glory is  
due to free grace alone, and not to any  
man. It has ever been my settled purpose  
"to know nothing among you but the  
Lord Jesus Christ and him crucified." If  
it be the Lord's will to spare me for any  
further service among you, it shall be re-  
garded as my highest privilege, joy and  
happiness to labour with increased  
devotedness in the work of the gospel,  
which so deeply concerns our everlasting  
and temporal interests. There are special  
features of your address and Presentation  
which greatly enhance their value in my  
estimation. They are the results of the  
kind attention of chiefly the young people  
in our community. It is exceedingly grati-  
fying to see the young take of their own  
choice, the lead in these paths of truth and  
virtue which invariably attain to pros-  
perity, happiness, usefulness and honour.  
Another special feature of your kind ad-  
dress is that it prominently sets forth your  
sincere attachment to the truth, and to all  
gospel institutions. May the Lord bless  
you and prosper you, and raise many  
among you to positions of usefulness in the  
Christian church, and our country.

## Book Notices.

## THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.

Sabbath-school teachers who got the  
March number of *The National Sunday  
School Teacher* will be rewarded with an  
excellent map of the Exodus and Wander-  
ings: an illustrated article of Sinai, giving  
views of and from that mountain: a con-  
tribution by Prof. Joseph Haven, L. L. D.,  
who ranks as one of the best Egyptologists,  
on "The Peninsula of Sinai"; one by Rev.  
W. S. Palmer, with the title, "Why Moses  
Was Great and another on "Bread from  
Heaven," by Rev. J. C. Taylor. All these  
articles are additional to the lesson ex-  
positions by B. F. Jacobs, it will be re-  
solved admirably *The Teacher* adds the  
Sabbath-school worker. Published by  
Adams, Blackmer & Lyon Pub. Co., who  
also publish *The Little Folks*, for infant  
classes.

## SCENES IN MONTANA.

The mountains of Western North Carolina  
are the subject of Mr. Edward King's  
graphic "Great South" contribution to  
*Sermons for March*, which is accompanied  
by a profusion of illustrations from sketches  
by Chatterbox. Dr. Robinson's discourse  
in the same number of the *Women of the  
Anabaptists*; and there is a brief account of "The  
Houses of Washington," a very interesting  
little bit of history. Two articles of espe-  
cial importance are anonymous papers on  
John Stuart Mill, and an unimpassioned  
but not the less startling account of the  
"Circuit Rider." There is "A Dream  
Story" by the author of "Patty," and a  
curious tale entitled "The Tachypomp," by  
a new writer, Miss Tristram, and Mrs.  
Davis's serials are continued, and there are  
poems by R. H. Stoddard, John Fraser,  
Anna C. I. Eckert, James T. Fields, and Jol  
Benton. Dr. Holland, in his "Topics of  
the Time," discourses of "Literary Hinder-  
ances," "The Delusions of Drink," and  
"The Press and the Publishers. The Old  
Cabinet is full of "Misery," and in "Cul-  
ture and Progress" is a notice of some  
length of the "New Poet," James Boyle  
O'Leary.

## Ministers and Churches.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church,  
Galt, on Sabbath last, rejected the Basis of  
Union by a majority of 87 to 30.

In our notice of the presentation to Rev.  
Mr. McLennan, from the Little Toronto  
congregation, instead of purse we should  
have stated donations at different times  
amounting to \$70.

On Friday evening last, the members of  
the Bible Class, Bolgrave, gave an agree-  
able surprise to Rev. Mr. McLean, at the  
Manse, in Blyth, presenting him with \$87-  
50, with an address expressive of their feel-  
ings toward him.

"La Cremo de la Cremo" is the title of a  
collection of music for advanced players,  
published in monthly parts by J. L. Peters,  
New York. The parts we have received  
(Nos. 1, 2, 3,) contain selections from Mon-  
deissolin, Thalberg, Liehner, Oesten, Sch-  
noll, F. Liszt, Carlo Mora, S. Heller, G.  
Lange, and others.

Rev. A. W. Waddell, of the Presbyterian  
Church, met with quite a pleasant little  
surprise on Tuesday evening. He was  
waited on by Mr. John Cameron, who, on  
behalf of himself and a few friends, present-  
ed him with a couple of very fine buffalo  
robes, lined and trimmed in the most com-  
fortable style. The presentation was, on  
the part of the recipient, quite unexpected,  
and coming as it did when the sleighing  
was the best, and the weather was the col-  
dest, the reverend gentleman will no doubt  
appreciate the kindness of his thoughtful  
friends.—*Rondeau News*.

The annual congregational meeting of  
Knox Church Parkhill, was held on Mon-  
day the 9th inst. Wm. Caw, Esq., M. D.,  
occupied the chair. The proposed "Basis  
of Union" was considered and approved of.  
Mr. J. M. Gibbs read the financial and  
Sabbath school reports which brought out  
the progress and increasing prosperity of  
the congregation. The fact that the funds  
have all been contributed to by voluntary  
offerings on the Sabbath-day shows the  
energy, unanimity, and large-hearted lib-  
erality with which the members are working.  
The troubles of two years ago, instead of  
weakening, have resulted rather in strength-  
ening their position and influence in this  
rising little town. Con.

The Rev. Dr. Bell, who has just com-  
pleted a highly successful course of lectures  
to the students of Queen's College, King-  
ston, has accepted a unanimous call from  
the new Presbyterian congregation at  
Walkerton in connection with the Church  
of Scotland, and his formal induction will  
take place with a little delay as the re-  
quired formalities of the Church Courts  
will permit. The congregation is a union  
of members and adherents of the Canada  
Presbyterian Church and Kirk of Scotland,  
and having been so fortunate as to secure  
the ministrations of such a highly accom-  
plished and scholarly gentleman as Dr.  
Bell, there promises for the young, but  
wealthy and influential congregation, a  
future of much usefulness under the Chris-  
tian guidance of their highly esteemed pas-  
tor.—*Con.*

A meeting of the congregation of Erskine  
Church was held on the evening of the 18th  
inst., at which there was a large attend-  
ance. The object of the meeting was to  
consider certain resolutions which had been  
passed at a meeting of the elders, trustees  
and Managers, on Monday evening last.  
After a good deal of discussion the follow-  
ing resolution was carried:—"That the  
members of this congregation view with  
deep regret the probable separation of Rev.  
Mr. Gibson from his connection with Er-  
skine Church, and express their great sense  
of the importance of his labors in various  
spheres among the congregation, and the  
hope that he will still remain as pastor of  
this church." A committee was also ap-  
pointed to frame an address, and secure the  
signatures to it of as many as possible of the  
members of the congregation, to be pre-  
sented to Mr. Gibson on his return from  
Chicago, where he now is. A special effort  
is to be made to wipe off the debt now resting  
on the church property.—*Itiness*.

The annual Soiree of the C. P. Church  
Alberton, was held on the 17th. Rev. W.  
P. Walker, Pastor, of the congregation  
occupied the chair. Interesting and in-  
structing addresses were delivered by the  
Rev. Messrs. Porteous, Beverley, McLeod,  
Ancester, Fletcher, Hamilton, and Young,  
Alberton. A local choir under the leader-  
ship of Mr. G. Palmer, discoursed several  
pieces of sacred music most efficiently. Mr.  
Joe Smith, Mount Hope, in his usual and  
able manner assist d. On the following  
evening a social took place, addresses were  
delivered by the Pastor and Rev. Mr.  
Young. A large choir of the school chil-  
dren led by Mr. Webster sang exceedingly  
well, both evenings found the little  
church crowded by quite an attentive  
audience. The proceeds amounted to over  
\$180. Alberton is marked if not for the  
luxury of display, and the flow of dim, as a  
Rev. speaker remarked, at least for its  
abundance, and substantiality, and for its  
attentiveness and decorum.—*Con.*

The congregation of Chalmers Church,  
Kingston, Tuesday evening, agreed to  
the Basis of Union which has  
been sent down to Presbyteries, sessions,  
and congregations by the General Assembly.  
The question of union was ably discussed,  
and was ultimately agreed to without a  
division, a rider being added suggesting  
that the Headship of Christ should be more  
clearly defined. The meeting was very  
unanimous in favour of Union. We under-  
stand that another meeting of the congre-  
gation will be held soon to discuss the  
question of bringing instrumental music  
into the church.

Our usually well informed cotemporary,  
the *London Advertiser*, says:—"It is ru-  
mored that the Rev. John Scott has recon-  
sidered his decision relative to the call from  
the congregation of North Bruce, and now  
intends to resign the charge of St. Andrew's  
Church in this city and accept the invita-  
tion of North Bruce. Should this prove  
correct the action of the rev. gentleman will  
be received with extreme regret by a large  
number of his friends, but he, doubtless,  
feels his physical inability to cope with  
the increasing pressure of his ministerial  
duties in presiding over so large a congre-  
gation as that with which he has been so  
long identified.

St. Andrew's Church, Blenheim, in con-  
nection with the Church of Scotland, was  
opened for Divine Worship, on Sabbath  
8th instant. The Rev. R. Burnett, of Ham-  
ilton, preached in the morning, the Rev.  
Mr. Waits, the pastor, in the afternoon, and  
the Rev. Mr. Burnett in the evening,  
though the Rev. J. B. Muir, M.A., of Galt,  
was expected. The Church at all the diets  
was well filled, and in the evening it was  
crowded to excess. The new Church itself  
is a commodious brick structure which has  
been erected at a cost of \$2,200, the greater  
part of which has already been subscribed  
for—a fact which reflects great credit on  
the liberality and energy of the congrega-  
tion.

On Wednesday evening last quite a num-  
ber of the friends and adherents of the Rev.  
Mr. Black, in Caledonia, invaded his dwell-  
ing, when Mrs. McCargow presented him  
with a purse containing \$155.50; which  
had been collected by herself and Miss  
Walker. Mr. Black in receiving the purse,  
thanked the donors in a very eloquent and  
appropriate speech. After partaking of  
refreshments furnished by themselves, and  
a couple of hours spent in social enjoyment  
the party broke up, and departed for their  
respective places of abode, feeling satisfied  
that a kindly act had been performed to a  
worthy, well-deserving and faithful soldier  
of the cross. May this not be the last of  
such kindly acts towards him and his excel-  
lent family this season, say we.—*Con.*

The Sabbath school in connection with  
the Thames Road Church, held a soiree on  
the evening of Wednesday the 11th inst.  
The evening proved extremely favourable  
to such a gathering. Tea was served in  
the basement of the Bible Christian  
Church opposite, which was kind-  
ly given for the occasion. After tea ad-  
dresses of a very interesting and instructive  
character were delivered by Mr. Laud, W.  
M. Fyeter, Mr. Danley, of Varua, Mr.  
McMeral, B. C., and Mr. Mitchell, of  
Mitchell. Mr. Gracey, the pastor of the  
congregation, and superintendent of the  
Sabbath-school, occupied the chair. A  
choir belonging to the congregation con-  
tributed largely to the entertainment by  
their excellent singing. The proceeds were  
about \$200 after all expense was paid.

On the evening of Tuesday, the 10th inst.,  
an exceedingly successful soiree was held in  
the Barrie Presbyterian Church. About  
four hundred persons must have a pre-  
sent, and all seemed to enjoy themselves  
very much. After partaking of a sumptu-  
ous tea, provided by the ladies of the  
congregation, and served in the basement  
of the church, a migration was made to the  
body of the building, where Wm. Boys,  
Esq., the Mayor of the town, and a mem-  
ber of the Episcopal Church, was called to  
the chair, who made a few introductory re-  
marks congratulating the pastor and con-  
gregation on their past success, and their  
present cheering prospects. Thereafter  
interesting, appropriate and brief addresses  
were made by the Rev. Messrs. Crompton  
and Doyle, F. M.; McDowal, W. M.; by J.  
McL. Stephenson, Esq., Reeve of Bradford;  
the Rev. M. Fraser, pastor of the congre-  
gation, and others. On the following evening  
a free feast was given to the children of the  
Sabbath school, to which others were ad-  
mitted on payment of a merely nominal  
figure. The net cash result to the congre-  
gation has been between \$140 and \$150. It  
should have been mentioned that, on the  
occasion of the soiree, certain selections of  
music were extremely well rendered by a  
choir under the leadership of Mr. J. L.  
McLean, teacher in the High School. Since  
the above, Mr. John Black, S. S. Superin-  
tendent, has been surprised by the S. S.  
Teachers. They waited as a body to his re-  
sidence the other evening, read to him a  
short address, and left with him, as tokens  
of their good wishes and sympathy, a beau-  
tiful and somewhat costly gold watch and  
chain.—*Con.*