

Dougall, and the presentation made by Miss Eleanor Wright and Miss Isabella Blaikie in behalf of the class. Henry Wall, Esq., occupied the chair and gave a very interesting address.

The congregation formerly known as that of Calross, but now as the congregation of Zion Church, Teeswater, opened their new church on the 26th ult. The attendance was very large.

Book Reviews.

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The number for March opens with a masterly essay by the editor—Rev. James Cameron, Chatsworth—under the heading "Christ and Caesar."

THE PAPACY AND THE CIVIL POWER. By R. W. Thompson. New York: Harper & Brothers. Toronto: Willing & Williamson.

It is not long since a writer in a popular American periodical uttered a warning note to the American people regarding the insidious movements of the Romish hierarchy in the direction of getting hold of the reins of power in the United States.

ther has fully mastered his subject and knows whereof he affirms:—

"When a Protestant talks of freedom he means the self-government of the people in all their civil affairs; when the papal hierarchy talk of it, they mean the freedom of the papacy to govern the world, through the Pope and themselves as his agents and auxiliaries.

In order to avoid making this notice too long we will not give any more quotations at present, but content ourselves with promising our readers some extracts in forthcoming issues.

Exemption of Churches from Taxation.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

SIR,—I observe in the PRESBYTERIAN of March 2nd, a reply to my article in your paper of Feb. 9th. W. T. represents me as saying only one-tenth attend no place of worship; I said nine-tenths would own themselves to be Christian people.

W. T. tries to mislead your readers to prevent them from seeing the true issue, by that old stale talk about the State judging between the different sects and religions as to which is right.

How very childish the argument that God will not accept the exemption of places of worship as honoring to Him because the Sabbath is desecrated by certain public companies.

Finally referring to my statement that the taxation of churches would render it more difficult for the working classes to support their churches, and be a premium upon infidelity to the injury of the state.

Worthy of Imitation.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

In our annual round of missionary meetings we reached Renfrew, and when comfortably seated at the tea table, after a cold drive, found that little Mary, about four, and her brother George about two years old, had each of them the generous sum of \$1.50 waiting my arrival.

White Lake, January, 1877.

Presbytery of Lindsay

A meeting of this Presbytery took place at Woodville on the 27th ult. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders. Rev. R. Gunn, of Hanover, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery of Toronto.

This Presbytery met for ordinary business on the 6th and 7th current. Rev. J. Carmichael of King, moderator. Present with him thirty-two ministers and fourteen elders.

The General Assembly. The motion carried over the amendment. It was then moved by Dr. Topp, seconded by Rev. Lt. Wallace, that Principal Caven D.D., Professor McLaren; Rev. J. G. Robb, D.D.; John King, A.M.; D. J. Macdonnell, B.D.; John South, J. Alexander, A.M.; J. Carmichael of King, James Breakenridge; and Alex. Topp, D.D., ministers, be appointed as Commissioners to represent this Presbytery in the General Assembly.

The Late Mr. Alexander Noble.

The subject of the following sketch, Mr. Alexander Noble, one of the elders of our Church, died at Park Hill, Ont., on the 19th of January, 1877, and on the 22nd a large concourse of friends and relatives conducted the remains to the cemetery at Naira.

He was born near Red Castle, Ross-shire, Scotland, in the year 1792, and was converted in 1813, being then twenty-one years of age.

He enjoyed in his youth and early manhood the privilege of being under the ministry of the Rev. John Kennedy, the father of the Rev. Jno. Kennedy, D.D., of Dingwall. This was a great blessing to him, as Mr. Kennedy was a very noted man among the godly ministers of the North in his day.

In 1838 Mr. Noble removed to the Island of Lewis, or Long Island, where he was employed as a catechist until 1838, when he with his family emigrated to Canada, and settled near the city of Sherbrooke in the eastern townships of Quebec.

While here he associated with John Fraser, Esq., late of London, Ont., the father of Donald Fraser, D.D., of London, England.

Mr. Fraser was then Commissioner to the British American Land Company, and Mr. Noble was engaged in farming operations. There being no Presbyterian minister in that region at that time, these two godly men gathered their brethren together, and held meetings for worship every Sabbath day, and the Scriptures were read and expounded to the great edification of their hearers.

These meetings are not yet forgotten by those who enjoyed the privilege of attending them, and the godly life and pious labours of these two devoted men are still remembered with reverence and admiration.

In 1844 Mr. Noble moved to the township of Lingwick, about thirty-six miles from Sherbrooke, and engaged in farming and other employment.

He was soon after that chosen to be an elder in the Presbyterian congregation in Lingwick, and he discharged the duties of his office with diligence and zeal. It was his habit to hold meetings for prayer in his district, and on Sabbath evenings to conduct catechetical meetings, when young and old were exercised upon questions in the shorter catechism.

In 1861 he with his wife left the Eastern Townships and followed his son, John Noble, and his daughter, Mrs. McLeod, who are both settled in Park Hill, Ont. His wife died soon after their arrival, and he lived with his son in Park Hill till his death.

Since coming to Ontario he did not engage in business, but while he had strength held prayer meetings in the surrounding country, and by his godly example did much to recommend to others what was so precious to himself.

As a man, he was modest, unassuming, meek, and full of kindness; as a Christian ruler in the Church he was wise in council, faithful in reproof, yet charitable and kind.

He bore his pains with great patience and meekness, and he had a most affectionate and untiring nurse in the person of Mrs. Noble, his son's wife, she being a lady of refinement and unbounded benevolence; and able to appreciate character such as her father-in-law's, applied herself to the task of caring for him with such self-denial and loving patience as few daughters could afford to do.

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Several other resolutions were passed at the same meeting.

So passed away from earth Mr. Alexander Noble, one among many of the pioneers of this country, whom God in His kind providence sent and placed in situations here and there, where they were useful in promoting religion and morality in places where there was no regular ministry. They were very useful in creating religious interest among the back woods, where in those days people were drifting not of the head that perishes, but of the bread of life.

Crinan, Feb. 25, 1877.