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NOTES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. D. We don't exactly see the object in view in your communication. It seems a long introducon to a very short and rather unimportant state

M. N. While we give insertion to your letter, w den't sympathize with 3 tu in the complaint. It i desirable that Christian mon should avoid with words and uncharitable insinuations, but we really have not noticed much of that in the cussions in our columns.

P.R. We fear there is no use now in talking about reduction of the number of Colleges in conmection with the Canada Presbytorian Church oom and abundant work can be found for both If things are rightly managed. Try something

T.Z. We sympathize greatly with those who and fault with the building of Knox College and the awkward uncommodiousness by which that is characterized, but we do not sympathize with the continued disparaging comparisons of the limited staff of Professors the Church has as yet been able to maintain in Knox College in comparison with those of other wealthier and older founda-Mons in the States. Knox College has in the past turned out a great many excellent and well qualised preachers of the Gospel, and the present body of Instructors is quite as efficient as any in the past. We cannot therefore print your letter and must say that just as many of the dullest men we have ever known have always been talk ing about books, so we have found not a few of the feeblest students in educational institutions always trying to comfort themselves with the thought that they would got on better if the teaching Faculty were more numerous than it may happen to be. Some will profit wonderfully even under one teacher : some would accomplish mothing though they had fifty. Verb. saps

The weekly offering system succeeds very well where all are conscientiously anxious to give according to the Gospel rule, "as God has prospored them." It is the easiest and the best way of raising ordinary revenue. Of course under it some will manage not to give their proper share, but ander any possible system the same thing will coour more or less.

A Constant Reader." You can aid the Parans TERIAN very materially by getting additional subearlbers. Perhaps even more so in this way thun by writing for it, though we are always glad to reestve suitable contributions. Give us facts in econnection with religious life and work in your locality, and in the fewest possible words.

A Youth." Attorney General Mowat and the Hor Archibald McKellar are Presbyterians. The Hon R. W. Scott is, we believe, an earnest Roman Catholic. The father of Hon. Adam Crooks was a Presbyterian, but we understand Mr. Crooks himself belongs to the Church of England doinot know to what denomination the Hon. Mr. Pardee belongs. A considerable number of the members of the Ontario Legislative are Presbyteriens.

P. We believe that there is a good deal of socrecanvassing going on for the proposed Mission Secretaryship of the Canada Presbyterian Church It seems to us that better employment than such canvassing could easily be found

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TORONTO, FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 1873.

In order that we may deliver **ue paper at the residence of Toron**to subscribers, they will oblige by surnishing number and street.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

.The services at the opening of the new building of the Toronto Young Men's Chris-₩an Association were of a very interesting description. The new building is very central and convenient. It is altogether an ornament to that part of the city where is situated, and we sincerely trant that great good will be accomplished within its

Scotland is getting her new education system put into working order. The Rev. Dr. James Taylor of Glasgow has been appointed Secretary of the Scottish Board of Minestica, and from his well-known ability and the interest he has always taken in educational matters, he is expected by all parties to do his work efficiently.

The week has been almost entirely barren incident whether in the Canadian charolies or world. Matters have been moved on in their usual way with little to break the monotony. The local House of Partiament continues its sittings, but awaklittle general interest. How long the sibar will continue, it would be difficult There has been no discussion of importance except on the policy of g large blocks of territory under tims. The Government was of

An immerse number of lectures and other entertainments have come off in Toronto during the past week. Among the lecturers was the Rev. Dr. DeWitt Talmage of Brooklyn, N.J. He spoke of "Grumblers & Co." in the new hall of the Young Men's Christ an Association. Dr. Talmage, we need scarcely say, is a ready and cloquent speaker. He says a great many striking things,-some grotesque and a few in very questionable taste. His address as a whole was greatly calculated both to amuse and instruct. A good many, we doubt not, felt themselves touched to the quick by gome of his home thrusts.

BLESSINGS OF NO LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

P. T. Barnum, Esq., was lecturing recently on a visit he had paid to Greeley, Colorado, a colony three years old, where no liquor is sold. It was founded with a clause against liquor shops for over. Two years ago a fund amounting to \$95 was raised for the poor. At the time Mr. Barnum was there only \$10 had been spent and nobody knew what to do with the re-

CONSECRATED GAMBLING.

The Roman Catholics of Montreal and the Quebec province generally have started a magnificent gambling speculation in the shape of a lottery for religious purposes. It is called the "Villa Maria Lottery' and is in aid of several institutions. There are 32,000 tickets at a dollar each, and the prizes amount to \$21,200. It is all in the true Tetzel style "The drawing," it is said in the hand bills, "will be publicly made under the patronage of the clergy.' It is added, "We will have for the occasion a music band and two children dressedone as Jacoues Cartier and the other as a Zouave!" Surely Protestants should guard against a practice which is so demoralizing and at the same time illegal. We have, we fear, seen doings at the close of a Bazaar suspiciously like an extemporized lottery. If a religious enterprise cannot succeed without resorting to so unworthy means, then it ought not to succeed.

THE WORLD NOT GETTING WORSE.

We often hear of the former times being better than these. The piety of those olden days was more fervid, the preaching a great deal better, the church life more active, and altogether though much brighter and more encouraging than now. We more than doubt if such were the fact. On the contrary we are convinced that the world is always getting better religiously as well as materially. Things are not all what we should like, but neither are they in so woful a condition as some croakers would tenresent. Distance lends enchantment to the view. We see all the wickedness, formality and unbelief that are around us, but so far as the past is concerned all these are forgotten and we have only certain records of eminent piety and devotedness, which we are apt to regard as an average representation of the average piety of the day instead of being its fairest and finest specimen. A testimony in point has lately been given by the Rev. Dr. Halley, President of an Independent College in England, on his retirement at an advanced age from the active duties of his office. In his valedictory review of a long career, and of the times that had passed over him, Dr. Halley comes to the conclusion, that marked progress of every kind has been taking place all the tures. while. He had seen I. n.lon without a gasthe country without a railroad, and the cal than t sir biethren of the North. The "I believe the progress of morality and re- Dabney's book in this respect, fully comes ligion has been quite equal to the progress up to the views and wants of our Canadian in the arts and sciences and conveniences Church. Not are we surprised in view of of Sabbath desceration that were common, of drunkenness as a part of genteel hospitality, or profanity as bet kenning superior rank, of duels and prize-fights attended by princes and lords, and Sunday morning the favorite time for such exhibiting. Other particulars are mentioned as signs of shocking depravity which now, through the in- | mense advantage to all whose | business it fluence of religious mart, are greatly unknown, and then exclaims, "What a change in fifty years! It is w inderful." And then, SACRED RIBTORIC or a Chiese of lectures on Prea as if meeting the rep: the which we have sucher delivered in the Union Theological Sentingry of heard uttered of late against the pulpit, Ac is the V S in Prince Edwart Val. by Robert L. Dabney, says: "Don't tell me our preschers are rot what they once were. I believe they Price \$1.25 Willing and Williamson Torenta. I believe we are preaching more fervently than ever, Christ crucified, Christ the friend of sinners, who gave his life ransom.

It is refreshing to hear a man like Dr. Haller speaking near the close of his long dife n this cheerful and we believe truthful spirit, for surely it is neither wholesome nor encouraging to have continually dinned into one's ears that the worldis always getting worse and worse. We wonder what those croakers are doing to counteract the evil they profess to deplore so heartily.

them."

Books and Periodicals.

INHALATION AS A MEANS OF TREATMENT FOR DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS By I. BRIDGMAN, M.D., TORONTO.

We have before us a pamphlet bearing the above title, written by Dr. Bridgman, of this city. In its pages this important subject is treated in a plain, practical, and comprehensive manner, proving that the Doctor has devoted special study to these common and often fatal diseases. The chapter on "Clergyman's Sore Throat" will interest our clerical readers.

*DR. DABNEY'S SACRED RHETORIC.

It is a cheering sign of the times that considerable attention is now given by our Colleges and Theological Halls to Pulpit Rhetoric. Lecturers and Professors in this department as much as in the chairs of Theology and Church History, are now recognised as a permanent necessity. "What we want-says a correspondent in a recent article on Knox college-is a class of preachers who know their bibles well, and are able with Divine unction, to tell its truths to their fellow men. In order to do this, they must first be students of the living Theology of the word of God, and secondly must know how to bring what they do know, to bear with power on the consciences of men. In this art of their profession, they must receive regular drilling. They must learn, by constant practice under a skilful master, to become effective preachers.

The multiplicity of Text Books and Treat-

ises on the subject of composition and delivery, indicates the demand for such a class of books. It is not enough that students be taught Homilities and Pulpit Rhetoric from a professor's chair. They must read upon the subject, as directed by their Teacher. and contrast old methods and principles with the more modern. A few years ago, the best known standard works on the subject were those of Campbell, Alexander and Vinet. Now we have Shedd, Porter, Beecher, and many others, more or less known to every Divinity student. Still another candidate for popular favour has recently appeared, and one in every respect worthy of a place in every Theological Library Dr. Dabney's book commends itself for many reasons It is concise; whereas some of our modern text Books are so bulky as to preclude many of our students possessing copies, or attempting to master them when purchased. It is characterised by good common sense, and a style of writing the furthest removed from what is known as sensational or grandiloquent, and further, it does not demand impossibilities from the Student ; as many Treatises on Pulpit Rhetoric do. Any student reading attentively Dr. Dabney's Book, and following its directions in the main, will acquire such habits of composition and delivery, as will fit him for the highest positions in the gift of the Church.

Dr. Dabney's Rhotoric is the fruit "of study' reflection and teachings through twenty years," He has thus I id ample opportunities for testing Theories and finding what kind of teaching is needed in this department of Theology. In addition to the lectures specially devoted to "Rhetoric," he urges at great length "the necessity of eminent christian character, as the foundation of the sacred Orator's power" and asserts that theory of preaching "which honours God's inspired word and limits the preacher most strictly to its exclusive use as the Sword of the Spirit." Grace makes the preacher he argues, and nothing is preaching which is not expostory of the Scrip-

The Preachers of the Southern Stat light; the Thames without a ste inboat; have ever been more textual and practibeaus and beauties co the land without a Es ay style never found favour with them, photograph. But with all the difference in as it has to il recently in the larger these and other sum ir respects, he says : Northern cities of the United States. Dr. of life." He went on to mention the scenes such practical Rhetoricians, that as Orators the Southern Church has far excelled the North. We heartly commend this work to the Students in our Theological Halls. While by no means endorsing every statement-especially where he unduly limits as we think the subject matter for the Pulpit ; we are sure that its perusal will be of imis to impress and persuade their fellow-

D. D. Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Divirity

THE DRITISH QUARTERLY REVIEW.

"The Brampton Lecture on Dissent," "Frederick Denison Maurice," "The Ironclad Reconstruction of the Navy " "The Emperor Alexander and the Policy of Russia," "G. H. Augustus von Ewnld," "A Contribution towards a Theory of Poetry," and "Local Taxation," are the 'heavy' articles in the January number of the British Quarterly; while under "Contemporary Literature" a whole legion of recent publiestions are briefly noticed or samually re-

Ministers and Churches,

On Subbath, the 16th inst., the new organ recently provided by the Canada Presbytorian congregation of Collingwood was employed as an aid in the service of praise in the sanctuary for the first time. The Church both morning and evening was filled to its utmost capacity, and all parties seem perfectly satisfied with the new arrangement.

The annual business meeting of the Barrie congregation was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 29th January. The attendance was very satisfactory. meeting was opened with prayor, the pastor occupying the chair. The treasurer submitted his annual report, which was of a was left on hand. Pew rents amounted to \$556.00; Sabbath collections to \$515.00; and sums by envelopes to \$88.00. The congregation is taking steps either to build a manse in the Spring, or to purchase one at meeting before its close; and before the meeting broke up a hundred dollars was unanimously added to the stipend.

The S. S. Anniversary took place on the evening of Thursday, the 80th January. The attendance of children was good; the parents and the friends were not very largely present. A very interesting and endount of the superingent was read by the supering about 10 o'clock. On meeting next day, tendent. Thereafter addresses were made by W. Boys, Esq., Mayor of Barrie; the pastor of the congregation, Mr. James Hunter, and Mr. William Vair. Appropriate hymns were sung by the children during the evening. A free feast in the shape of a stored paper-bag was given to the children in connection with the anniversary .- Com.

The Annual Missionary Meeting was held in the Cauada Presbyterian Church, Orillia. on the evening of Monday, the 27th Jan. After the opening exercises, Mr. Alport was called to the chair. A brief report was road by the Pastor. the Rev. J. Gray, who in a few happy and pointed remarks stirred the people up to increased liberality in the work of Missions. Able and interesting addresses were delivered by the Rev. R. Rodgers, the Rev. J. Fairbairn. and the Rev. M. Fraser. The attendance was large and a very deep interest was manifested in the proceedings. The comfort and life of the meeting were greatly enhanced by the services of the Choir, who discoursed music in sweetest strains at intervals during the evening. A liberal col-lection was taken up at the close and we feel satisfied that their contributions to the schemes of the church will this year be more

The tenth Annual Tea Meeting in connection with the Canada Fresbyterian Church, Coilingwood, was held on the evening of the 18th mi . Tas aster lance a usual was very full, between three and four hundred being present.

An ample and varied repast, highly creditable to the culmary skill and good taste of the Presbyterian ladies, was discussed with a relish which bespoke its excellence, and contributed materially to heighten the social enjoyments of the evening. The chair was occupied by the Pastor, the Rev. R. Rodgers, who in a fow words congratulated the people on the prospority of the town, and on the gratifying progress which had been made during the last ten years in the interests of Education and Religion. Addresses were given by the Rev. R. Moodie, of Stayner, and by Mr. Morrow, of Barrie. Several fine pieces of dress, together with a copy of the minutes muse were given by the Choir, and after a of the General Assembly, to Lord Duffern, son of happy social converse, seemingly of this duty. appreciated by all present, the meeting dispersed about ten o'clock. Proceeds amounted to about \$100.

The Annual Me sing of the Canada Presbyterian congregation. Lucknow, was held on the 5th Feb. The report of A. Murray, Esq., Treasurer of the Congregation, was read, and showed that the revenue from all sources and for all congregational pulposes and schemes of the Church was \$2,091 66. The Treasurer ais a mid the minister's stipend half-yearly in advince. Dr. McC-im m n, Chairman of the Manse Building Commutee, submitted a plan and specifications for a Manse. It was unanimously students of the Chicago Theological Seminagreed to build a Brick Manse, two stories, 40 x 28, with a kitchen 24 x 10. Steps loges of America, in a concert of prayer were taken to procuee funds for the creation | early in March. of the Manse. In connection with the congregation there are two Bible Classes and number of its mismonaries for the coming two Sabbath Schools, Sweene webs tho super-ptendence of the Passer, and the other under the superintendence of A. MeIntyre, Esq., with an efficient staff of teachors. The Congregation is in a prosperous state. A Congregational Soiree was held Barrie Presbyterian Church was held on the in the Temperance Hall on the 12th inst. Over 570 people were present. Alexander McIntyre, Esq., was called to the c ir. He was supported by the following speakers-Lov. Messrs. Davidson, of Langside; Wardrope, of Teeswater; Walker and Kellain, of Lucknew; and Cameron, Pastor of the Congregation. The choir discoursed. excellent music, which greatly contributed to the success of the meeting and sullyened the exercises of the evening. The preceeds

were over \$120.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

The Presbytery of Ottawa, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, held its last meeting in Knox Church, Perth, on Tue day and Wednesday of last week. There were thirteen ministers and two dd. ers present. The following is a summary of the husiness transacted:—The Commit. tee appointed to organize a station at Kinbourn, in the Township of Fitzroy, reported that they had performed this duty on the 27th January. It was agreed to place it upon the list of mission-stations and obtain a student to labor there during the ensuing summer. The Home Mission Committee were instructed to try and precure the ser. vices of a suitable missionary for the Upper Ottawa at a salary of \$800 and a free house. A Committee was appointed to draft an overture to the General Assembly on the exemination of students. The evening sedurant of the first day was spont in a convery cheering nature. The total revenue ference upon the subject :- "The Relation for congregational purposes was \$2800.00; of the Children to the Church, and the and when the expenses were paid a balance The tree Possibilities Therefrom, The two Presbyterian congregations in the town had been invited to be present, and quite a number availed themselves of the invitation, the body of the church being comfortably filled. The Rov. Dr. Bain, of the Kirk, being present, was invited to it as a corresponding member and to take part once. The paster left the chair and the in the conference. Mr. James Whyte, con-meeting before its close; and before the vener of the committee on the "State of Religion," explained the nature of the subject and the arrangements which had been made for its consideration. Messrs. Me-Laren, Moore, and McKenzie. who had been requested to prepare a paper or give an address, then spoke at some length. Mr. the Presbytery proceeded to appoint Commissioners to the next general Assembly, when the following were elected: Ministers by rotation—Mossrs. Moore, Tait, and Cameron. By ballot—Messrs. McLaren, Crombie, and Burns. Elders; by ballot— Messrs. John Hardie, Alex. Anderson, Wm Tait, Alex. Stirling, Alex. Mutchmor, and James Forgie.

Mr. Crombie, minister, and Mr. Hardie, elder, were appointed representatives of the Assembly's Committees of Bills and Overtures; and Mr. Burns, minister, and Mr. Williamson, elder, were appointed representatives of a similar committée of Synod The Rev. Mr. Reid, of Toronto, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly; and the Rev. Mr. McLaren as Moderator of the Synod of Montreal. A committee was appointed on Examination for the ensuing year.

A call was laid on the table and sustained, from the congregation of Bristol, to Rev. Alex. McLaren, Probationer, signed by 178 members, and 68 adherents. promised is \$700 and manse. Mr. McLaren, who was present, intimated his acceptance of the call. Trials were accordingly assigned and arrangements made for holding the next regular meeting in Bristol on the 11th March next, at 10 a. m., when these trials will be heard, and should they be sustained the Presbytery will proceed next day with the ordination : Mr. Stewart to preach ; Mr. Burns to preside ; Mr. Crombie to address the minister; and Mr. McEwen the people. The Presbytery next took up the remits from the last General Assembly. The one bearing on the status of retired ministers was approved of simpliciter. In the remit anont the appointment of a missionary agent, the Presbytery agreed to recommend the appointment of such an agent. In regard to the duties of tins agent, those defined in the report were approved of with the exception of No. 2, which was recommended to read asfollows: "That under the direction of the Home and Foreign Mission Committee, he shall, as far as possible, do whatever is necessary to advance the interests of the Home and Foroign Mission work." Rev. Alexander Young, of Montreal, was nominated as Mussion Agent. The Presbytory agreed further to recommend that the General Assem' ly, before appointing a Mission Agent, make some equitable arrangement for the payment of his salary.

Mr. Moore, on behalf of the Committee appointed to draw up and present an ad-

J. CARSWELL,

Next meeting at Bristol, on Tuesday, Murch 11th, at 10 a.m.)

MONTREAL COLLEGE STUDENTS MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The February meeting of the Society was held last Saurday morning. The President, Mr. Goodwin Gibson, M. A., occupied the char, and there was a very large attendance of students.

An intresting and entry letter from Rev. G. L. Mackay, of Formesa, was read. ary, it was agreed to join with them, and

The society proposes to mercase the summer. Last summer, the second year the reld. The next meeting will be held on Saturday the 8th of March.

The annual missionery meeting of the evening of 20th January, 1878. The attendance was fair. The report read showed that during the year \$118.45 were collected and expended as follows :- To Knox. College \$14.85; Home Mission \$28.40; Coreign Mission \$11.80; Widows' and Orphans' and aged ministers' \$18.75; Kannakee \$6.05; French Evang. \$4.80; French Can. Missionary Society \$15.90; Ereson Can. Missionary Society \$15.90; Debt Fund \$28.40. Excellent addresses were made by the Reve. D. B. Campana. Bradford; P. Grentette.