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NOTES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. D. We don't exactly see the object in view in your communication.

M. N. N. While we give insertion to your letter, we don't sympathize with it in the complaint.

P. K. We fear there is no use now in talking about the reduction of the number of Colleges in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church.

K. X. Z. We sympathize greatly with those who find fault with the building of Knox College and the awkward uncomeliness by which that is characterized.

M. The weekly offering system succeeds very well where all are conscientiously anxious to give according to the Gospel rule.

A Constant Reader. You can aid the PRESBYTERIAN very materially by getting additional subscribers.

A Youth. Attorney General Mowat and the Hon. Archibald McKeellar are Presbyterians.

P. We believe that there is a good deal of secret canvassing going on for the proposed Mission Secretaryship of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

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TORONTO, FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 1878.

In order that we may deliver the paper at the residence of Toronto subscribers, they will oblige by furnishing number and street.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

The services at the opening of the new building of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association were of a very interesting description.

Scotland is getting her new education system put into working order.

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An immense number of lectures and other entertainments have come off in Toronto during the past week.

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.

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.

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 things much brighter and more encouraging than now.

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.

Ministers and Churches.

On Sabbath, the 16th inst., the new organ recently provided by the Canada Presbyterian congregation of Collingwood was employed as an aid in the service of praise in the sanctuary for the first time.

THE BRITISH 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 Ewald," "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 publications are briefly noticed or carefully reviewed.

Ministers and Churches.

The annual business meeting of the Barrie congregation was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 29th January. The attendance was very satisfactory.

MONTREAL COLLEGE STUDENTS MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

The Presbytery of Ottawa, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, held its last meeting in Knox Church, Perth, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. There were thirteen ministers and two elders present.

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