

why the men as they pass lift their hats and why both men and women simultaneously drop on their knees on the street, sidewalk, doorstep or wherever they happen to be when a certain bell signal is given? These are Catholic cathedrals and these people are adherents of that faith. When the bell in yonder tower strikes the hour, men in all parts of the city reverently lift their hats. Some other day we may go inside and gather interesting facts regarding the worship, etc. Let us now mount these burros and ride to a mountain top. We got them for twenty five cents each. Why from here the city appears to be in a long crooked ravine. It is very much as it seems. It would be interesting to examine some of these many gold and silver mines—old and new—in and out of the city limits, but time will not permit.

Look at these vast plains which have such a pleasing appearance but for the lack of vegetation. The cactus holds a monopoly. Beyond the plains see the mountain chains and peaks rising high in the horizon on all sides as much as seventy-five miles distant.

With apology for detaining you so long, "muchas gracias" (many thanks) for your interest and patience, and with the hope that you will come again, I leave you at liberty to return to your happy home, while I resume the study of Spanish, etc.

Yours sincerely, JAMES A. DODDS.

The Presbyterian Alliance.

THE executive committee of the western section of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, met in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 24th. There were present representatives from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches of the United States, the Reformed Dutch, the German Reformed, the Cumberland Presbyterian, and the United Presbyterian Churches. Dr. William S. Owens was present from our church. Dr. A. G. Wallace was to have made an address, but duty as delegate to the A. R. Church South prevented his being present. The meeting was one of the pleasantest yet held.

Rev. W. S. Plumer Bryan, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Cincinnati, spoke of the pleasure he had in saluting the committee in its first meeting west of the Allegheny Mountains. Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., of the Reformed Dutch Church, delivered an address on "The Unity of the Church." He spoke of the unity not union, which the Alliance aims to promote, and cited some illustrations of good accomplished. Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., of Richmond, Va., who has recently completed a pastorate of fifty years, spoke eloquently of the loyalty of those who have held to the scriptural doctrines of the Reformed system. Rev. Wm. Cochran, D. D., of Canada, eulogized especially the devotion of the Scotch fathers and saints in the days of trial. Rev. James I. Good, D. D., paid a tribute to the martyrs of the "Brethren of like Precious Faith on the Continent." Rev. W. H. Black, D. D., Cumberland Presbyterian, had for his theme "The Intellectual Uplift of the Faith." Gen. R. E. Primo spoke of the great work before the Church now.

A pleasant greeting was extended the committee by the Presbyterian Ministerial Association in the afternoon. Among those participating in it was the pastor of our church, Rev. J. A. Shannon.

Correspondence.

Prof. Campbell's Case.

Editor of PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR,—In answer to J. M. C., I ask the following, which may probe the matter:

1. Did the Presbytery of Montreal take action before that of Maitland?
2. When the Assembly met did the Committee on Bills and Overtures know that the Presbytery of Montreal had taken action?
3. Why did the Presbytery of Montreal, if they had taken action before the meeting of Assembly, not communicate with the Presbytery of Maitland?
4. When the Assembly met did the Pres-

bytery of Montreal acquaint the Committee on Bills and Overtures with any action by them? If not, why not?

5. When did the Presbytery of Montreal take action? Was their action made public?

In the blue book Dr. Cairns's motion endorses and compliments the action of the Presbytery of Maitland. The Dr. is not in the habit of confirming and complimenting courses that are irregular, and if his motion does not involve Assembly ignorance as to any action by the Presbytery of Montreal, until said action was mentioned in the meeting, then why his commendation of the zeal of Maitland Presbytery? The Presbytery of Montreal might surely have saved all the agitation in the Assembly in the matter. I thank J. M. C. for his complimentary language, but beg to say, that I have more confidence in the Committee on Bills and Overtures than in him, and I consider ignorance in company with the consensus of the judgment of the General Assembly more flattering than the knowledge and judgment of J. M. C. I am yours,

PASTOR.

P.S.—The remark which you quote, of a member of Montreal Presbytery thanking the Assembly for bringing up the matter, and which you term "in bad taste," is perhaps the best evidence of the manner in which the Presbytery took action, and the need for the action of the Maitland Presbytery. P.

The Campbell Case.

Editor of PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

SIR,—In your issue of November 2nd a letter signed "J. M. C.," on the Campbell case, contains statements of a very unworthy and disrespectful character in reference to the last Assembly, its Moderator, and the Committee on Bills and Overtures. I regard it a ground of much regret that anyone in our Church should be capable of writing on the matter in a spirit so fitted to inflame hard feelings and bitterness, and to alienate brethren over a matter in dealing with which a calm judicial spirit is so eminently necessary. I write the more freely in reply to the strictures of "J. M. C." because, though present at the Assembly when the overture from the Presbytery of Maitland was dealt with, I was not a commissioner. The assertion is made by "J. M. C." that "the Committee on Bills and Overtures should never have allowed the Maitland overture to proceed." I hold, on the contrary, that the committee had no such discretionary power. If an overture from an inferior court is in proper form, is worded in respectful language, and deals with any question affecting the piety or work of the Church, the committee have no right to arrest its reaching the Assembly. The constitutional rights of Presbyteries would be violated in such case. Further, as to the assertion of "J. M. C." that the Assembly "acted most unconstitutionally" in proceeding after the statements made by Dr. McRae, of Collingwood, Principal McVicar, and others, from which it appeared that the Presbytery of Montreal had entered on consideration of the case. "J. M. C." forgets that the Assembly, when so informed, at once left the case to the Presbytery of Montreal and desisted from proceeding. In a spirit of generosity the Assembly accepted verbal statements by members of Court, instead of requiring official notification that the Presbytery of Montreal had moved in the matter. If after the statements referred to, the Assembly "proceeded," it was only in the sense of proceeding not to proceed. The Presbytery of Maitland was well witted its rights in overturning the Assembly as it did; the Committee on Bills and Overtures had no alternative but to do as they did, and the Assembly acted most constitutionally in deciding not to proceed when informed that the Presbytery of Montreal had taken action in the matter.

As regards the Moderator of Assembly, his distinguished ability in matters of Church procedure is universally acknowledged; and it is only a feeling of respect for him which restrains me from adding anything in his defence.

W. T. McMULLEN.

Woodstock, Nov. 3, 1893.

P.S.—I am not the writer of the letter signed "A Presbyterian Pastor."—W. T. M.

A Desirable Policy Contract.

THE North American Life Assurance Company, which was the pioneer Canadian Company to introduce here the Tontine system of Life Insurance, has formulated another desirable plan, named the Investment Annuity Policy. This policy provides that on the maturity of the policy the proceeds of it are paid in installments to the beneficiary, thus obviating the possibility of the loss of the principal amount of the insurance through lack of business experience of trustees or others entrusted with it for investment purposes. Briefly stated the advantages of this plan are, at death or at the end of the endowment period, if the insured is alive, the company promises to pay the amount of the insurance in 20 or 25 equal annual instalments, the first of such instalments to be paid on the death of the insured, or on the completion of the endowment period; a much lower rate of premium is chargeable for it than for the company's other plans of insurance, in view of the payment of the face of the policy being extended over a series of years to be selected by the applicant; and it has the additional feature of the mortuary dividend, thus increasing the amount payable under the contract in case of death within the investment term selected. It is thus seen that this form of policy at once secures to the beneficiary an absolute guaranteed income, not subject to fluctuations as the income from investments generally is, and that for a which the policy contains are not embodied in any other contract of insurance offered the insuring public. The company's favourite method of accumulating the profits is equally applicable to this plan of insurance as it is to the other investment forms of policies of the company, and those who desire to examine more thoroughly the Investment Annuity Policy can secure full information by applying to the head office of the company, 22 to 28 King st. west, Toronto, or to any of its agents.

The Parliament of Religions.

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THE Cassell Publishing Company was sold at auction on Friday, Oct. 27th, the purchasers being, The Cassell Publishing Co. The new concern consists of some of the shareholders of the old company, with others. Mr. W. L. Morshon, formerly of the Morshon Press, Rahway, N. J., becomes President and Manager; Mr. Frank Seaman, Vice-President; Mr. A. E. Archer, Treasurer; and Mr. John Ryan, Secretary and Associate Manager. The Company will continue to be the sole agents of Cassell & Co. (Ltd.) of London. It will celebrate its organization by moving into new quarters in Union Square, where amid other surroundings it will try to forget the misfortunes that overthrew the former company. Among the first publications of The Cassell Publishing Co. will be the "Life and Later Speeches of Chauncey M. Depew," and a new novel by Sarah Grand, author of "The Heavenly Twins."

LITERARY London is asking whether the famous collaborators Rice and Besant have not found worthy successors in Ernest Dowson and Arthur Moore, the joint authors of the striking novel of London life, *A Comedy of Masks*, which has just appeared. The American publishers are Messrs. D. Appleton & Co.