

Protestant Divines and Churches would do well to note :—

We have observed with satisfaction that several Bishops, some Protestant Consistories, and the Grand Rabbi himself, have called on their co-religionists to invoke the blessing of God upon the Parliamentary Session just begun, which promises to be one of exceptional importance. Thus Mgr. Freppel's assertion at the Versailles Congress, that the suppression of public prayers would be found equivalent to the official proclamation of the atheism of the State is falsified. All that has been really withdrawn is the legal compulsion, which so often turned the prayers into a vain show of worship, the religious sentiment being unhappily not dominant with us as in the United States. The way is now left open for voluntary intercession, and we hope to see our religious leaders following the example already set in many parts of France, and making prayers for the cause of truth and righteousness in the land part of the regular worship in the churches. It is of the utmost importance to demonstrate that the neutrality of the civil power in the matters of religion, does not imply contempt of God, and that the more free and spontaneous religion is, the more will it become a national power. A very different view is unhappily taken by the Court preachers at Berlin. One of these, M. Stocker, whose sincerity and zeal we do not presume to question, has been using all his eloquence in the Reichstag in support of a motion which demands of all German soldiers, whatever their creed, compulsory attendance at religious service. Christians who advocate such a policy are practically introducing a patent for the rapid manufacture of atheists.

OUR respected College Secretary desires us to correct the notice that appeared in our last number regarding the exercises of the College which are to be held in the Assembly Hall on Thursday, April 9th, not the 16th. Our friends, Mr. Morton, of Hamilton, and Mr. Hunter, of London, are to deliver the addresses, and the collection to be made will be in aid of the library fund. Will not some of our friends time their visit to Montreal by this meeting.

WE insert the following to tell its own tale and speak its own lesson :

MR. EDITOR,—Enclosed find \$1, being my subscription for THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT for 1885, and trust now that it is decided to make it a semi-monthly, you will get all the encouragement necessary to continue so. It is about the only connecting link we have out here with the churches of bygone days—only to hear twelve times a year from those whose interests are our interests ; would willingly double the subscription if necessary to get it every two weeks. Wishing you every success in this new departure, I remain yours,

C. A. M.

Box 102, P. O., Brandon, Man., March, 19, 1885.

UNION NOTICE.

The next annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec will be held in Hamilton beginning on the evening of Wednesday, June 10th, at 7.30 p. m.

The Secretary of the Hamilton Church will esteem it a favour to be early notified by those churches whose delegates intend to be present on that occasion. His address is Mr. Henry H. Laing, 90 King street west, Hamilton.

A CORNER OF WINDSOR CASTLE.

It was a peerless morning on which we left London for a day at Windsor. No bluer sky ever canopied our favoured Canada than on that day arched the lovely country between London and Windsor. The old grey towers of the Castle, which frowned dismally in fog, seemed to smile approvingly on King Sol's undisputed sway in the blue dawn and to benignly suffer his bold flashing in at their secretive loop-holes. For the time being they met commonarchs—Sol of the heavens, Windsor of the twelve surrounding counties. A sight of England's noblest castle from without only would be a never-to-be-forgotten treat, but the kindness of Her Majesty allows the public free admittance to the Round Tower, Albert and St. George's Chapels, the Curfew Tower, and the North Terrace at stated hours, all the year round, and to the State Apartments during the absence of the Court. Not only this, but attendants are in waiting to conduct parties round every fifteen minutes, and they are strictly forbidden to receive any fee ; but the guide has yet to be met who is proof against a proffered coin. The whole class has an affection for the likeness of Her Majesty stamped on silver or even copper, which is quite beyond the comprehension of a westerner. However, a sight of the tapestries in the State Apartments and the magnificent view from the top of the Round Tower are well worth even a forbidden fee. But it is of the Curfew Towers we were going to say a word. In the anxiety of tourists to see the more modern parts of the castle, this old tower is frequently *overlooked*, we were going to say, but we mean not looked over. Fortunately we happened to read in a remote corner of our guide book : "Visitors may see the Curfew Tower