

and all these other things will, through wisdom of arrangement and the kindness of the friends, be added to us in due proportion.

THE END.

THE Dominion Parliament was prorogued last week, and the country is almost ready for the appointment of a day of thanksgiving. It was very difficult to know at times during the recent session why a number of men were gathered together in the parliament buildings in Ottawa, and, reviewing at this date the work they have done, the matter is not one whit clearer. Beyond the Tariff Bill and the Pacific Railway measure, our Dominion legislators have little to show as the result of their deliberations, and even those mentioned are of doubtful—the latter of more than doubtful—utility. The fact is, we have too much legislation in this country. Were it ten times better than it has ever been as yet, we have too much. But what shall we say when we look at the character of our legislation? Parliament seems to us to possess scarcely the dignity of an ordinary debating club. The whole story of its proceedings may be summed up in this: a fight between the "ins" and the "outs." The scenes that are witnessed in the House of Commons are a disgrace to our civilization, to say nothing of our Christianity. It is almost enough to make one despair of the country to see the intense partizanship, the rancour, the unscrupulousness, the disregard for the public weal, the devotion to selfish interests, which are displayed by our politicians. And the worst of it is, the Canadian people appear to acquiesce in it all. We may be sure of this: that our political leaders understand their constituents pretty well and adapt themselves to those constituents. We know of no department of our life where there is more need of Christian principle than the political. Will not our Christian people, will not the Christian pulpit, lift up their voices against the abuses and sins which mar the conduct of our public affairs? But, anyway, we are glad that Parliament has been prorogued. The "Globe" and "Mail" will find it difficult to fill their columns, probably; but the country will be benefited.

PRESIDENT HAYES is kept busy vetoing bills passed by the Democratic Congress. His last achievement in this direction was against what is called by its supporters the "Free Elections Bill." The real point of this bill was to hinder the employment of United States troops for the maintenance of order at the polls.

PROFESSOR SWING does not seem to be alarmed at the utterances of the notorious Col. Ingersoll. He thinks, and truly, that the witty Col. cannot overthrow what is true in Christianity, he can only hurt false conceptions of the truth. Says Mr. Swing: "Ridicule is one of the most powerful enemies of a bad cause. It cannot hurt a truth, for truth pure and simple cannot be made ridiculous. A wit can ridicule the thunder and lightning and storm of the theatre, made up by sheet iron and red lights, but he cannot raise a laugh over the real thunder storm in the sultry June. Where weakness is, there the laugh comes in."

Correspondence.

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES TO THE ORANGEVILLE MISSION CHAPEL FUND.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

DEAR SIR,—Having placed the Orangeville Mission on a good footing, I desire that its patrons abroad may have some knowledge of our doings, and the sources from whence we have received funds, outside of the section of country where the chapel is located. I do not, therefore, now report what has been given towards this object in the town of Orangeville, nor that given by the friends in Alton and North Erin, who have kindly assisted this work.

Owen Sound, \$11.35; Ottawa, \$10; Hillsburgh, \$1; Douglas, \$5; Garafraxa, \$26.80; Paris, \$37.20; Brantford, \$41.50; Brantford Sunday school contribution, \$2.50; Hamilton, 28.85; London, \$34; Ayr, \$8.50; Toronto, \$91.50; Georgetown, \$16.50; Ospringe, \$3; A Friend, \$4; Speedside, 22.97; Pine Grove, \$16.50; total cash collected, \$368.13; expenses of collection, \$11.51. Total used for mission, \$356.62. Unpaid promises, \$15.

Many friends promised to aid this object, but would not name any sum at the time. We hope they will not forget their promises, as the next payment on the loan has to be provided for.

And now, dear sir, I may add, all the floating debts on the building and ground have been paid, and the first instalment of a loan of \$1,000 also paid, the next coming due on Dec. 1st, 1879. The loan covers a term of ten years, but, if desired, the company will settle on easy terms. Walter S. Lee, Esquire, 70 Church street, Toronto, who is the manager of the company, has been very kind, and will, I am sure, continue to be so. I hope we shall not be slack in sustaining this mission, lest we become a bye-word in the neighbourhood. Your insertion of this will oblige, yours truly,

H. J. COLWELL.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

DEAR SIR,—In your reference to the Rev. J. Hyatt Smith's baptizing an invalid in a hospital by sprinkling, although he is a Baptist (open communion), you seem to commend the step, and regard it as a sign of the approaching millennium. So do I. Pædo-Baptist ministers of different persuasions frequently baptize by immersion, not on the ground of its being Scriptural according to their opinion, but because the method is a matter pertaining wholly to the conscience of the recipient, not of the administrator or the Church. A sincere conscience in externals—"rudiments of the world"—gives the validity to the ordinance that the Head of the Church accepts; and "who are we that we should withstand God?" If Christ receives, we must receive "to the glory of God"—Rom. xv. 7. My conscience determines my own baptism, not another's. Should we not help a brother to the baptism that suits him, though it would not suit us, with just as much freedom as we would help him to food that would be good for him, though not for ourselves? It is simply marvellous that this case should be so rare a one among our Baptist brethren as to be heralded abroad in the manner it is, and be so denounced by the papers of their denomination. The millennium is not too near yet, if the liberality of Rom. xiv. is an indication of it.

FRATER.

OBITUARY.

MRS. WM. HAYDEN.

Another of the pioneers of Congregationalism in this country has gone to her rest. Among those who were first to brave the difficulties of an untried wilderness, few have a nobler record than the late Mrs. Hayden.

She was born in the town of Newcastle, England, in the year 1793. When but fourteen years of age, she testified to her faith in Christ by uniting with the Church. When grown to womanhood she became the wife of the Rev. Wm. Hayden, a young Congregational minister. With him she laboured for Christ in various parts of England until the year 1835. At that

time the London Missionary Society was casting about for men suitable for self-denying missionary toil in Canada. Among those chosen was Mr. Hayden, who with his wife and family of seven children made their home in Cobourg.

A time had now come when the courage and enthusiasm of the minister's wife shone out with universal brightness. Mr. Hayden was accustomed to make frequent tours among the backwoods settlers, preaching the Gospel to them in their log shanties. In his absence Mrs. Hayden not only attended to the duties of her large family but did very much to hold together and strengthen the young and struggling church. She was faithful in every department of church-work; but it was as a Sunday school teacher that her energy, her talent, and her fervent zeal were most conspicuously displayed. She was indeed the life and soul of the school, often acting as its superintendent. She taught a large Bible-class of young women, some of whom still live to speak of her noble work. To her latest hour the very mention of the Sunday School was enough to awaken her keenest interest.

Her husband died about fifteen years ago. Since then she has been gradually failing in health. But whatever privilege may have been denied her on this account nothing but absolute illness could keep her from the Sabbath morning service. There she was a most attentive listener; her face ever revealing the effect of the preaching upon her heart.

But the end to her earthly work and worship came at last. After a brief illness she passed away. A more fitting transition could not have been imagined. Around her were gathered her sons and daughters, her grandsons and granddaughters, aye, and even the fourth generation. She spoke but little during the last day or two, but the words we were able to catch told us that her confidence was firm to the end. Early in the morning of Sunday, the 11th inst., as quietly as the first sunlight just creeping over the eastern hills, her spirit passed away. The day that had ever been prized most highly of all the seven was appointed by her Saviour as the one to close her mortal pilgrimage and usher her in to her immortal rest.

Her funeral, which was very largely attended, took place the Tuesday following her death. Seven of her children (three sons and four daughters) were gathered together to share their mutual sorrow. She was taken to Coldsprings, and laid beside the one to whom for so long she had been an efficient and loving helpmeet. Her pastor held a short service at the house of Mr. John Hayden—the Rev. C. Fish, of the C. M. Church, Cobourg and Rev. R. W. Wallace, of London, taking part. Another service was held in the church at Coldsprings, the pastor being there assisted by the Rev. N. Burwash, of Victoria College.

As an outward memorial of her life there is in the Cobourg school-house a beautifully-decorated window. But her truest and most abiding memorial is in the lives of those who were blessed by her labours: in the hearts of those who had learned to esteem her friendship.

H. P.

Cobourg, May 15th, 1879.

Religious News.

MR. MOODY is to hold revival services in New Haven, Conn., shortly.

PRINCIPAL TULLOCH has been appointed editor of "Fraser's Magazine."

PLYMOUTH Church, Brooklyn, received forty-nine new members on the 4th of May.

A REVIVAL in Woolwich, Maine, has resulted in between one and two hundred conversions.

THE ministers of Chicago are trying to devise measures for the promotion of Sunday observance in the city.

THE Baptists of Liverpool, Eng., supply sittings in their churches for some 18,400 persons.

PRINCIPAL TULLOCH, of St. Andrew's University, is to be editor of "Fraser's Magazine" from June next.

THE Rev. W. Tidd Marston, of Rothwell, goes to Highbury Chapel (Congregational), Portsmouth, England.

THE English Congregational churches of North Wales are beginning to form district or county associations.

A MONUMENT to George Buchanan, the famous Scottish poet, is to be placed in Greyfriars' Churchyard, Edinburgh.

ANOTHER church is to be added to the Congregational