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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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ERRATA.—In the article on "The Nature and Properties of Christian Joy," printed in our last week's issue, read for "Captives of the South," "Captives of the South," "Thanksgiving," "thanksgiving" for "Inst." "Inst."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. B. CHURCH.—Too late for this issue. Next week W. B. SPRINGVILLE.—Crowded out. Will appear in due course.

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FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1876.

OUR readers are referred to Dr. Fraser's interesting letter in another column.

It gives us pleasure to observe that the Rev. Mr. Marling, late pastor of the Bond St. Congregational Church, Toronto, is succeeding admirably in New York. Some forty persons were admitted to membership at the last Communion held in his (Fourteenth St. Presbyterian) Church. Nearly all the churches in New York seem to have been greatly blessed during the past winter.

SEVEN thousand five hundred dollars are still wanting to complete the amount required for the statue of the Rev. John Wotherspoon, to be erected in Philadelphia in this centennial year. Surely this will not be allowed to interfere with an undertaking so important and desirable. Brother Jonathan has only to dip his hand into his deep pocket to pay down the necessary stamps, and do a thing that will commend itself to future generations.

THE International Exhibition of 1876 was opened on Wednesday. Preparations for the important event were found to be greatly in advance of what was anticipated. Contributions from European Countries are satisfactory, both as to their number and value. It is extremely gratifying to be able to state that the Dominion of Canada has done herself great justice in the exhibition, and commands special commendation. The opening ceremonies seemed in every way to have been worthy of the occasion.

GOVERNOR TILDEN has appointed Mrs. Charles Russell Lowell, or as she is known officially, Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell, to fill the New York City vacancy on the Board of State Charities. The appointment has been confirmed by the Senate. Mrs. Lowell was a member of the New York branch of the Sanitary Commission during the Civil war, and is now one of the best workers in the State Charities Aid Association. Her husband was killed in battle at Winchester, in the late rebellion, and also her brother, Col. R. G. Shaw, at Fort Wagner, while leading his black regiment, the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers.

The debt of the Foreign Missions Board of the Northern Presbyterian Church (U.S.) amounts to fifty-three thousand dollars. It is proposed to wipe off this during the Centennial year. Such indebtedness greatly retards the work of the Church, and if got rid of, should not be allowed in the future. The Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is likewise increasing its efforts to cast off the load of debt which presses upon it. Were every member of the Church to send a fractional sum to the Treasurer of the Board, it would entirely sweep away the encumbrance.

OUR correspondent, "Presbyterian," in the last number of this Journal misconstrues the meaning of our article on Mr. MacDonnell's case, if he thinks we asked Mr. MacDonnell to do any thing contrary to his conscience, when we expressed the desire that he would do everything that lay in his power to satisfy the Presbytery. It has never been pressed upon Mr. MacDonnell to write any statement that would not represent his own mental condition. What was and is wanted of him, is a paper, which, while giving due allowance to his perplexities and difficulties, will not commit the Presbytery by its acceptance to views which would infringe upon the standards. Mr. MacDonnell has himself illustrated what we meant by removing several objectionable expressions from his last written statement. Whether he could have left out the last part, "expressed as it is, almost entirely in the language of Scripture," and have done no injustice to himself, is the question at issue, and we refrain from saying anything upon it until the Superior Court shall have declared its mind upon the case.

ENDING AT JERUSALEM.

During the current and succeeding months measures will be taken in various parts of the world to secure the further unification of Presbyterian Churches. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada shall assemble in the second week of June, and while attention will be given to all the important matters that concern Presbyterian interests in the Dominion, much will be done to consolidate the union which was accomplished last June in Montreal. In the English Presbyterian Synod important measures will be adopted favouring the union of Presbyterians south of the Tweed. Though, as yet we cannot speak with confidence of incorporating union taking place between the Southern and Northern Presbyterian Churches of the United States, we doubt not that steps will again be taken to bring these two large bodies more closely together. It would seem as if union were the watchword amongst all the churches of the Presbyterian order. And we doubt not that a great deal will be accomplished that has in view the complete and final consolidation of Presbyterian interests throughout the world.

It is interesting to think of Scotland as having sent forth representatives of her ecclesiastical dissensions to a number of countries. Looking upon that country as the Jerusalem of Presbyterian interests, it is instructive to think of all the Presbyterian Churches of Scotland sending forth representatives of her various churches to all the ends of the earth. Australia had at one time her Established, Free and United Presbyterian Churches. In a large portion of that continental island, each of these churches had her particular branch. In the providence of God they are now united in one grand harmonious church. In the Dominion we had all these several branches duly represented. The United Presbyterian and Free Churches some time ago became one. During the last year these branches were incorporated into one along with the representative Synods of the Church of Scotland. In this year we shall in all probability witness the union of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches in England. There is every prospect of this being accomplished. The churches interested have already declared themselves in favour of incorporating union. With the influence gained during a ten year's conference between the same bodies in Scotland with a view to their union, we cannot doubt that the United and Free Presbyterians of England will this year become one. Such men as Dr. Edmond and Dr. Dykes of London, are heartily in favour of the union movement. The latter gentleman is this year to occupy the Moderator's chair of the English Presbyterian Church, and he will doubtless bring all the influence of his well-merited position to bear upon the consolidation of Presbyterian interests in England. It may confidently be anticipated that during this year there will take place in England a union similar to that which has occurred in Canada and in the Northern States. Thus we see union has taken place amongst the churches in Australia, then amongst those in Canada, and now the same thing is about to take place in England.

The question arises why should not the union of Presbyterians now take place in Scotland, the very centre of Presbyterianism—the Jerusalem in fact of the churches of this name. If United Presbyterian, and Free Church, and Establishment men could give up their distinctive principles in the colonies, why should they not do so in Scotland herself? Doubtless there are still many things to keep them apart. While the question of patronage has been got rid of by Parliamentary enactment, there is still the matter of National Establishments. There is also a section of the Free Church as keenly opposed to voluntarism as ever. And the United Presbyterians are still as persistent and more so as to the great underlying principles of their system. Still we take encouragement to think that as the distinctive principles of those different bodies have not prevented them from accomplishing union in the colonies, they will not prevent a unification of Presbyterian interests in Scotland herself. Scotland is one as to her Presbyterianism. The Established, Free, and United Presbyterian Churches are homogeneous as to their principles and polity. It is surely therefore, not too much to hope for a consolidation of all those interests. There is no thing surely to hinder the union of those bodies. Let each keep its own and work out its own principles. The endowment theory has in the past subserved many important ends. The sustentation fund of the Free Church has been the wonder of the age. The Home Missionary Scheme of the United Presbyterian Church has done much for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Why not let all those plans accomplish their own ends in their own ways? Unite those churches in one, and let the sustentation system of

each prevail, and we will have in Scotland a truly national Presbyterian Church. It is our earnest desire to see the union of Presbyterian interests which has taken place in the colonies, being accomplished in Scotland herself, and thus we will witness this union which has begun at the circumference of the circle, finally taking shape in Scotland, the birth place of Presbyterians. Then we shall have ending at Jerusalem the grand results which have taken place in this connection in every British colony.

During the Assembly of the Free Church this month, the union of that body with the Reformed Presbyterians shall have taken place. In this surely there is an earnest of many changes about to occur in the direction we have indicated in the above remarks.

OWING to press of matter, we are compelled to hold over reports of the Synods of Toronto, and Kingston, and Montreal and Ottawa.

THE Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, cost one million dollars. This expenditure has been considered to be extravagant by some. But when we remember what a centralised power is thus created for disseminating truth, for developing benevolence, and training the young, the outlay is trifling as compared with the results. In illustration of this the contributions of this single congregation, to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, during last year were respectively thirty-five thousand, and twenty-eight thousand dollars. Rev. John Hall, D.D., the pastor, is a man of remarkable power both in and out of the pulpit.

The hospitality of Toronto will be put to the test by the approaching meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Usually an Assembly is a representative body, but many things remain to be done to complete and consolidate the union of Presbyterian Churches in this country, requiring for their accomplishment the meeting of the whole Church. We may safely look for, from seven hundred to one thousand ministers and elders. More than the last number are entitled to sit as members. It will be the largest Assembly of the kind that will take place this year in any part of the world, and as the representative system will probably be again resorted to, it will in all likelihood be the largest General Assembly that will meet in Canada for a century at least. The Presbyterian families of the city will, we are sure, more than sustain the reputation for hospitality, which they have so well earned in the past; and we doubt not, that as they have helped the other denominations in their conferences, they will now be aided in turn, by the homes of Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, and other brethren, being thrown open to the Presbyterian delegates. It will be worth all the cost and trouble, if they find, as we are certain they will, that they are entertaining angels unawares. We understand that a large committee is at work making preparations for the Assembly to be opened in Toronto on 8th prox.

THE Colonial committee of the Irish Presbyterian Church have designated the Rev. A. Henderson of Athenry, to our Church in Canada. Mr. Henderson will, we doubt not, be a valuable acquisition to our Church. The following we copy from the *Londonderry Standard* of April 8th, as indicating the high esteem in which he has been held by the people of his late charge.

ADDRESS TO THE REV. A. HENDERSON, ATHENRY.

Rev. and dear Sir—It gives us much pleasure, as a congregation, to present you with this token of our esteem for you as a minister of Christ. Your gentlemanly bearing, your Christian character, both public and private, your ability as an expositor of the Word, and a preacher of the Gospel, have gained the admiration and esteem of many others besides your own congregation.

Since you came among us you have won for yourself a name that will long be remembered.

Sir, we feel sorry we are now losing you; but what is our loss we do hope will be your gain, and that your services will be richly blessed with an abundant harvest in a more important part of the Master's vineyard.

As a congregation, we tender unto you our thanks for the exertions you put forth in the North of Ireland to raise funds to erect our church. Though you are not waiting to see the fruits of your toil, you have placed us in a position that will almost leave us clear of debt, the amount raised by you being over £135, which, with what is promised by the congregation and the Mission Board, will give us a sum of over £500.

In taking our farewell of you, we wish you to accept of this gold watch in memory of us, and we pray that the God of Jacob will be with you wherever you go, to strengthen, comfort, and bless, and that our separation will only be for a little while, when we will all meet again, and join our voices with thine in praising our God throughout eternity.

Book Reviews.

YEAR BOOKS.—IRISH PRESBYTERIAN ALMANACK.

Your correspondent received a few days ago the Year Book of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, better known in Ulster as McComb's Presbyterian Almanack. It still bears the same name, though the founder of it died in a good old age several years ago. That for this year is the thirty-seventh issue, hence it has long since passed the tentative stage. In point of size it is very much the same as the Canada Presbyterian Year Book, the number of pages is nearly the same in that for Canada, however, the page is a little broader. There is one feature of interest in the Irish that is not in the Canada Year Book, namely, there is almost always a portrait of the Moderator given in each issue. In the present one a very fine likeness of Dr. J. L. Porter, Professor of Exegesis and Biblical Criticism in the Presbyterian College, Belfast, is given. The portrait itself is worth more than the entire cost of the Almanack. After the calendar which, by the way, is interleaved, and other items peculiar to an almanack, we have just an alphabetical list of the ministers of the Irish Presbyterian Church, with their congregations and post offices. The ministers number 684. This includes the retired ministers, the Professors in Belfast and Derry, the Mission Presbytery of Katiawar in India, the Agent of the Church, etc., etc. Then follows a list of the licentiates, numbering fifty-six. Then an alphabetical list of the congregations, numbering 557. Then come lists of the ordinations, translations and deaths for the year. It is interesting to compare the numbers here with those in the minutes of the late Canada Presbyterian Church. In the Irish Presbyterian Church, consisting of a ministerial roll of 684, there were thirty-three ordinations, ten translations, and fifteen deaths in the year ending 7th June, 1876. In the late Canada Presbyterian Church, with a ministerial roll of 889, there were in the same year twenty-six ordinations, sixteen translations, and thirteen inductions of ministers who had been without charge previously, and eight deaths. After lists of Presbyteries with their days of meeting, dates of appointments, Professors, missionaries, and officers, the other Presbyterian bodies of the community are given. These consist of the Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Synod with two Presbyteries, nine ministers and nine congregations; the Reformed Presbyterian Synod of Ireland with five Presbyteries and thirty-five ministers and congregations (one Presbytery consisting of four ministers in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia); the representatives of the United Presbyterian Church of Great Britain and Ireland, consisting of one Presbytery and a fraction and ten ministers, and the Secession Synod being part of the body of Original Seceders of Scotland and Ireland, consisting of two Presbyteries, ten ministers and eleven congregations. Then follows a full list of Presbyteries of the English Presbyterian Church. Now we come to the literary department, and first we have no less than sixteen short articles on the several departments of Church activity in the Irish Presbyterian Church, all of them independent departments, and the seventeenth gives the outlines of the last meeting of Assembly. Then come brief articles of a similar nature, giving outlines of the annual meetings of the following Church bodies in order:—Free Church of Scotland, Church of Scotland, United Presbyterian Church of Great Britain and Ireland, Presbyterian Church in England, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland, Original Secession Church, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Presbyterian Church (North) of the United States, Presbyterian Church (South) of the United States, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Reformed Dutch Church, Presbyterianism in Australasia, Presbyterianism in Switzerland, the Waldensian Church, etc., etc. Protestantism in other countries is depicted, and the history of quite a number of particular congregations is given. Under the Presbyterian Church in Canada an account of our union is given with the statistics of each of the four bodies. The variety and value of the information given will now be apparent.

LEUMAS.

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The May number of this valuable monthly has been laid on our table. The following is the table of contents: How Treaty-making unmade Canada, by Lieut.-Col. Coffin; As Long as She Lived, by F. W. Robinson; It might have been: A Poem, by J. B. B.; Science and Religion, by Prof. Watson, Queen's University, Kingston; Three Generations, by Dr. Daniel Wilson; Charity A Poem, by Wm. Mills; The Latest Gospel of Protection, by R. Fisher, M.A.; Hidden Blessings: A Poem, by J. A. Allan; The Immortality of the Soul, by Goldwin Smith, M.A.; Horace: Book I., Ode ix. by W. P. Dole; Church and State in Quebec: A Review of Sir A. T. Galt's Pamphlet; Current Events, etc. etc. A fuller notice will appear in next issue.

Ministers and Churches.

It is stated that the Rev. Mr. Hutchison, lately from Fifeshire, Scotland, will be called by the Carleton Place Congregation.

We also it stated in a Montreal paper, that the members of St. Mark's, in that city, are about to give a call to the Rev. Mr. Nicoll.

THE Rev. Mr. Torrance, of Montreal, has received an unanimous call from the Presbyterian Church, Peterboro, as successor to the Rev. J. M. Rogor.

REV. MR. MUSGRAVE, pastor of Milverton and North Morning Presbyterian churches, who has been holding revival services, was presented by some friends with a purse of \$84.

A MEETING of the members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, was held last Monday afternoon, Rev. A. Currie, M.A., Moderator, presiding. An unanimous call was extended to Rev. J. Hastie, of Prescott.

THE Huron Signal is pleased to announce that the title of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred upon Rev. Robert Ure, of Knox Church, Goderich, by Queen's College, Kingston. Mr. Ure is indeed deserving of the honor, and his many friends will hear the announcement with pleasure.

At the last meeting of the Presbytery of London, the Rev. Alex. McNaughton of East Adladie resigned his charge in order that certain stations might go together and form a self-sustaining congregation. The people he was leaving took advantage of the occasion to present him with a copy of Hodge's great work on Systematic Theology, and an affectionate address, to which Mr. McNaughton replied in suitable terms.

THE *Almonte Gazette* says:—"On the 27th ult., the Rev. Messrs. Bennett, of Almonte, Campbell of Renfrew, and McLean of Arnprior, waited on the Rev. Alexander Mann, M.A., Pakenham, and presented him with the diploma from Queen's College and University, Kingston, conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Several of the representatives of Dr. Mann's congregation were present to see the diploma presented to their learned and highly esteemed pastor, and to congratulate him on the auspicious occasion."

On Thursday the 25th ult., the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, purchased a handsome residence on Ursule Street for a Manse. It is only a few rods from the Church, and is in one of the finest localities in the City. The purchase price was \$6,800, which, however, will be considerably increased before it will be ready to occupy. On the evening of the same day, in view of the Communion the following Sabbath, there were twenty new members added to the Church on profession of faith. There have been now admitted since the present year began, seventy-three on profession, besides several on certificate.

AGREEABLY to announcement, the pastor of Knox Church, Woodstock, last Sabbath took occasion to refer to the history of the congregation during the past sixteen years just closed, during which he has occupied the pastorate. From the many items of a statistical and financial kind, illustrative of the growth and general advancement of the congregation, we select the following:—The membership has increased from 125 to 820, and the increase has been greater during the past year than at any previous period, except the year of the union of Ereking Church with Knox, when an addition of 64 was made; last year the addition was 60. The revenue from pew rents amounts to over twelve hundred dollars, and the ordinary collections throughout the year average \$20 a Sabbath. Mr. McMullen has much reason for congratulation at the satisfactory growth of his charge.

THE solemn and impressive ceremony of inducting the Rev. Mr. Burnfield into the pastoral charge of the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, took place on the 27th ult. There was a good attendance of the members of the Church, who sat throughout the entire proceedings interested spectators of the services. The Presbytery of Brockville met in the Church at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of induction. The Rev. Dr. Bain, of Perth, was Moderator, and preached a most impressive sermon. The Presbytery being constituted, the Rev. Mr. Crombie, of Smith's Falls, Clerk of Presbytery, read the several documents connected with the call, and the translation of the Rev. Mr. Burnfield from Scarborough to Brockville. The Rev. Mr. Brown, of Lyn, then addressed the newly inducted minister on his duties. The Rev. Mr. Crombie, in a most impressive manner, then addressed the people on their duties, when the services were brought to a close by praise and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Milne. On the conclusion of the services, the Rev. Mr. Burnfield took his stand at the door of egress, and received the warm and hearty shake of the hand from the congregation as they departed. From all that we can learn, the members of the Church have been fortunate in their choice, and a future of great Christian harmony and success is