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PLYMOUTHISM.

We do not use the above title in any offensive sense, but to designate a system and a class of Christians who have separated themselves from all the Churches, and lay claim to be in nearer accord with the principles and practices of the Apostolic Age, while they reject all Church organizations and a Christian ministry distinct from the brotherhood of believers.

We have read the tract with great care, and are satisfied that Mr. Reid has very full acquaintance with the writings of the leading Brethren, and is most favourably disposed towards them.

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is connected, has been rightly for good, no one will deny; that the Gospel has been presented with power in one or two salient particulars, and in such a way as to be a reaction against the cold formalism and ritualism which has been lamentably common, to admit. But the Evangelical movement is far wider than Plymouthism, and more of those who disown that system than of those who advocate it, have been honoured of God by preaching the Gospel.

We shall rejoice in the good Plymouthism may effect, as we acknowledge what it has done. This, however, will not make us blind or indifferent to what we regard as the views and defects of the system.

BOOK REVIEWS.

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adjectives at command, but nice, jolly, horrid, awful, disgusting and tremendous! How can she keep what she has got? How can it frustrate? Thought dies if it has no means of expression.

THE BRITISH QUARTERLY FOR APRIL contains eight very readable articles, with the usual amount of short notices of "Contemporary Literature," which make the "British Quarterly" so attractive and so useful.

Psalms vs. Hymns.

STR.—The present version of the Psalms of David was prepared about the year 1645. They continued the only Psalter of the Church of Scotland for 140 or 150 years, when the present paraphrases and hymns were authorized to be sung in churches by the Commission of the General Assembly.

THE BAZAR which has been held in Glasgow for the Hospital for Incurables, realized £12,000.

Poor Management for a Missionary.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. There is a place at which a station in connection with our Church was lately opened with very pleasing prospects—according to statements made at the time.

A COUNTRY MINISTER.

Something for Infidels to Consider.

Sometimes the sacred writers, when stating facts, seem at first sight to contradict each other. Of course, infidels point with great glee to this, as a proof that the Bible is all a fable.

In the Montreal Witness of April 29th, it is said that a certain house in that city is commonly called "The Haunted House," because, according to tradition, a gentleman named Simon McTavish hanged himself from one of the windows, in 1805.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL.

This Synod met in the city of Ottawa, and within Bank Street Church there, on Tuesday, the 4th of May, and after a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. James Whyte, of Osgoode, from Proverbs xiv. 34, was constituted with prayer.

The following are some of the principal items of business: The Rev. John Crombie, of Smith's Falls, in the Presbytery of Ottawa, was unanimously elected moderator for the ensuing year.

The clerk presented and read a report of the changes affecting the Synod roll, which had occurred since last meeting, from which it appeared there were seven demissions of pastoral charges; and one demission in part with a view of its being created into a separate charge; seven inductions; seven ordinations; four translations; five ministers received from other churches; seven students of theology licensed; eight congregations erected; two mission stations formed; and one death of a minister.

WEDNESDAY, May 5th, 10 o'clock, a.m.

The Synod met and was constituted, the first hour being spent in devotional exercises. Committees were appointed to examine Presbytery records. Mr. Andrew Wilson, convener of the committee on reli-

gious instruction to convicts in the penitentiary at Kingston, gave in a verbal report, and read correspondence, from which it appeared that the chaplain of the penitentiary had, as a matter of courtesy, invited the ministers of Kingston to preach after the Episcopal service. It was moved by Mr. Kenneth McDonald, seconded by Mr. James Watson, and agreed to, that the committee be re-appointed with instructions to bring the matter before the proper authorities with a view to have the necessary changes effected, so as to give Presbyterian ministers an opportunity of conducting services in the penitentiary according to the way commonly practiced in Presbyterian churches. The Treasurer's report was submitted and received, and thanks tendered for his services.

WEDNESDAY, May 5th, 4 o'clock, p.m.

The different Presbytery records were examined and attested in due form. The report of the committee on the state of religion was given in and read by Mr. William McKenzie, convener, from which it appeared that the number of congregations reporting this year is forty-six, as against thirty-two last year, being an increase of fourteen. The report states that family worship is generally observed; that weekly prayer-meetings are held in almost all the congregations reporting; that Sabbath-schools are maintained, and the shorter catechism taught in them all.

WEDNESDAY, May 5th, 7.30. o'clock, p.m.

In accordance with a standing rule, the Synod proceeded to hold a conference on the state of religion within its bounds. Mr. James Whyte opened the conference with an address on "the work of grace in Osgoode last year." He was followed by Mr. John Scrimger with an address on the question, "What should be done for our cities?"

The thanks of the Synod were recorded to the session and managers of Bank Street Church, Ottawa, for the use of their church during the meeting of Synod; to the committee on accommodation; to members of the Church in Ottawa for their hospitality; and to the railway companies for granting reduction of fare to members.

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held in Kingston, on the first Tuesday of May, 1876, at 7.30 o'clock, p.m., subject to the decision of the General Assembly. The session was closed with the benediction.—A. Young, Synod Clerk.

ONE of those thoroughly sociable entertainments for which the ladies of Fort Massey Church are so celebrated, was given on the evening of the 7th inst., for the purpose of acquainting the new pastor, Rev. Dr. Burns, and his lady, with the members of the congregation. To say that the design of the entertainment was accomplished, would be superfluous, as would also be any words of praise respecting its management, etc. Some choice music, a few short speeches, and long intermissions, during which the members of the company walked about and enjoyed themselves according to their own inclination, comprised the programme. Refreshments were supplied in an ante-room, and there tea was served before the commencement of the more regular proceedings. Fort Massey church is one of the most prosperous in the city, and its progress is continuous. With an earnest and devoted pastor, who loves his people, and works assiduously for them, and with a people who delight in their minister, and aim continually at the advancement of his work, there is every reason to believe that its career will in the future be even more eventful for good than in the past.—Citizen.