of families during the year 1,227. Presbyteries report an increase, while seven report a decrease; in one Presbytery's report, a decrease of communicants of 1,172, viz., Truro, Wallace, Pictou and P. E. I.; seven report an increase of 471; added by profession of faith during the year, 1,678; by certificate, 653; removals, 771; by death, by certificate and other cause, 1,210; baptisms, infants, 2;468; baptisms, adults, 149; elders, 1,417. Over \$155,000 were paid in stipend: for all congregational purposes, \$227,600 was the total. For missionary schemes \$48,566 were raised. Of this the Sabbath schools raised \$4,377; Christian Endeavor societies, \$846; women's foreign mission societies, \$5,882; payments for all purposes, \$348,321; churches and stations (families), 98,898; single persons not in families, 17,538; communicants, 183,525; added by profession, 11,213; certificates, 8,497; baptisms, 10,350; infants, 912; adults, elders, 6,364; on Sabbath schools, \$146,000; paid for stipends over \$922,000; for all congregational purposes, \$1,690,000; for the Schemes of the Church, \$297,590; of this was raised by Sabbath \$281,000. Or integral Endeavor 80. schools, \$28,100; Christian Endeavor societies, \$6,666; W.F.M.S., \$43,627; for all purposes, \$2,039,120, as against \$982, 672 in 1876.

At Brussels Mr. G. F. Blair was recently waited on by a delegation from the teachers of Knox Church Sunday school and presented with the following address, accompanied by a beautiful pocket-book containing a Bank of Commerce cheque for a handsome amount :-

Fred Blair, Esq., Brussels, Ont.

Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned officers and teachers of Knox Church Sunday school, desire to express to you, on behalf of our classes, as well as from ourselves personally, our deep sorrow at your removal trees amongst us both as a citizen moval from amongst us, both as a citizen and as our superintendent. During the past two years your successful efforts in reorganizing the school, your ability at the desk, as well as your personal kindness and advice have been much appreciated by us. As a slight token of our sincerity, we present this purse and the enclosed cheque, which, we trust, you will accept. Our prayers will ever be with you; and trusting that you will keep on in the good work in your new home, and proving faithful to the end, you may hear the glad welcome of the Master, 'Well Yours done, good and faithful servant." in Christian love. The address was signed by Supt. Stiven and the entire teaching staff of the Sunday school. Mr. Blair made a brief reply, in which he expressed his appreciation of the great kindness that had prompted the very flattering address and handsome present. He intimated that, if at all possible, he would meet with the teachers on Sabbath and personally coney to them his sincere thanks for their kind remembrance of him.

## NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN MONTREAL.

Presbyterian church building would appear to be booming in Montreal at present. Before us lie woodcuts of two about to be erected. The new Erskine on will seat twelve hundred people and is well will seat twelve hundred people and is well supplied with school and session rooms and every modern improvement. The work has been in progress for the last six weeks. It is hoped that the exterior will be completed before the winter. The building will occupy about 100 feet frontage, by a total depth of 165 feet. It is about 90 feet frontage. feet square inside. The pulpit is to be placed in one angle of the church, with the choir and organ immediately in rear of The sides are arranged in amthe pulpit. Phitheatre form, radiating from the pulpit; and the church will contain a gallery of horseshoe form. There are to be two principal entrances to the church from Sherbrooke street, one placed in each tow-There will also be an entrance from Ontario avenue, giving access to the Sunday school. The rear portion of the building contains the Sunday school room and and is to be surrounded at three sides by and vestry, aroms, ses ion rooms These room's are ranged in two stories. separated from the main school room by rolling partitions. A gallery, according to the plans, projects into the Sunday school room and surrounds it on three A sliding door divides the church from the school room, and is arranged so that the church and school can be readily thrown into one. When so arranged the building will accommodate a large audience within sight and hearing of the speaker. The basement will contain a dining room, kitchen, pantry, lavatories, and also the heating apparatus. The heating is to be by indirect steam, the air passing over passing over a large coil by which it is to be heated. It is then forced by a large fan, driven by an electric motor, into all parts of the building. The building is Romanesque in style. The exterior is of Romanesque in style. Montreal limestone with trimmings of ol-The interior finish green sandstone. will be polished whitewood.

Taylor Church The new uated on the corner of Papineau road and Logan street, opposite the site of the old military burial ground. The outside dimensions are 67 feet by 130 feet. The auditorium is 64 feet by 64 feet, and the Sunday school 65 feet by 65 feet. choir and organ are behind the raised platform in a corner of the church, and from the front of the platform the pews radiate. A gallery runs round the church and is continued round the Sunday The church with gallery will seat 900 persons. The principal entrance to the church is from the Papineau road, with side entrances to the church and Sunday school on Logan street. The church is built with imported fire brick of a beautiful russet colour.

The history of Taylor Church congre gation, is interesting, showing as it does the gallant struggle made by a few families to establish a Presbyterian, church in the East End, and, after years of hard and successful work, steady growth and perseverance, their ultimate triumph, it having been found necessary to erect a larger building to seat the present congregation. On Sunday, July 23, 1876, the commission appointed by Montreal Presbytery, consisting of Rev. Dr. Taylor, Moderator, and others, organized them into a congregation of the Canada Presbyterian Church, having 31 names on the communion roll. Since then the on the communion roll. history church has had a chequered Since the settlement of its present pastor, the Rev. Thos. Bennett, on Dec. 1st, 1885, its progress has been steady, until now there are 246 names on the communion roll, and 325 scholars in the Sunday school. Last year it raised for Church purposes \$2,183.

Church is s:ti The new Knox uated at the corner of Dorchester and Maxfield streets. The pastor, the Rev. James Fleck, B. A., at the laying of the corner stone, gave a historical sketch of the con-It was founded in gregation's history. It was founded in March, 1786, by the Rev. John Bethune, who hired a large room and gathered his co-religionists in Montreal for public worship. This was the first Protestant place of worship in the Province of Quebec. On September 26, 1791, the lot was bought and the contract given. The dibought and the contract given. The dimensions of the church were to be 54 feet long and 40 feet wide. It cost £1,056, of That was our first church and paid. building and the first Protestant church of any kind in the Province of Quebec. While their church was being built the congregation worshipped in the Recoilet Roman Catholic Church. The sacrament of the Lord's Supress was administrated. of the Lord's Supper was administered there by the Rev. Mr. Young, according to the Presbyterian form. In all the history of the Church there is nothing better worth noting than this. The only remuneration the Recoilet Fathers would accept was a present of two hogsheads of Spanish wines and a box of candles. The church was opened for public worship on October 7, 1792, and the amount of collection on the occasion was £3 17s. The Rev. John Young was succeeded by the Rev. Jas. Somerville, of the Relief Presbytery of Glasgow. At his death in 1837 he bequeathed £1,000 for the erection of a manse. It was in connection with his settlement that St. Andrew's church was formed as an offshoot. The next o is shoot was that of St. Paul's, twenty-eight Twenty years of litigation years after. with the Kirk of Scotland Presbytery over the church property, caused by its adhering to Free Church principles, were settled by a compromise, the congrega-tion agreeing to accept from the Presbytery of the Church of Scotland the sum of \$5,800 and relinquish all its claims. A new church was built on its present site, then considered out in the fields, in 1865, at a cost of nearly \$23,000. The Rev. Dr. Irvine and Rev. R. M. Thornton were successively pastors until 1876, when the Rev. James Fleck, B. A., from Armagh, Ireland, became pastor. The chairman, Mr. Paul, then read a statement of the documents and items enclosed in the corner stone The store was then laid by Mr. W. D. McLaren, and congratulatory addresses were delivered by a number of local and visiting clergymen and laymen, when the services were closed with the of the doxology and singing pronouncing of the benedation by pastor.

A Galashiels tradesman had an extraordinary adventure with an eagle lately on the hills between Steel Road Station and Riccarton Junction. It happened between 12 and 1 o'clock, when the sun was shining in a cloudless sky. He was startled by an unaccountable shadow, and almost on the instant he was struck on the head and his hat knocked off. On looking up, he saw a large eagle hovering over him and poising for another swoop. Fortunately, he had an umbrella in his hand, and with it he managed to defend himself.—Westminster Gazette.

## PRESBYTERY MEETINGS.

The Presbytery of Huron held a regular meeting in Blyth, July 11th, Mr. J. A. McDonald was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Commissioners to the Assembly reported in due form. Rev. Messrs. McRae, of Cranbrook; Thomson, of Hamilton, and Taylor, of Blyth, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. A call was sustained from the congregations of Leeburn and Union church, Goderich township, to Rev. M. McKay. Mr. McKay accepted the call and his ordination was appointed to take place on the first of August at 2 p.m., Mr. McDonald to preside .- A. McLean, Clerk.

The Ottawa Presbytery met Aug. 1st Rev. Mr. Doudiet was unanimously elected The Clerk, read a let Moderator. H: Beatt, Rev. a letter from Rev. Mr. Mogee, of Aylmer, tendering his resignation. He goes to take charge of the Home Mission Committee work in British Columbia. The resignation, after many expressions of regret, was ac cepted. The Commissioners to the General Assembly meeting at Brantford re-The Presbytery Clerk read extract of a minute of the General Assembly regarding the reception of Rev.

T. W Winfield, lately of the Reformed Episcopal Church, into the Church. The Moderator asked Mr. Winfield the usual questions in receiving a minister, all being properly answered, the clergy gathered around him and shook hands in welcome. Rev. F. W. Farries, of New Berne, N.C., asked for his Presbyterial certificate, which was granted. The congregation of Stewarton Church granted permission, to make extensions to their church, to increase the mortgage on the building \$2,500.

The Presbytery of Guelph, held its usual bi-monthly meeting in Knox church, Guelph, on Tuesday, the 8th of July. Notice was given of a motion to overture the General Assembly so to change its rules of procedure as to render a ruling elder as well as a minister eligible for the office of Moderator of Presbytery. Rev. Henry Norris, of Glenallan and Hollin, was unanimously chosen to occupy the chair, which he took, and returned thanks for the appointment. Mr. Burns appeared before the Presbytery and addressed it on behalf of the Aged and Infirm Min-isters' Endowment Fund. At the close of his address it was resolved that the Presbytery thank him for the information furnished, record its appreciation of the service he has rendered since he under took the agency, express their sympathy with him in the efforts he is making to increase the Endowment, and its willingness to render him what assistance it can. The clerk was appointed to co-operate with him in bringing the wants and merits of the scheme before the congregations in the bounds and appealing to them for suitable encouragement and liberal contributions. Extract minutes of Assembly were read to the effect that the application made for leave to Drs. Wardrope and Middlemiss to retire from the active duties of the ministry with an interest in the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, had been granted by the General Assembly at the late meeting. Mr. Craig reported that at the request of Mr. Innes he had moderated in a call in Chalmers' church, Elora, which had come out in favour of Mr. R. K. Horne, B.A., LL.B., a licentiate of the Church. His LL.B., a licentiate of the Church. His conduct having been approved, the call was laid upon the table signed by 127 members and 36 adherents, with a guarantee of stipend at the rate of nine hundred dollars yearly, payable monthly, and the free use of the manse. Commissioners from the Session and congregation were heard in support of the call, after which it was sustained, and ordered to be transmitted to Mr. Horne for his decision. In the event of his accepting, the Clerk was authorized to prescribe trials for ordination, and to call a meeting to receive the same, and, should they prove satisfactory, to proceed without delay to his settlement.
A paragraph of a letter from Dr. Mid-

dlemiss, late of Elora, but now in Edinburgh, was read conveying his Christian salutation to the brethren, and that, on the whole, there was improvement in his health since he left for Britain.

The Winnipeg Presbytery met at 3 p.m. on July 11th. The Rev. Principal Grant Prof. Thomson, Rev. Peter Wright, of Portage la Prairie; Rev. A. Manson, of New Westminster, and P. F. Langell, of Vernon, B.C., being present, were invited to sit with the Presbytery as corresponding members. Notification from the General Assembly was read to the effect that the division of the Presbytery with the view to the establishment of a new Presbytery in northwestern Ontario, was postponed for one year; it was also reported that the General Assembly had granted leave to the Presbytery to receive and ordain Mr. Alfred Fowler, of Morris. It was agreed to notify that the Presbytery will be ready to take action on his permission at its next regu-

## Dyspepsia

causing distress after eating, sour stomach, sick headache, heartburn, loss of appetite a faint, "all gone" feeling, bad taste, coated

Distress tongue, and irregularity of the bowels. Dyspepsia does After not get well of itself. It Eating requires careful attention, and a remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which acts gently, yet efficiently. it tones the stomach, regulates the digestion, creates a good ap-

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burn would have a faint or tired. ill-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten anything. My trouble was aggravated by my business, painting. Last Sour spring I took Hood's Sar-saparilla, which did me an Stomach immense amount of good. It gave me an appetite, and my food relished and satisfied the craving I had previously experienced. GEORGE A. PAGE, Watertown, Mass.

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ley, the committee on the theological department of Manitoba College was instructed to prepare a scheme to be reported at the next meeting so that means may be adopted to urge on Sessions and congregations the need of larger contributions to the theological fund. B. Mitchell, on behalf of the Deacon's Court of Westminster church, wrote to the effect that the congregation had been unable to find a site within the bounds formerly assigned, stating that a lot had been purchased on the southeast corner of Charlotte and Notre Dame streets, and asking that this site be approved of by the Presbytery. It was moved by Mr. Colin H. Campbell, seconded by Mr. John Hogg: That the Presbytery in view of the representations of the congregation of Westminster church that they had been unable to secure a site within the been unable to secure a site within the limits assigned, approve of the site now chosen. It was moved in amendment by Dr. DuVal, seconded by Rev. Jos. Hogg, that "the Presbytery decline to grant the petition, and observe the original decision in order that peace may be preserved in the Presbyterian family." After a lengthy deliberation, the motion was carried. Dr. DuVal thereupon gave notice, on behalf of the Session of Knox church, protesting and appealing against this decision to the Synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. It was agreed to instruct Westminster church to desist procedure of work on the church until the next meeting of the Presbytery, which is to be held on Thursday, the 21st inst., for the purpose of receiving the appeal of Knox church, and the reasons by which it supports its actions.

## PREJUDICES AND OBJECTIONS DISAP-PEARING.

During the past few years the people of Canada, and, in fact, of the whole world in general, have looked with more favour on the subject of life insurance, and it can be safely said to-day that a great many of the old-time prejudices and objections against it are gradually disappearing.

Nearly all business men will agree that stocks, bonds, and other securities will at times depreciate in value, but a life insurance policy in a responsible company will always be worth its full face value at maturity.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn, whose name is favourably known over the whole of this continent, considers the subject of life insurance a theme ent, considers the subject of life insurance a theme of vital importance, and which should engage the attention of every sound and sensible-minded man. Other gentlemen of equal ability to the reverend gentleman named have also pronounced their views in a similar manner in regard to the subject.

When such eminent men as those referred to speak so favourably and with such emphasis in regard to the importance of the subject, we think any one with ordinary intelligence should not be opposed to it on any moral ground whatever.

The reports issued by the insurance department from year to year show that the leading Canadian land the subject is the volume of the subject in the subject in the volume of the subject in the subject in the volume of the subject in the subject

life companies have made rapid strides in the volume of new business, insurance in force, assets, and surplus for their policy-holders, and this is particul-

surplus for their policy-noiders, and this is particularly noticeable in the case of the North American Life Assurance Company.

To any desirous of placing insurance on their lives, the following suggestions are offered:

Select a Company which is successful.

Has ample assets over and above all liabilities.

Has a competent, experienced, and economical management

Is known to be prompt in the payment of its death claims.

Can offer a choice variety of plans—investment

Can offer a choice variety of plans—investment and otherwise—to select from.

The North American Life Assurance Company, head office in Toronto, Ont., possesses all the abovenamed requisites, and persons contemplating insurance will do well to communicate with that Company.

Ram's Horn: Whenever the devil asks a man to take a step away from God, he first tries to convince him that he lar meeting. On motion of Mr. McKin- is doing it with a good motive.