

presides over the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico. He is held in the highest esteem by the people of all churches, and makes his influence felt in the extensive mission work of the State. The readers of the REVIEW will be pleased to know that the Canadian-born men of the West are noted for their strong adherence to orthodoxy. Not a few Canadians are found in the membership of the Churches in Colorado and, whilst they are all warmly attached to the land of their nativity, they have "stood transplanting well."

#### THE NEW HYMNAL: A COMPLAINT.

AN esteemed minister of the church has sent us the following communication, dated Saturday, from Montreal. We give it the publicity desired, as some important points are involved, but we are not in a position, at this writing, to throw any light on the questions raised. Those responsible in the matter, however, should investigate the complaint, and the facts should be given wide publicity. 'T were a pity should any real grievance mar the good will with which the new Hymnal has thus far been received, and the whole question here raised should be attended to:

1. Yesterday, Friday the 20th Aug. a friend tried, in several shops in Montreal, to purchase the New Canadian Presbyterian Hymnal with the full Psalter, and found there were none to be had; he was told, only the editions with Hymns and selection of Psalms, were to be had in this city.

Is this true? that the complete edition has not been placed on the market to-day, although those with the selections are freely offered for sale.

2. It is said, a Methodist Book Room in Toronto has bought these books, at a cheaper rate, than they are sold for cash, direct from England to Presbyterian book-sellers.

Is it true, that Methodist book-sellers have received an advantage in buying a Presbyterian book, over the regular Presbyterian book-sellers?

3. It is reported, that the Editor of the *Record* is now packing up his effects in Montreal, to remove to Toronto, because he can get his printing done cheaper in Toronto.

Is it true, that the printing of such a pamphlet can be done cheaper in Toronto than in Montreal?

Was there an open tender, on equal terms, to various houses in those two cities?

If you, Mr. Editor, can throw any light on these matters it will be to general advantage.—"A."

#### THE BATTLE FOR THE LORD'S DAY.

In this contest those who are fighting in defence of God's Day have attained a large measure of success.

As a result of the united effort represented by the Lord's Day Alliance, Sunday Cars have by legislation obtained in 1895 and 1897 been prohibited in Ottawa, Brockville, Kingston, Belleville, Peterborough, Oshawa, London, Brantford, St. Thomas, Chatham, Sarnia, and many others places. This as the result of only two years' work should call forth much thankfulness. It should call forth more. It should lead to a most determined effort, by God's help, and by means of a more widespread and thorough organization to make the success complete, the victory final and Provincial. In this warfare the only safe plan of campaign is to advance. If we do not hold strongly the position thus gained and go forward from it to achieve a greater victory, most assuredly the enemies of the day of rest will advance upon us. We trust that at the coming conference there will be a specially strong representation from those parts of the Province most affected by Sunday traffic and labor. Only through united Provincial

action can the Sunday problem as it presents itself in any locality be dealt with. Moreover, friends coming from these places will be able by their reports to open the eyes of some people to the wide extent of evil to be combatted and the truly Provincial character of the contest!

Recent events show more clearly than ever that the fight for the preservation of the Lord's Day must be carried on against powerful and wealthy corporations in all parts of the Province. To meet this, what is needed is an uprising of all the organized forces which make for righteousness in this country. The Lord's Day Alliance seeks to be a rallying point in this struggle and a bond of union between all organized bodies that seek to take an active part in preserving for all people in our land the Sabbath which God made for man

#### CONCERNING ECONOMY.

ECONOMY in church administration is a subject deserving of the best attention of the committees and managers. There are but few congregations indeed in which there is no waste of effort or waste of money, and the agencies for work as well as the financial methods often require overhauling and re-organization. Without entering into detail, if pastors and managers enquire into their administration, into their revenues and outlays, it is more than likely they will find leaks that can be stopped so that energy and money may be saved. In the higher courts, the scarcity of funds has, as a rule, acted as a severe financial censor, and yet it is probable that overlapping and intermingling of interests may cause a greater drain on the resources of the church than is absolutely necessary. As methods of work change from year to year the financial requirements and arrangements change, and in the transition too often the finances are not adjusted properly to the changed conditions. As the time is drawing near for taking up the season's work anew, these questions merit the consideration of those concerned.

#### CREEDS AND CONDUCT.

MUCH has been written about the great Lambeth Conference of Bishops, and the event still furnishes themes for learned ingenious articles for the press. The importance given to conduct rather than to creeds and church questions is emphasized. In the programme the order in which the topics for discussion was placed gave precedence to temperance, purity, sanctity of marriage, industrial problems, international arbitration, over the more directly religious questions, the fact has produced comment, because the Bishops of the Anglican Church were not looked upon as favoring so prominent a discussion of each topic as enumerated, but it is evident the Church of England is moving with the times, and embracing in her sphere of work many social questions hitherto left to secular organizations.

The great Scotch evangelist Rev. John Robertson, D.D., of Glasgow, will begin next Sabbath in Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, a series of evangelistic services, which will continue for two weeks. There will be three services on Sabbath and each week night meeting will begin with a Praise Service at 7.30. Dr. Robertson succeeded Rev. John McNeil in Edinburgh, and now preaches to the masses, in a large tabernacle in Glasgow. He was associated with Moody in Chicago, during the World's Fair, and last winter was one of the principle speakers in the great religious Campaign in Philadelphia. Last summer he conducted meetings for six weeks in the Tremont Temple, Boston. Visitors to the Exhibition may expect a treat.