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to our staff will enable the Presbytery to enter new fields, where large numbers of emigrants are taking up land and forming settlements.

Your Committee at its meeting in October, on the recommendation of the Presbytery of Manitoba, voted the sum of \$100 to Professor Hart, as a small recognition of his services in mission work during the former year, and further agreed to give him at the rate of \$200 per annum while engaged in such work.

Your Committee, at the meeting in October, passed a resolution, "Requiring the Presbytery of Manitoba hereafter to retain the resignation of any Missionary, until the Committee has been corresponded with and time allowed to supply his place."

Your Committee, in common with the Presbytery of Manitoba, have again to express their thanks to Joseph McKay, Esq., of Montreal, who has this year, as last, interested himself in raising a fund to aid in the building of churches.

The Grant of \$200 promised by the Irish Church toward Mr. Donaldson's salary, has not been received for the present year.

LAKE SUPERIOR REGION.

The stations in the Lake Superior district were supplied during the last summer by students sent by the Missionary Society of Knox College. Mr. Ronnelson was stationed at Sault St. Marie; Mr. McPherson at Silver Islet, and Mr. McKerracher at Prince Arthur's Landing.

MUSKOKA.

The Muskoka district, under the care of the Presbytery of Simcoe, has been successfully worked, during the past year, by Mr. Marples, assisted by Probationers and students, and the members of the Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Toronto reports that the work has been carried on within the bounds of the Presbytery during the year with about the same success as in former years.

Perhaps the most important feature in the H. M. work of the Presbytery during the year has been the erection of a church and the formation of a new congregation in the north-west of the city.

Self-denial is not peculiar to Christians. He who goes downward often puts forth as much force to kill a noble nature as another does to annihilate a sinful one.—H. W. Stebbins

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery of Montreal report considerable activity in church building during the year. At Hemmingford a neat little brick church has been erected to accommodate 200.

Church extension in the City of Hamilton progresses favorably. The Mission station known as the Wentworth St. Mission, was last Autumn organized into a congregation with a communion roll of between thirty and forty members.

Mission work in connection with all other Presbyteries of the Church has been carried on during the year with more or less success, but your Convener has been unable to procure further details of work accomplished in time for the report.

"The Heavenly Vision," &c.

We are pleased to know that Mr. Cochran's Volume of Sermons, recently published, has been well received in the Maritime Provinces.

We learn from the preface that these sermons were all preached by their author in the course of their ordinary pulpit ministrations to his own congregation, and that they have been published at the urgent request of some of those who heard them.

Mr. Cochran has been a remarkably successful pastor. When he took charge of Zion Church, Brantford, the congregation was small and burdened, with an exceedingly heavy debt.

We have given these particulars regarding one of the ablest ministers of the Canada Presbyterian Church, because he is very soon, we trust, to be a minister of the "Presbyterian Church in Canada," and therefore, one of ourselves.

A saint of God may suffer and not sin, but he cannot sin and not suffer.

Young Ladies' College, Brantford.

This enterprise is being pushed with commendable vigor, already \$55,000 of the stock has been subscribed.

The *Expositor* says.—We understand the plans are now complete and that the work of alteration and enlargement will be proceeded with at once.

Presentation to the Rev. Professor Mackerras.

Among the many delightful reminiscences of the late meeting of the Kirk Synod held at Ottawa, none is more deserving of notice than that to which we now allude—the presentation to the worthy Synod Clerk of an address couched in terms the most affectionate and complimentary, conveying to the learned Professor an expression of the esteem and regard of a numerous circle of friends, representing, as we fully believe, the sentiments of all to whom he is known throughout the wide Dominion of Canada.

Rev. J. H. Mackerras, M.A.—Dear Sir,—In recognition of eminently successful services rendered to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland; in testimony of admiration for your abilities and great courtesy as the Clerk of Synod; in acknowledgment of your high attainments as Professor of Classical Literature in Queen's College; that we may evidence our gratitude for the noble manner in which you upheld the cause of our Church and College at a time when the interests of both were imperiled, and also as an assurance of our personal regard and esteem of our continued confidence, and of our lasting affection for you.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of a few of your friends, ask your acceptance of the accompanying gift of one thousand dollars, along with our best wishes for the health and happiness of yourself, Mrs. Mackerras and your dear daughter.

Ottawa, June 10, 1874.—*Kingston News.*

Success.

Success does not come by chance; Providence helps those who help themselves. We may fancy that two men adopt the same means towards the attainment of the same end, and because one succeeds and the other fails, we may say one is more fortunate than the other.

It is a custom in the Alps to come out at sunset, when the day is finished and the work is done, with uncovered head, to worship God! If all men would stop their and take breath, and count one!

Shall the Children Come to Church?

Why do not the children come to church? The minister asks the question; the parent asks it; the ecclesiastical council ask it. The fact is that a very small proportion of our children go to church.

The trouble is that the minister expects the youngsters to come to church not so much to worship as to hear the sermon. In a great many churches the worship is not of such a character as to enlist their attentive co-operation; and in eight churches out of ten, the sermon has no interest for them, because they cannot understand it.

There are some pastors who have a happy way of interesting both old and young. They do not talk baby talk in the pulpits, nor do they make their sermons entirely out of words of three letters; but they have a plainness of speech and a facility with illustrations, that make the children welcome.

Results of Some Ministries.

The final result of some ministries appears to be a Gothic chapel in the place of the less ornamental but more serviceable old meeting-house. The good man feels that he has ministered to edification as a wise master-builder, when he hears passers-by say of his new edifice, "What a gem of a place!"

Out Your Coat According to the Cloth.

When we see that the Prince of Wales is three hundred thousand dollars in debt, notwithstanding his enormous income, we are forcibly reminded that it is not the amount of money a man gets that makes him well off, but the margin between the income and the outgo.

Next to the evil of living beyond one's means is that of spending all one's income. There are multitudes who are sailing so near shore that a slight wind in the wrong direction founders them.

Mr. M. D. Conway, the London correspondent of the *New York Commercial*, in one of his late letters, speaks of the decline of Unitarianism in London.

Power of the Human Eye.

A Professor in Vermont, who was a believer in the power of the human eye, realized the truth of the doctrine to his sorrow. Determined to convince the sceptics of its truth, he selected a ferocious bull, who was the terror of the neighborhood, as the object of his experiment.

Development of False Theology.

Unitarianism in Ireland came into disrepute and recognized existence at the time of the great debate between Dr. Cooke and Dr. Montgomery in the Synod of Ulster. It has lived a sober, respectable life since that time, with very little positive influence on either its friends or its foes.

Freeness of the Gospel.

I recollect great complaint being made against a sermon of mine, "Compel them to come in," in which I spoke with much tenderness for souls. That sermon was said to be Arminian and unsound.

"The streams of religion run deeper or shallower," says Calcott, "as the banks of the Sabbath are kept up or neglected."

A Roman Catholic priest has taken up his residence among the lepers on Molokai, one of the Sandwich Islands.

The number of students who have completed their studies at the Divinity Halls in Glasgow, Edinburgh, St. Andrew's, and Aberdeen, and who are candidates for license to preach, is forty-one, and it is gratifying to observe that nearly a half of these are graduates in arts.

In the Free Church there is an increase of £15,000 in the Sustentation Fund, and an advance in the Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Two large bequests have just been made, one of \$27,000 to the Free Church, by Mr. Froeland, and one of over £50,000, by Mr. Getty, to the Irish Church.

In Rome two Protestant churches, both of them Episcopalian, are making rapid progress to completion. The English Church in the Piazza di San Silvestro, near the centre of the city, will be finished in the course of the Summer.

Prof. Swing's popularity is increasing so rapidly in Chicago that the members of his church have about decided to erect a new and large structure where all who desire to hear him can be accommodated.

The generic difference between a wise man and a fool is, whether he governs his passions or his passions him. All this is right within us must be resolved into means of perpetual progress towards perfection by divine grace; and everything wrong must be repressed by sagacious moderation.