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TIME AGAIN EXTENDED.

The entire absence of snow during the early part of the winter rendered it difficult for farmers to get out their produce to market, as well as impeded the canvass which kind friends in many localities were prosecuting in behalf of THE PRESBYTERIAN. Indeed, in many cases no canvass was made, as the work was deferred until sleighing. This being the case, we have decided to extend the time for completing lists of names up till the 1ST OF MARCH NEXT. All new subscribers whose names are entered on our list before that date will be entitled to a copy of the "Presbyterian Year Book;" and all old subscribers who are not in arrears, remitting for 1878, will likewise receive a copy of this invaluable work.

The Meaford "Monitor" refers to the "Year Book" in the following terms:—"Each 'Year Book' is an improvement on its predecessor. And the one for this year is particularly rich in information regarding the large and influential Church whose name it bears. * * * Every lover of Augustine, Calvin and Knox must peruse this little work with pride and pleasure. The editor, Rev. James Cameron, Chatsworth, has done his work admirably. We bespeak for the 'Year Book' the large circulation among the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church which it merits. Anyone who wishes to know the strength and influence of Presbyterianism throughout the world can form an approximation thereto by conning this excellent 'Year Book.'" The table of contents is given in full on the last page of this issue. A look at it will convey some idea of the value of the "Year Book" for reference.

We ask our friends to push the canvass with vigor during the next two weeks. There are many in every congregation who will subscribe, if asked.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE death of Rev. Dr. Alexander Duff is announced. Another grand old hero gone to his reward.

THE Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Brighton, England, is at present supplying the pulpit of Cote Street Church, Montreal.

THE "Sentinel" pronounces the lecture delivered last week in Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, by Rev. John Smith, of this city, on "Church Song," "excellently able and interesting."

THE Rev. A. Kennedy, of London, desires us to say that he will return to parties who remitted for the "Princeton Review" for 1878 the difference between the former and the present price of the "Quarterly,"

on their mailing him a postal card intimating the reception of the January number.

THE Presbyterians of Welland are making preparations for the early settlement of the Rev. Mr. Beamer, to whom they lately extended a call. Trusting to its promised acceptance they have leased a house, as a manse, for a term of years.

THE Home Mission Committee is advertised to meet in the Deacon's Court room of Knox Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 26th March, at 2 p.m. A full attendance is desirable, as business of importance is to be brought before the Committee. Congregations are earnestly requested to forward their annual contributions to the Rev. Dr. Reid before that date.

AT the anniversary meeting of the Barrie Sabbath School, Mr. John Black, the superintendent, to whose fostering care it prospered may be very largely attributed, was presented with a handsome morocco purse, containing over one hundred dollars in gold. An appreciative address, read by the Rev. John Leiper, accompanied the gift, to which Mr. Black made a feeling reply.

WE notice with pleasure that Dr. Cochrane, the indefatigable Convener of the Home Mission Committee, has been nominated by the Presbytery of Paris as Moderator of next General Assembly. No more fitting appointment could be made. Dr. Cochrane has well earned the distinction, and we trust that other Presbyteries may make similar nominations, and that the election may be unanimous.

ST. PAUL'S, (Montreal) Sunday School Teachers' Association held their annual meeting recently, when the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year. Mr. J. L. Morris, Superintendent; Mr. T. M. Henderson, Secretary; Mr. Jas. McGregor, Treasurer; Mr. McNish, Representative to the Montreal Sabbath School Association; Messrs. A. Arthur, J. Fair and — Cushing, Librarians.

A SCOTTISH exchange says: "The Rev. William Snodgrass, D.D., late Principal of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada, recently inducted to the church and parish of Canonbie, has received from friends in Canada a draft for £200 sterling, which he has been asked by them to accept 'as a very inadequate expression, but a most sincere indication of their respect for him personally, and of their estimate of the services, which, during his residence amongst them, he has rendered both to the Queen's University and to the Canadian Church at large.'"

A CORRESPONDENT makes the following timely suggestion.—"It is to be hoped that the members of our choirs will set themselves to work during the winter to do what they can to improve the psalmody in the congregation they belong to. Every individual member has a work to do in this connection. No precentor or leader can do it alone. The members of a choir should work with a will, never be absent from practice; always in their places in good time at both services on Sabbath; ever ready to follow the directions of the precentor; and above all, never lose sight of the sacredness of the work they have undertaken to do."

THE report of the Sabbath School in connection with the Presbyterian Church at Barrie indicates pros-

perity. The roll for the year contains 270 names, yielding an average attendance of 155. The number of volumes taken out of the library during the year was 3,200, and there were 1,300 copies of the SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN distributed. The children contributed \$107.50 for missionary purposes; and this amount was apportioned as follows: Muskoka, \$30.30; French Mission, \$27.07; China, \$22.44; India, \$27.19. Mr. Black continues to discharge most efficiently the duties of superintendent; and he is assisted by a full staff of faithful teachers.

PRINCIPAL DAWSON, LL.D., of McGill College, Montreal, is at present delivering a course of lectures in the Presbyterian College in that city, on the "Geological Structure of Palestine and neighboring countries in its relation to Scripture History." The first lecture was introductory; the special subject of the second was "Egypt;" the third, which is to be delivered this evening, will discuss "Sinai;" the fourth, on the 22nd inst., will treat of "Palestine;" and the fifth and last, on March 1st, will have for its subject "The Dead Sea." These lectures are open to all ministers theological students in Montreal, and these gentlemen are indeed highly favored; but we hope the lectures will be published, so that others may be benefited by the arduous studies of this eminent physicist.

THE Kingston "News" says:—"The Mayor, Mr. McIntyre, has intimated to the Senate of Queen's College his intention to place at their disposal a gold medal for presentation at the end of the session, to be known as "The Mayor's Gold Medal, 1878." There is a peculiar fitness in this action of the Mayor, as he is a graduate of Queen's University, and he has expressed his reason for instituting the medal in language that must cause it to be appreciated highly by the Senate and the students. He does it "in grateful recollection of his student days." We trust that this action so promptly taken by the Mayor may induce his successors in office to pursue a similar course, and we are sure that the "Mayor's Gold Medal" will be an object for Kingston students especially to aim at."

AS stated last week, a course of six lectures, under the auspices of the Presbyterian congregations of Montreal, are being delivered in Knox Church, Montreal. The date of one of the lectures having been changed, we give herewith the corrected programme:—Thursday, 14th February, "The Pioneers of the Presbyterian Reformation," by Rev. J. S. Black; Thursday, 21st February, "The Catholicity of the Presbyterian Church," by Rev. Prof. Campbell, M.A.; Thursday, 28th February, "Presbyterian Church Psalmody," by Prof. J. McLaren; Thursday, 14th March, "The Presbyterian Church in its Relation to Civil Liberty and Social Progress," by Rev. S. S. Stobbs; Thursday, 21st March, "The Presbyterian Churches of America," by Rev. G. H. Wells; Thursday, 28th March, "The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church," by Rev. Principal MacVicar, LL.D. Tickets for the full course, admitting all the members of the same family to all the lectures, \$1. Admission to a single lecture, 25 cents. Proceeds in behalf of the Library Fund of the Presbyterian College, Montreal. It will be seen from the above that the second lecture of the course takes place on Thursday next, 21st February. "The Catholicity of the Presbyterian Church," is the subject. In the hands of Rev. Prof. Campbell, an able, instructive and popular lecture may be confidently expected.