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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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OLD ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

As will be seen from our report in another column of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Toronto at its March meetings, the congregation of Old St. Andrew's had been granted to build on the lot situated at the corner of Jarvis and Carlton streets. This is certainly one of the finest sites in the city for a new and handsome church.

We have seen the plans of the new buildings which have been prepared by Mr. Langley, architect. From the external point of view, the structure will have an imposing appearance. The view facing Jarvis street is very fine. With a substantial and lofty spire at the north-west corner, and a smaller spire at the south-west, the building promises to occupy the ground to great advantage.

We congratulate the Rev. Mr. Milligan on the success which has thus far attended him during the brief period of his settlement in Toronto. It says much for one thus enabled to secure a valuable site for the Presbyterian cause, and to carry his congregation unanimously with him.

By the way would it not be well for the congregation to baptize their new building with some better title than Old St. Andrew's. The name will be confusing in the extreme.

THE HATCHAM FIASCO.

It is, 'tis true, the case of the Rev. Mr. Tooth has ended in smoke. Every one deserves commiseration who is on the point of dying game, and something turns up that prevents the final catastrophe. Mr. Tooth was about to be enrolled amongst the noble army of martyrs, when all in a moment his persecution has come to an end.

Seriously, what sort of men are these who put so much stress on such mere externals of religion. Look at the conduct of Rev. Mr. Tooth in the light of the Apostle's noble resolve, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of my Lord Jesus Christ."

This case ought surely to rouse the people of the Church of England on the matter of spiritual jurisdiction. For the Church to be governed by the State, to have Parliament enacting laws concerning Church worship, to place in the hands of Government the punishment of refractory clergymen, is surely a caricature on religion.

Scotland such a state of matters is rendered impossible. The people have fought, and suffered, and died heroic deaths to accomplish their spiritual freedom. It is not for the State to interfere either with the practices of the clergy, or to punish them for rebellion.

ROLLS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The time is drawing near when Presbytery Clerks prepare their rolls for the approaching meetings of Synod. A considerable diversity in making up these rolls last year is apparent, some Presbyteries inserting and others excluding mission stations, though many of these stations are regularly organized, with sessions and representative elders.

TORONTO CHURCH EXTENSION ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this body will be held on the 29th of the present month. All payments of members subscriptions must be made some days before this date. It is hoped that diligence will be used in the several congregations of the city and make the list of members larger than during the previous year.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

The annual distribution of prizes to the students of this institution took place lately. Before the proceedings proper began, the students and others partook of an excellent repast provided by Mrs. Bryce and Mrs. Hart.

It appears from remarks made by Rev. Prof. Bryce, that one of the medalists in passing an examination in the military school in Kingston, a short time ago, ranked second in order of merit in the whole dominion; and that two of the former students of Manitoba College are now taking honors in many of the examinations in Toronto University.

ZENANA MISSIONS IN BENGAL.

The "Zenana" is the apartment, or set of apartments, reserved in the house of a Mohammedan gentleman in India for the females of his family, and differs from the Turkish "Seraglio" only in this respect, that the word "Zenana" does not necessarily convey the idea of polygamy, while the word "Seraglio" does. As far as seclusion is concerned, the former term is quite as strong as the latter.

ary to India ought to be, if not a doctor of medicine, at least a trained nurse. The number of English and American ladies now engaged in the work is about sixty, and missions are in operation in Calcutta and its suburbs, in Dacca, Patna, Benares, Allahabad, Lucknow, Fettehgar, Bareilly, Sbatjehanpore, Agra, Delhi, Umritsur, Lahore, and other cities.

Ministers and Churches.

[We urgently solicit from Presbytery Clerks and our readers generally, items for this department of our paper, so as to make it a general epitome of all local church news.]

The Rev. Dr. Hogg, the esteemed minister of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, died on Saturday morning, 8th inst. An extended notice of the deceased will appear in our next issue.

On Wednesday evening, 21st ult., a concert was given in the drill shed, Nelson Village, to aid in liquidating the remaining debt on the sheds of the Presbyterian Church. A large company assembled; Rev. E. W. Waits, pastor of the congregation, presided; the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the concert displayed great talent; and the proceeds amounted to eighty dollars.

A TEA MEETING was recently held in the Oil Exchange Hall, Petrolia, under the auspices of the Presbyterian congregation in that place, and in behalf of the Church funds. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McRobbie, and addresses were delivered by himself and three other clergymen whose names we have not ascertained.

The annual soiree of St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, held on the evening of March 1st, was in every way a marked success. After tea, the pastor in the chair, a thoroughly enjoyable programme was gone through. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Macdonnell, of Toronto; Hogg and Ross, members of Whitby Presbytery; and Craig, Clarke, Miller and Hare, resident ministers. Pieces of sacred music by the choir and solos by some of its members were rendered with very pleasing effect.

The annual soiree of Knox Church, Mount Forest, held under the auspices of the Ladies Association, was pleasant and successful. After partaking of ertables in the basement, the people gathered in the body of the church and filled it to overflowing. In due time the pastor, the Rev. Mr. McMillan, took the chair, and introduced the lecturer of the evening, the Rev. Dr. Robb of Cooke's Church, Toronto. The large audience listened with rapt attention to the reverend gentleman, who delivered in a masterly style one of his most famous lectures. The proceeds, which went to help the Ladies Aid Association, amounted to upwards of \$100.

The financial report of Knox Church, Elora, shows that the congregation is in a very prosperous state. The total amount raised during the year 1876 was \$8816.60. Of this \$1225.84 was for the building fund; \$1,200 to pay the stipend of the minister, Rev. A. D. McDonald; and the missionary contributions amounted to \$208.72, apportioned as follows.—Knox College, \$28; Home Mission, \$78; Foreign Mission, \$18; Widows' Fund, \$5; Assembly Fund, \$15; French Evangelization, \$46.69; German Mission, \$5; Presbytery Fund, \$12; Knox College Building Fund, \$40; Synod Fund, \$1; Cullen Fund, \$1.50; S. S. and Bible class Missions, \$23.58.

Dr. CAMPBELL'S Bible class, (Union Church, Westminster), presented him last Thursday evening with an address and a purse containing \$35. The doctor made a suitable reply thanking them for this very tangible manifestation of their regard. The address was read by Miss Mary Me-