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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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OUR GENERAL AGENTS.

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The House of Commons has again refused to abolish compulsory church rates in Scotland, which landholders complain of as oppressive.

We are pleased to be able to place before our readers a long and interesting letter from the Rev. A. Dowley, of Madras, India. The rev. gentleman left Toronto on the 10th of January, and reached his destination in safety on the 8rd of April.

The Australian Witness (Anglican) says Mr. Tooth has an imitator in New Zealand. Mr. Carlyon, of Kaitiaki, preached a sermon in which he expressed sympathy with Mr. Tooth. For this reason, and because of the use of candles, crosses, table, colored stoles, altar banners, processions, etc., the vestry asked for his removal.

The great strike in the United States is practically at an end, and the railroads are nearly all running again. In Canada no strike took place, excepting on the Canada Southern, and no violence was done to either persons or property.

The United Presbyterian, published at Pittsburg, Pa., the scene of the bitterest conflict and extensive destruction of property, during the recent strike, writes of the result as follows:

"The heaviest losers by the late strike have been the strikers themselves. They have lost time and pay, but also credit, which is a much more serious one. No one who has taken part in the revolt against his employers can ever again be trusted as he may have been in the past.

On the closing day of the Presbyterian Council an address to the Queen was adopted, from which we make the following extract:-

"We, the ministers and elders commissioned to represent them respectively by forty-nine Presbyterian churches in twenty-five separate countries, and having in all 19,040 ministers and 21,440 congregations, at a general council now being held in Edinburgh, desire to approach your Majesty, as the constitutional chief ruler of the British Empire, with an expression of our unfeigned respect for your throne and government.

HARVEST HOME.

The present season is one of gladness all over the land. It is a season of beauty and of promise. The summer has turned out to be everything that could be desired. It has proved to be, on the whole, temperate, favorable to growth, and most pleasant to all lovers of nature.

But besides being a season of remarkable beauty, it is one of very great promise. It is true that in some districts a lighter harvest is being garnered, than the indications of Spring led us to expect. In others again where the yield is generally a good one, there has been deficiency in the hay or fruit crop.

What will be the immediate result of the good tidings of the harvest that is now being gathered in? We are not amongst those who think that an abundant crop will at once restore trade. The causes of the present dullness in commerce have been too numerous and far reaching to allow of anything but a gradual improvement in business.

first year or two it will be characterized by hard work and small profits, it will eventually issue in a time of great and general prosperity.

Let us trust that the harvest of this year, will be emblematical of the spiritual prosperity and fruitfulness of the churches during the year of work and activity, upon which we shall enter after the season of heat and recreation has passed away.

OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH.

The Presbyterians of Rochester, a suburb of Ottawa, recently organized into a congregation under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Joseph White, B.A., and worshipping temporarily in one of the rooms of the Public School, have, with commendable zeal erected for themselves a commodious and neat church in a prominent position.

The new Church was opened for divine service on the 15th of July. Appropriate discourses were preached on the occasion in the morning by Rev. Mr. Moore, in the afternoon by the Rev. Mr. Gordon, and in the evening by Rev. Mr. Farris.

On Thursday, the 19th, a soiree was held which was a complete success. About 800 persons were present and did ample justice to the good things provided by the ladies. The pastor presided on the occasion. Short addresses were delivered by no less than nine brethren of the Ottawa Presbytery and two brethren of other denominations, and were listened to with great attention by the audience.

We wish the cause at Rochester to be auspiciously begun, great success.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT PARRY SOUND.

We notice by our exchanges that the new church at Parry Sound was opened for worship on Sabbath the 26th by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford. Crowded audiences filled the church and Town Hall where the services were held, as also at the lecture delivered on the Monday evening by the Reverend Gentleman in aid of the funds of the church.

THE BRANTFORD LADIES' COLLEGE.

It is hardly necessary to commend this institution to the patronage of our readers. No one who was present at the last Assembly, and heard the most gratifying report given in by Dr. Cochrane and the remarks of Drs. Topp, Snodgrass, and Waters, as to its efficiency, can for a moment doubt as to its value to the Church at large.

It is that both the witness himself cannot explain it to one who hears it not.—W.

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.

Rev. Dr. Kemp, Principal of the Brantford Female College, conducted both services in Knox Church, Goderich, last Sabbath.

Messrs. JOHN MILLAR and JOHN YOUNIE were ordained elders in the Riverdale congregation on the 28th ult.

A CHANGE having taken place as to the Conventship of the Glenagray Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, all correspondence regarding Home Mission work should be addressed to the Rev. D. H. MacLennan, M.A., Alexandria, Ont.—Com.

The choir of the Presbyterian Church at Lyman's Corners presented Mrs. Neil Dewar the other evening with a handsome set of china dishes. Mr. Dewar is leader of the choir, and the members took this way of showing their gratitude for his services.

THERE were about two hundred communicants in the Presbyterian Church Orillia, last Sunday. The sermon, by Rev. Mr. Leiper of Barrie, was a scholarly effort, and was listened to with great attention. Ten new members, or at the rate of forty per year, says the Packet, is a gratifying indication of progress at a time when the population of the town is not increasing.

THE Bazaar of the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Clifton, held recently was in every way a decided success. The hall was tastefully decorated, and the tables well arranged for convenience and display. The refreshment tables seemed to be well patronized and the ladies' work which was of a superior kind and in great variety, to meet with a ready sale.

At the last meeting of the Saugeen Presbytery, as per request from the Cotswold Station, about five miles from Palmerston, Rev. D. W. Cameron was appointed to ordain elders and dispense the Sacrament at such time as will be convenient for all parties with the view of erecting this station into a separate independent congregation.

On Friday evening the 27th ult., a goodly congregation assembled in the Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, to hear an address from the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford. The meeting was opened by devotional exercises conducted by the pastor, the Rev. R. Rodgers. The subject of the address which followed was "The Church, her glorious hopes, her great work, and her solemn responsibilities."

The Financial Report read at the last annual meeting of the Madoc congregation gives the total contributions for all purposes as amounting to \$2,447.49. Of this amount \$814.29 went to pay the Minister's Stipend, being a little in excess of the promised \$800; the sum expended on the church and other congregational items was \$1,429.70; and the sum of \$148.75 was devoted to the schemes of the Church. At the same meeting the congregation manifested their kindly feeling towards their pastor, Rev. David Wishart, by presenting him with a new

carriage, valued at \$210. An affectionate address accompanied this handsome present. Mr. Wishart in the course of a feeling reply, stated that he had during the last twenty years baptized over 780 persons, admitted to the membership of the church nearly 400; made more than 4,000 pastoral visitations; been instrumental in building six churches, and professed as many more; written fully 10,000 letters; preached about 5,000 discourses, and traveled 50,000 miles, or twice the circumference of the globe, and that he was very, very sorry that he had not done more.

Book Reviews.

THE CHRISTIAN HELPER. Toronto: July, 1877.

We welcome this new addition to our religious literature. It is a monthly publication of sixteen pages and is in the interest of the Baptists. It is tastefully got up, and in its various departments seems to be well conducted.

THE AMERICAN SENATOR. By Anthony Trollope. Toronto: Belford Brothers, 1877.

This well-known writer, in this his latest work, pursues his old course of dealing with the faults and foibles of men without fear or favor. The Canadian publishers have given the book a handsome exterior. EVERGREEN LEAVES. Being Notes from my Travel Book. By Toole. Toronto: Belford Bros. 1877.

It is a favourable indication in the literature of the day that vivacious sketches of travel are to some extent taking the place of fiction. This book seems well-fitted to take such a position. It is apparently written by a Canadian lady; and gives an account of her travels in England and Scotland along with several congenial companions, and of the visits which they paid to many places famed in story.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—The writer of the article on "Mahomet," in the August number of this popular Monthly has disinterred a good many interesting facts or anecdotes not known to ordinary English readers, regarding the Prophet of Islam. Part v. of Dr. Draper's "Popular Exposition of some Scientific Experiments," deals with the Diffraction Spectrum, giving the results of the latest scientific research as to the nature of light, heat and actinism. The Editor's Scientific Record is valuable as usual. The lighter matter is select, consisting of sketches of travel, biography, poetry, fiction and fun; and the number is profusely illustrated.

OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN. By the Author of "Helen's Babies." Toronto: Belford Brothers. 1877.

The author dedicated his first book "To the Parents of the Best Children in the World;" and expressed the hope that they would all buy the book. Finding by the sale of his book that the hint must have been pretty generally taken, he says that he is "impelled by selfishness to seek even a larger class to which to inscribe the present volume. He therefore dedicates it with the customary injunction to Those who know how to manage other people's children, taking to his own soul the assurance that if all of them buy the book, the demand for printing presses will be such as never before was known." The publishers have done their part well in presenting the reading public with this lively book in a neat form and in handsome and durable binding.

ST. NICHOLAS. New York: Scribner & Co. August, 1877.

The midsummer holiday number of this favorite young people's magazine furnishes an extra allowance of amusement, and as much instruction as usual, with somewhere between forty and fifty beautiful illustrations. Wouldn't it be good for big folks as well as for little folks to read the following "Small Story" by Mrs. Abby Morton Diaz:-

"There was once a hen who talked about another hen in a not very good way, and in not at all a friendly way. The hen she talked about was named Phe-ndy Alome. Her own name was Teedla Toodlum. They both belonged to a flock of white hens which lived in the far-away country of Chickskumeyourkornio. Now, the one that was named Teedla Toodlum went around among the other hens, making fun of Phe-ndy Alome, on account of her having a speckled feather in her wing. She told them not to go with Phe-ndy Alome, or scratch up worms with her or anything, because she had that speckled feather in her wing. One of the hens that Teedla Toodlum talked to in this way was deaf, and therefore could not hear very well. She had become deaf in consequence of not minding her mother. It happened in this way: A tall Shanghai roost-cook crowded close to her ear, when she was quite small; when, in fact, she was just hatched out of her shell. She had a number of brothers and sisters who came out at almost the same time. The Shanghai stood very near, and in such a way that his throat came close to the neck, and he crowded there. The chicks wanted to put their heads out from under their mother, and she who was making such a noise. The mother said:—'No, no,—no! Keep under! You might be made deaf! I've heard of such a thing happening.' But one of the chicks did put her head out, and close to the Shanghai's wide-open throat, too! Then her mother said: 'Now I shall punish you! I shall prick you with my pin-finish! And the chick was pricked, and she became