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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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OUR GENERAL AGENTS.

MR. WM SERBY, General Advertising and Subscription Agent will visit places East of Toronto in the course of this and following weeks.

MR. CHARLES NICOL, General Agent for the PRESENTERSIAN, is now in Western Ontario pushing the interests of this journal. We command him to the best effices of inhisters and people. Any assistance in colored him in his work will be taken by usess a cosmal kludness.

SEESCRIBERS will oblige by taking a look at the address label on their copy of THE PRESER-TERIAN. If the figures indicate that you are in arrears, make the matter right by a prempt remittance. In a few weeks we expect to move into new promises, and this will involve a considerable outlay of money. Immediate payment, therefore, of everdue subscriptions will be particularly useful during the present month. We may mention, in order to obviate any misunderstanding on this point, that the figures on the label indicate the date to which the subscription is paid. Thus: John Jones, 31 Dec 6, shows that the party has paid up to the end of Dec., 1874; or Wrs. Williams, 1 Feb 7, shows the subscription to be paid to let

Britist American Presbyterian. FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1877.

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. Doweley, of Madras, India. The rev. gentleman left Toronto on the 10th of January, and reached his destination in safety on the 3rd of April.

THE Australian Witness (Anglican) save Mr. Tooth has an imitator in New Zealand. Mr. Carlyon, of Kaiapai, preached a sermon in which he expressed sympathy with Mr. Tooth. For this reason, and because of the use of candles, crosses, retable, colored stoler, altar banners, processions, etc., the vestry asked for his removal. It is the opinion of The Witness that ritualism cannot flourish in the colonies.

The great strike in the United States is practically at an end, and the railroads are nearly all rurning again. In Canada no strike took place, excepting on the Canada Southern, and no violence was done to either persons or property. The authorities in this case very properly declined to treat with the strikers, but promised to give immediate attention to well-founded complaints on the men resuming work. Wise counsels prevailed; the men went to work again, and we presume their grievauces, if they have any, will be righted at an early day, so that there will be no resort to the dangerous experiment of a general

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

he 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. Hanging over him, no matter what he does or says, will be the reproach of a conspiracy which will get him off from confidence and sympathy. Indeed, the whole class of work-men represented by the strikers is poorer to-day in consequence of the rash and fatal misstep which directed them towards erime."

On the closing day of the Prosbyterian Conneil an address to the Queen was adopted, from which we make the following

" To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty : "We, the ministers and elders commissioned to represent them respectively by forly-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. Many of us are your Majesty's loyal subof Mour dominions; a large proportion of our number represent constituents in the United States of America; others are deonned States of America; others are de-puted by churches in France, Italy, Ger-many, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, Austria, Norway, and Greece. But we all unite in thankfulness to God for your benignant reign and for the adv: tagus conterred by it on the world, through the protection and support which it affords to the cause of civil and religious liberty."

The next meeting of the Causail will be

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Philadelpuis in 1880.

HARVEST HOME.

The present season is one of gladuess 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 pleasurable to all lovers of nature. Not unfrequently have we experienced at this time of the year such an amount of the terrid zone, as to exclude all idea of enjoyment. With languid frame and wearied spirits, we have had to pass the days as best we could. It did not matter to be sold of running brooks, and fragrant flowers, of blessoming trees, and waving corn and golden wheat, so long as the heat prevented us from going out to nature and seeing these things for ourselves. But this summer will be memorable for its beautiful weather—its tempered breezes-its genial heat. In consequence there have been innumerable excursions of all kinds and varieties. The dull times, which have kept the greater number at home, have wrought this good-that of making us take enjoyment in things common and near our very doors. Many who have been spending time and money in other years in eight-sceing, have this summer been occupying themselves with their little plot of flowers, or vegetable garden. Others have discovered places of interest and beauty along our lakes and rivere, which though within walking or driving distance, have never before been visited by them. With nearly all, we may say, there has this year from the romarkable temperateness of the season, been more out-door enjoyment than we can perhaps remember to have had in many preceding years.

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. Again, where the potato and hay and fruit crops have been unusually good, especially in some districts of the Lower Provinces, there is not such a bright prospect in respect of the staples of wheat and corn. But take the season all in all. we believe the harvest will prove to be more than an average one. From many parts of the Dominion reports come to us of a yield of wheat which is unprecedented in regard to quantity and quality. The United States, on the other hand, have been blessed with a remarkable harvest. It is one with which none of the harvests of a good many years can be compared. It is a yield which ranks as one of the very best in the history of the country. Not only was the season peculiarly favorable for the growth of wheat, but in view of the war prices of the past year, a greater breadth of land was sown with wheat this year. In addition to this, immense tracts in the great West, which have hitherto lain waste, have been brought under cultivation, and are now yielding large crops of every kind. The press of the United States seem to be pretty unanimous as to the favorable estimate they take of the crop of the current year.

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 than an abundant crop will at once restore trade. The causes of the present duliness in commerce have been too numerous and far reaching to allow of anything but a gradual improvement in business. It is questionable indeed whether in present circumstances, other than a slow recovery from commercial torpidity is desirable. While, however, the conclusion at which we arrive is that trade will take some time to regain its former stability and enterprise, we are satisfied that we have not only "touched bottom," but that we have passed the worst. The beginnings of new life are being felt. Farmers will have more money to spend this year than they had last. The very fact that nearly every one has been making old garments do more than their accustomed duty, and trying to do without anything beyond the necessities of life, must make inevitable the demand for new supplies of clothing. Factories that have been closed, will soon be opening their doors to their teeming operators. Those that have been working on half and three-quarter time will shortly he on full time. There cannot but be a resuscitation of the wholesale business in its various departments. The merchants of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other great centres, are looking forward to a Fall which will be marked by a large demand. Though business may have to be conducted with the narrowest margins of profit, we have no doubt of there being plenty of hard work for all to do. With the improvement of the wholesale business, there necessarily follows that of the retail. While we hardly hope for our retail merchants making fortunes during the coming year, we certainly do expect that they will be able to sommand a fair living, though it should be at the cost of hard and self-denying work. In one word, we think that having passed the worst, we are entering

upon a period of years which will be mark-

first year or two it will be characterized by bard work and small prefits, it will eventually leans in a time of great and general prosparity.

Let us truck that the barvest of this year, will be emblematical of the spiritual prosperity and fruitfulness of the charches during the year of work and activity, upon which we shall enter after the season of heat and recreation has passed away. With the abundance which comes from the harvest, the congregations are better able to sentribute to the many causes which demand the consceration of their wealth. As we are hopeful therefore of the present harvest being one of unusual value, let us expect and pray that God will rain down His blessings from heaven upon the churches, and make all the people prosperous in regard to the harvest of souls-the reaping time of benevolence and Christian work.

OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH.

The Presbyterians of Rochesterville, 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 nest church in a prominent position. The building is fifty-five feet by thirty-two feet, and is capable of scating 800 persons comfortably. There is also attached to the main building a vestry twelve feet by twenty-four feet. The whole is finished in a plain but neat style, and the congregation, we understand, enters on its occupancy almost free from debt; which speaks well for the liberality of the people in these hard times.

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 soirce 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. A choir from one of the city churches (Rev. Mr. Armstrong's) enlivened the meeting greatly by singing some appropriate pieces.

We wish the cause at Rochesterville so auspiciously begun, great success.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN OHURCH AT PARRY SOUND.

We notice by our exchanges that the new church at Parry Sound was opened for worship on Sabbath the 20th 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. Dr. Cochrane also spoke on Home Missions in Collingwood on the Friday evening previous, and after the church opening at Parry Sound, visited Bracebridge and other missionary districts in the Muskolsa region. Most important openings for our Church are scattered over this interesting field, and we hope that the liberality of our people will warrant the Home Mission Committee in occupying the entire region.

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. Already a number of applications have been made for the coming year, and those who intend sending their daughters in September, should make application at once. The College has been founded chiefly, for the daughters of our Presbyterian fam. ilies, of whom a large proportion have attended during the last year, but applicants for admission came from all denomination. Dr. Cochrane still retains his position as President, giving instruction in several important branches, and Dr. Kemp as Principal of the College gives his valuable services in the many branches directly taught by him, and in the superintendence of the educational affairs of the College. All the other members of the staff remain for the such additions coming year, with as may be required. These of our readers who may be in difficulty as to where to send their daughters, have only to visit the College to enable thom to decide at case. As a Christian Home and as a first-class institution it is not assignated in the country.

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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 epitoms of all local churchnews.]

REV. DR. KEMP, Principal of the Brantford Female College, condusted both services in Knox Church, Goderich, last Sab-

Messes. John Millar and John Young were ordained olders in the Riversdale congregation on the 28th ult.

A change baving taken place as to the Convenership of the Glengarry 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

THERE were about two hundred communicauts 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 inoreasing.

THE BEZZEr 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 tent for ice cream connecting with one of the council rooms, and flower stands opposite, were particularly neat and reflect much credit upon the designers. The attendance was very good on both evenings and it was particularly gratifying to see all the churches of this place well represented. 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. The music furnished was excellent and did much to enliven the occasion, which seemed to be greatly enjoyed by all present. The proceeds we learn will foot up to nearly \$800.

Ar the last meeting of the Saugeen Presbytery, as per request from the Cotswold Station, about five miles from Palmeraton, 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 Saturday, 28th ult., preparatory services were held, and Mesers. Fife, McLaughlin and Martin installed elders. At this time fourteen children were baptised and twentytwo persons, nearly all heads of families, united-with the Church. On Sabbath afternoon the communion was held and eighty-four communicants sat down at the Lord's Table, and the very neat Presbyterian Church was crowded to the door by an attentive congregation. Rev. Mr. Smith, late of the Cumberland Presbyterian church U.S., has been supplying this station for the summer very acceptably to both Gaelic and English speaking people and is evidently doing a good work there. Mr. Smith took his full course in the Montreal College and has certificates to that effect. Cotswold station had formerly been in connection with Knox Church, Harriston.

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." These were severally dwelt on with an earnestness and eloquence which could not fail to leave a deep impression on the hearers. In pleading the cause of Home Missions, their claims were urged on the ground of patriotism and political economy; -on the ground of kinship to those who need our help;-on the ground of fidelity and loyalty to our own branch of the Church ;—and especially on the ground of love to our Divine Master and the best interests of our common humanity. Lot us hope that the carnest, eloquent, and loving words, spoken by one whose heart is full of his theme, may inspire all who heard them with a spirit of greater zeal, devotion, and self-sacrifice in the Master's service .- Cox.

THE Financial Report read at the fact annual meeting of the Madoc congregation gives the total contributions for all purposes as amounting to \$2,447.49. Of this amount \$814.22 went to pay the Minister's Slipend, 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 leeling towards their pastor, Rev. David Wishart, by presenting him with a new

carriage, valued at \$210. An affectionate address accompanied this handsome presept. Mr. Wishart in the course of a feeling roply, stated that he had during the last twenty years baptized over 780 parzons, admitted to the membership of the church nearly 400; made more than 4,000 pastoral visitations; been instrumental in building six churches, and projected as many more; written fully 10,000 letters; proached 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 Beviews.

THE CHRISTIAN HELPER. Toronto: July, 1877.

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

THE AMERICAN SENATOR. 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 Toofie. 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 num. ber of this popular Monthly has disinterred a good many interesting facts or fancies 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 PROPLE'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 pres ent 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 favourite young people's magazine furnishes an extra allowance of amnsement, and as much instruction as usual, with somewhere between forty and fifty beautiful illustrations. Wouldn't it he 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 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-endy Alome. Her own name was Teedla Toodlum. They both belonged to a flock of white hens which lived in the far-away country of Chickskumeatyourkornio. Now, the one that was named Teedla Toodlum went around among the other hens, making fun of Phe-endy Mome, on account of her having a speckled feather in her wing. She told them not to go with Phe-endy Alome, or scratch up worms with her or anything, because she had that speekled feather in her wing. One of the heat that Teedla Toodlum talked to in this way was the form and therefore mould not have your terms. deaf, and therefore could not hear very well. She had become deaf in consequence well. She had become death consequence of not minding her mother. It happened in this way: A tall Shanghai roost-cock crowed 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 seems cert hatched out of fier 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 nest, and he crowed there. The chicks wanted to put the heads out from under their mother, and see who was making such a noise. The mother said:—'No, no,—no! Keep shades! You might be made deal! I've heard of such a thing happening.' But one of the chicks did put her lead out, and close to the Shanghai's wide open throat, too! Then her mother said: 'Now I shall gunish you! I shall prick you with my pin-feather?' And the obick was pricked, and she hapanet.