

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE PRESENT YEAR UP TO DATE. .

Lochiel, per Mr. M. McKenzie, \$17 40; Mr. W. M. Rochester, \$2 00; Mount Forest, per Mr. R. Johnston, \$14 15; Ripley, per Mr. R. Johnston \$11 60; S. F. McCusker, \$2 00; Marsboro & Agnes, per Mr. M. McLellan 9 00; Scottstown, per Mr. M. McLellan, \$3 70; Dominionville, per Mr. M. J. McLeod, \$7 53; St. Elmo, per Mr. M. J. McLeod, \$18 18; Maxville, per Mr. M. J. McLeod, \$15 29; Darling, per Mr. A. McGregor, \$5 10; Mr. A. McGregor, (collected) 75c; total, \$106 70.

MONDAY CONFERENCE. Rev. G. Colborne Heine, B. A., of Chalmers Church, addressed the conference of the 8th inst. on the subject of "Public Prayer." He said: "Public prayer has been much under-estimated. It cannot, indeed, be over-estimated. Prayer is more than the most beautiful litany. To be prayer, spiritual preparation is necessary. Prayer underlies every successful service, if it does not take the people out of themselves, and bring them nearer God there will be little moving of the depths of their hearts by the rest of the service. It underlies as well every successful pastorate. A prayer often determines, in the heart of a parishioner, the question as to whether he can open his heart to his pastor. It has not been in the preaching of the Church of England that her power lay, but in her prayers.

It is no easy matter to collect the many needs of the people, and so to present them at the throne of grace, that the people will feel themselves going up with you in one united prayer to God. As to the number of public prayers the confession speaks of three: invocation, prayer before and after the sermon; though a

time honored system, we are not bound to follow it. The elements of prayer are invocation, adoration, thanksgiving, confession and supplication. One of these I would emphasize, confession of sin.

There should be a unity in every service, a controlling plan from first to last; and, therefore, there should be a natural step from the reading of the word to the prayer. A sentence of the chapter may suggest the opening part of the prayer.

The importance, value, and helpfulness of public prayer are very much enhanced by the appropriate expressing of them in the words of Holy Writ. I would recommend you to study the prayers of God's word. Be simple. Men fall into the habit of rolling up and rounding off their sentences. The Lord's prayer is no so. Above all if you would be useful to God's people don't come to the house of prayer with your own heart cold. One of the faults of public prayer is too great length. The long prayer before the sermon might be divided into two parts. Another fault is the repetition of phrases. Even the names of God should not be too frequently repeated.