

CHURCH MISCELLANY.

On the 4th instant the Rev. John Burton, B.D., visited this city, and in the evening addressed the Congregationalists present on Our Denominational Work, dwelling mainly on these two questions: 1, Have we, as a denomination, a work to do in Canada? 2. Are we doing that work as well as we can? After listening to his earnest and practical address, all present must have felt that we have a work to do which should draw forth all our energies and for which we should consecrate, more than ever, ourselves and our means.

In speaking of the claims of the *Canadian Independent*, Mr. Burton very forcibly set forth its necessity to the denomination by the following illustration: Suppose a family, brought up together in mutual affections and interests should, in the process of time, separate and scatter, each settling at a distance from the other. If no communication is kept up by correspondence or otherwise, that affection and interest in one another will soon be greatly diminished, if not altogether lost; but on the other hand, if a frequent correspondence is carried on these feelings will go on undiminished, if not intensified. So is it in relation to a denominational paper.

The members of this Church now take thirty-nine copies of the *Canadian Independent* and there are others who should do so, upon whom Mr. Burton had not time to call. Will they not give their names to the Pastor or one of the Deacons? It is a weekly paper, well edited, and the subscription is only *One Dollar per Year*. Each new subscription will help the paper, and thus help the whole denomination, but most of all help the subscribers themselves.