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MORE GOOD WORDS.

A professor in a United States Theological seminary concludes a note with these words: I am much pleased with the enlarged form of the PRESBYTERIAN.

A worthy pastor in Eastern Ontario writes: THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN is a credit to the church in Canada, the principles and polity of which it has ever been an able exponent.

A correspondent favours us with the following: Permit me also to offer my congratulations on the great improvement in the paper, I have been a subscriber since first number and rejoice in this sign of prosperity.

A gentleman who conducted a large and successful business in a Western Ontario town and who has now taken up his residence in Scotland writes: As you know I have been a subscriber to the PRESBYTERIAN from its first appearance, and it is my intention—even at this distance—to continue a subscriber. Your manly editorials on important and often delicate questions invariably commended themselves to your humble subscriber. It is to me a hopeful sign of the progress Presbyterianism is making in your great Dominion, that you have been able from time to time to improve the quality of the PRESBYTERIAN editorially and mechanically, and the recent enlargement and improvement in all departments of the paper are to me a clinching proof of its healthful progress. Those few Presbyterians—I hope they are few—who do not take your paper, do not know how much they are the losers. I am delighted with the new dress of the paper.

Conducted with Tact, Taste, and Ability.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, now entering on its seventeenth year of publication, has come out in a new and enlarged form, which enhances its hitherto attractive appearance. It is conducted with taste, tact and ability, and deserves the cordial support of the influential denomination in whose interest it is published.—*Empire*.

Has a look of Prosperity about it.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN begins the new year with a handsome new re-arrangement of its make-up and an increase in size. THE PRESBYTERIAN has a look of prosperity about it.—*Toronto World*.

A Financial Success.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN opened the new year with a new dress. The paper is as bright and newsy as ever, and we are pleased to know it is proving a financial success.—*Napanee Express*.

A Credit to Presbyterianism.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN comes to hand commencing with the New Year, in an enlarged and greatly improved form. It is a credit to Presbyterians and the publisher.—*Barrie Gazette*.

"Knoxonian's" Papers a Valued Feature.

There is no better denominational paper in the Dominion than THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, which celebrates the holiday season by appearing in an enlarged form and a new dress. Fully fifty per cent. more matter is given than formerly, and every line of it is the very best. The papers by "Knoxonian" are alone worth the subscription price, and they are only one of many valuable features. No Presbyterian family should be without a copy.—*Cornwall Freeholder*.

A Manly and Judicious Exponent.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, the leading Church paper of the Presbyterian body in Canada, has been greatly enlarged and improved. It contains fifty per cent. more reading matter than it did before, and is now equal to the best church paper published on either side of the Atlantic. THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN has always been an able, manly and judicious exponent of the principles and polity of Presbyterianism, and should have the hearty support of every one belonging to the denomination.—*Stratford Beacon*.

Deserves to Have a Large Circulation.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN comes to us enlarged and improved with the new year. It is an excellent paper and deserves to have a large circulation.—*Brockville Recorder*.

Accurate and Comprehensive.

This old established and popular paper begins the New Year greatly enlarged and otherwise improved. It is ably edited and its news of church work, both at home and abroad, is accurate and comprehensive. It is now more deserving of support than ever from the Presbyterians of Canada.—*Dumfries Reformer*.

Ablly Edited in all its Departments.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN is one of the best of church papers, and is ably edited in all the departments, making it a fine and interesting paper, not alone to Presbyterians, but to all.—*Kincardine Reporter*.

A Valued Exchange.

Our valued exchange, THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, comes to us considerably enlarged, and otherwise improved. We congratulate our contemporary on these evidences of prosperity, and wish it every success in its important work.—*Canadian Baptist*.

A Most Creditable Organ.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN comes to hand this week greatly enlarged and improved in appearance, being changed to a three column paper. It is in its seventeenth year, and is conducted with tact, taste and ability, is in fact a most creditable organ in the interests of the body it represents.—*Wingham Times*.

A Popular Religious Weekly.

This popular religious weekly begins the New Year enlarged and much improved. Ablly edited and containing accurate and comprehensive news of all church work, at home and abroad, it is more deserving of support than ever from the Presbyterians of Canada.—*Waterloo Chronicle*.

Notes of the Week.

EPISCOPACY, says a British contemporary, does not thrive on Scottish soil any better now than it ever did. It has been making huge exertions to possess the land, but judging from the statistics for the past year, the progress is backward. The membership for 1887-88 was 82,932, against 84,782 for the previous year, a decrease of 1,850.

THE Roman Catholic Church in Great Britain is well organized. In England and Wales there are one Archbishop (Westminster), sixteen bishops, with two suffragans, and one Cardinal (Newman), there are 2,380 priests, serving 1,306 chapels, churches and stations, with a considerable number privately employed. In Scotland, there are two Archbishops, four bishops, and 341 priests. Ireland has four Archbishops, with twenty-eight bishops.

THE *Belfast Witness* asks, Ought not the following calculations to make us ashamed of ourselves? With the money spent on drink in Great Britain there could be maintained 600,000 missionaries at £250 a year, 500,000 school-masters at £100, 5,000 churches at £2,000, 5,000 schools at £800. It would give to the world 200,000,000 shilling Bibles, 500,000,000 tracts at four shillings a hundred, would give 100,000 widows £20 a year, and 200,000 poor families £10 a year. Which do we value most—our glasses or our Bibles?

THEY are discussing whether London is getting better or becoming worse. It is noticeable that the correspondents who write to the *British Weekly* on the subject are not pessimists. The following brief note by Dr. Edmond is a fair specimen of their tone: In the controversy which has arisen lately as to whether London is better or worse than it was a generation ago, my sympathy is decidedly with the advocates of the favourable and hopeful view. I do think that this great city is better, as well as bigger, than when I first knew it. But as my opinion rests only on general observation, not on any special experiences or knowledge, I cannot offer it as of material value towards settlement of the question.

THE thirteenth report of the Toronto Hospital for sick children, has just been issued. The good work undertaken by this benevolent and charitable institution has been carried on with unabated faith and devotion, and has been a great benefit to a class that above all other sufferers appeals to the tenderest and most humane sympathies. It deserves the considerate support of the community. The number of cases treated during the year were 137; of these, thirty-nine are reported cured; sixty-two, improved; unimproved, twenty-eight, and four died. Ninety-eight were discharged, and there are at present in hospital thirty-five. In addition to these a number of outpatients receive treatment. The Lakeside Home also serves an admirable purpose.

CONCERNING two able ministers in the American Church, who have finished their earthly course, the *Chicago Interior* says: Andrew Paxton and the Rev. Dr. Noyes, whose deaths occurred so near together, both illustrated in their lives the power of a lofty purpose, steadily adhered to. Dr. Noyes deeply realized the sacredness of his mission, as preacher and pastor, and the fruit of his twenty years of faithful service in one field abides to testify to his influence for good. Mr. Paxton laboured, not so many years, but with similar faithfulness to duty, for the rescue of boys and girls from the perils and pollution of the dram shop; and the clear lives of thousands thus succoured and defended speak in his eulogy, louder than even the most emphatic resolutions of the citizens' league. Each was a worker for God. Each found his place—and filled it.

THE *Belfast Witness* says: The meetings of the Irish Temperance League showed that that excellent organization is continuing to do admirable service in the cause of temperance. We would be all much the poorer without it. It combines men of different religious opinions and different political sentiments in one common camp against the terrible evils of drink in a manner which is of the utmost service to the

cause. It is much to be regretted that an unpleasant element disturbed the proceedings at the meeting of Wednesday evening. But there was at least this agreeable feature in the midst of the turmoil, that there was no difference of opinion among the thousands present on the drink question. In whatever else they differed, all were in favour of the most strenuous legislation regarding it, and all will unite as one man in supporting the League in its efforts to obtain this legislation at the earliest possible moment.

IN answer to a correspondent who writes concerning funeral orations, our esteemed contemporary down by the sea, the *Halifax Witness*, sensibly says: Funeral sermons are seldom heard among Presbyterians in town or country. The practice of preaching a set sermon on the deceased the Sunday after his funeral is not to be encouraged. There may be exceptional cases, and it is for a minister to determine in regard to these. When a great and illustrious Christian is called away, or when the material for edification in connection with a humbler life is unquestionable, then by all means let the minister make such reference to the case as he can justify in the sight of God and men. We have known ministers (not Presbyterians), constrained by a prevailing custom, preaching eulogistic sermons over the remains of persons whose characters were, to say the least, not good. We have known ministers giving very deep offence to surviving relatives by refusing to eulogise a defunct drunkard! Such are the abuses against which our Church should guard.

TORONTO was favoured last week with a visit from Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D.D., of Philadelphia. To the McAll Mission Auxiliary is due the credit of inviting him. For the benefit of that marvellous mission in France, Dr. Pierson delivered an able and eloquent address to a crowded audience in Knox Church. It opened with a powerful plea for missionary effort, and showed that the encouragement of divine aid was commensurate with the duty of preaching the Gospel to every creature. The remarkable history and progress of the McAll Mission was briefly and interestingly narrated. In Paris, last year, 17,000 meetings were held, with an aggregate attendance of 1,114,232. It is safely estimated that 50,000 persons, who formerly were free thinkers and indifferent to their religious interests, are under Gospel influence through these mission halls. Besides, there is great willingness all through France to listen to the simple preaching of the Gospel. On the following day, Dr. Pierson addressed the students of Knox College, and an hour later those attending Toronto University, and in the evening lectured to young men in Association Hall.

CHURCHES have not attained eminent success as publishers. The successes are few and the failures many. A sprightly New York writer has the following in his letter to the *Interior*: When the Assembly took the little *Foreign Missionary* by the throat and choked the life out of it, it was not only self-sustaining, but it was paying a surplus over its expenses into the treasury of the Foreign Board. That surplus was destroyed. Then the renewals stopping with May, when the Assembly decreed its death, it cost the Board about \$4,000, dead loss of cash, to carry it on to the end of the year. Then the *Church at Home and Abroad* started in, and at the end of this year the Foreign Board had to pay about \$3,000 as its share of the dead loss on the publication of that magazine. Here, then, we have the loss of an established revenue, and about \$7,000 in actual cash. The magazine is now running at a greater loss than ever, so that we shall have not less than \$3,000 more to come out of the Foreign Board at the end of the year—or at least \$10,000 in cash lost, besides the lost revenue of the dead monthly—out of one Board alone. This money was given by the people for foreign missionary work—not for experimenting in magazine publishing. The Boards are all especially dissatisfied with the magazine—so far as our inquiries among them extended. At the next Assembly, there will be a large number of nostrums offered for the benefit of the *Church at Home and Abroad*. The only objections we have to administering them all are the doctors' bills that will accumulate, and which will have to be paid out of the money contributed by the people for missionary work.