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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The value of church papers such as the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, has been so long established that no special plea on their behalf by clergymen is, as a rule, should be followed. Even in days gone by when such papers, in Canada, had a harder struggle than now clergymen excused themselves from speaking a good word publicly, for them, on the ground that it was below the dignity of ministers to become canvassers for church journals. That they left for their more energetic methodist brethren, whose enterprise in all matters pertaining to church work is proverbial. We know of a certain Principal, who takes great pains, when alluding to the church press, to make it clear that the Church as a body has no interest whatever in any of these papers except the Record. But certain proceedings at a recent congregational meeting seem to indicate a coming change of attitude and probably a kindlier feeling on the part of the Presbyterian ministers, and we thank the rev. gentleman for the words spoken to the people on that occasion. We hope the congregation will follow the advice so wisely given and subscribe for the PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW in larger numbers than is even now done. We can promise them “an admirable paper for the home and church” this year.

The visit of General Booth has afforded an opportunity for a meeting between him and his son Ballington Booth, the Salvation Army first since the secession of the latter from the Army. Father and son met in presence of witnesses, Rev. Dr. Strong and Rev. Dr. Cuthbert Hall, and at the close of the interview a statement was given to the press by these gentlemen to the following

effect. The interview was purely as between father and son. Nothing transpired calculated to lead to any union of the two movements, i.e., the Army and the Secessionists. It was agreed that all public controversy in the press and otherwise, between the two movements should, as far as possible, come to an end. The interview is said to have been entirely cordial, kindly and affectionate. Almost coincident with General Booth's visit to Toronto is the handsome legacy from Mr. Eves, lately deceased in that city. This bequest illustrates the strong hold which the Salvation Army has on its votaries. Mr. Eves was one of the earliest adherents of the Army in Toronto and was a liberal contributor during his life, to its funds, the large amounts given at certain times reaching to more than \$20,000. By his will his entire estate amounting to about \$15,000 or \$20,000 will go to General Booth, subject to a small annuity to his house-keeper. Instances of devotion to the Army are not rare, yet it is not often that donors bequeath their all as Mr. Eves has done.

Dr. E. B. Warfield has issued a business like appeal to Presbyterians for help in the re-building of Pardec Hall, The Loss to recently destroyed by fire. On the 27th Lafayette College instant (to-day) being the annual day for prayer for the colleges Dr. Warfield asks that Lafayette College be specially remembered in the prayers of Christian friends, the petitions to be for faith to face the situation bravely, for friends to help in re-building the hall, and for an out pouring of the Holy Spirit on Trustees, faculty and students, that they may be guided in the full discharge of their duty in the hour of trial.

A shrewd remark on the Encyclical by the *Presbyterian Witness*, Halifax, emphasizes a feature of that document *Manitoba Schools* which we have not seen noted elsewhere. *Encyclical*. The *Witness* says:—The opening paragraphs warmly commend the bishops and clergy of the Roman Catholic Church for their un-remitting zeal in promoting the interests of that body. The writer (the Pope) frankly acknowledges that their efforts were put forth “without meeting with disfavor or opposition from the laws of the British Empire.” This is a notable statement which ought to be borne in mind by our fellow citizens of all creeds. Such a statement never could have been made concerning a country under the dominion of the Pope, and this fact cannot escape attention, and cannot but give rise to the reflection that religious liberty is in peril wherever the Vatican's authority is supreme. We regret that this is true, and that it lends an ever-ready weapon of offense against Rome to those who are acquainted with church history. . . . It is interesting to notice the conclusion arrived at by the *New York Independent*, which coincides with that generally expressed by the Reform Press of Canada:—“There is not a word which can be construed into an encouragement” to those who would wrest the Manitoba School grievance to the purposes of a party, and so kindle the embers of a religious strife all over the Dominion and bring about an open feud between the Catholic Church and the Liberal Government.