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A DENOMINATIONAL ORGAN.

An overture on this subject from the London Synod was supported by Dr. Proudfoot, who thought that such a medium as a weekly newspaper would greatly advance many interests of the Church.

On motion of Mr. Mullen, after some discussion, it was resolved that the overture be rejected AND THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PAPER BE RECOMMENDED TO THE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE C. P. CHURCH AS WORTHY OF THEIR HEAVY SUPPORT.

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CHURCH FINANCE.

A week or two ago, one of our esteemed correspondents asked for some information about the envelope system for raising church funds.

The principle involved in the weekly offering is by no means a novelty. Substantially it is what lies at the root of all true giving, either for religious or benevolent purposes.

In others the sittings are allocated to each family and individual, according to the extent of the need. If ten sittings are required by a poor man he gets them.

port of the gospel. It is as the Lord has prospered, and on every Lords day, according to scripture direction. In ordinary cases it is understood that the sum put into the envelope will be kept up at any rate, and if on any Sabbath there may have been no service, or no one of the family present, that so much more will be given the next time.

A very small style of envelope with in many cases "weekly offering" printed on it, is provided, through a book seller or by sending to Toronto. These cost little and are distributed in parcels of 18 every quarter to each contributor.

In addition to this some put into the open collection plate, other's don't.

If there is anything like conscientiousness at all, it is found that much more is in this way raised and that much more easily than by any other system. The frequent and regular giving brings up comparatively small sums to a large amount by the end of the year.

In almost every case in which this plan has been tried, it has succeeded admirably. It makes easy, yet complete church book-keeping; and it maintains the self respect of all, while it enables those of comparatively moderate means to give more than could well be managed in one or two sums.

A FACT FOR OUR WEALTHY MEN.

Canada is getting to have her wealthy men. They are not so wealthy of course as in the States or in England, nor are there so many of them as in those countries.

It seems that the Dr. was recently at the corporation dinner of the University of Vermont. In the course of conversation he was asked how he managed to secure so much money for Princeton.

Why only those who have made a hundred thousand dollars? Those who have made far less should also be ashamed, especially if they call themselves Christians.

The English Independent says that various remarks of the Prince of Wales since his return from abroad have given the impression that his late severe illness has not been without a permanent influence for good, upon him.

COQUETRY WITH CHURCHES.

It is an old standard opinion that ministers as a class are exceedingly fond of money, and that they have in many cases a strong tendency to coquet with different congregations, if they happen to be at all popular, in order that they may get the one to bid against the other, and then determine that the leadings of providence point all in the direction of that which bids most freely and promises the largest stipend.

If congregations would only follow the authorized course, there would never be any grounds for any such complaint possible. Instead of seeking to know whether or not would be likely to be accepted if tendered, let them in an honest, straightforward way, give the call to the object of their choice, without any of that underhand dealing with preachers now become so common.

Canada is getting to have her wealthy men. They are not so wealthy of course as in the States or in England, nor are there so many of them as in those countries. Still there is a large number, far more than well-to-do, and of these a goodly number are Presbyterians.

Bishop Ames, of the Methodist Church considers the separate education of the sexes a relic of barbarism.

In another column we print a suggestive letter from an esteemed correspondent, urging that two important stations on the North shore of Lakes Huron and Superior should be permanently occupied by the Church.

HOLIDAY MAKING.

It is a good sign of the times that the necessity of holidays is always being more widely recognized and acted on. Continued work does not in the long run pay, as even very close and greedy people are finding out.

Are congregations recognizing this fact as far as their ministers are concerned? A good many of them are, but the majority, we fear, never think of it.

Ministers have no Sabbath on the first day of the week. The more reason why they should have rest at some other time.

The misery is that there is no use in arguing. Everybody acquiesces in all one can say, but that does not lead to any practical amendment on the part of previous defaulters.

According to the nineteenth annual report of the British Anti-Tobacco Society, \$18,000,000 per annum "is squandered on tobacco, that enemy to health, that dishonour to the Creator, and the derogator from purity and sobriety."

A correspondent of the Catholic Review, writing from Rome, says that the number of English and American converts to Catholicism in that city this year is twenty-three, six of them being "young men of good families and high education."

An interesting example of how a person apparently drowned may be resuscitated by the adoption of proper means, occurred in Toronto on Tuesday, when a little child, who had been immersed in a cistern for half an hour, was restored to life by the skill of a physician.

It is related that the late Archbishop of Paris who was put to death by the cruel Commune, traced on the door of his cell, before his execution, the form of a cross, with four words placed round it in Latin, "height," "length," "breadth," alluding no doubt to the love which passeth knowledge.

The pope is said to have signed a bull regulating the action of the future conclave for the election of his successor. Ordinarily nine days are allowed to elapse between the death of one pontiff and the election of the next.

The cholera, according to trustworthy accounts, is making rapid progress from the interior of Russia to the Prussian frontier. Communications have been cut off between St. Petersburg and the infected districts, and it is confidently expected that the progress of the disease will be stayed before it reaches that city.

WHO WILL OFFER?

TO THE YOUNGER MINISTERS AND STUDENTS OF THE C. P. CHURCH:

DEAR BROTHERS.—While taking a trip up the Lakes I have had one aspect of the life of our Canadian Church forced upon me—this is its extension to new localities and the means at our disposal for accomplishing this end. A great field for our efforts in opening up, not only in the Northwest proper—Manitoba—but also along the route to the new Province.

The experience thus gained would be very valuable, not only in training the mind by freeing from the conventional trammels which injure so many of our ministers but also useful to any one likely to take any large part in the affairs of the Church afterwards. In these new places the class met with have far more intellectual force and cultivation than the majority of country congregations, and afford a great mental stimulus most useful to a young man.

A CANADIAN PRESBYTERIAN. On board Steamer Cumberland, July 18th, 1872.

The morbid appetite of school-girls, for which they are often blamed or ridiculed, is a nervous disease brought on by impaired nutrition. There is a lack, a longing, "a sense of goneness," which craves but lacks relief for healthful food.