

keep the Sabbath holy. Is it not time that such men should commend, rather than condemn, the efforts on the part of God's people to see that the law of God as well as the laws of the State are observed in reference to the Sabbath day.

"When we pray for all sorts and conditions of men let us make a special prayer for the newspaper editor, that he may be so guided of God as to write nothing that in any way shall lessen the reader's respect for God's house, God's word or God's day."

#### RIGHTEOUSNESS BETWEEN MAN AND MAN.

One reason some fail in business and thus lose thousands of dollars themselves, bring suffering to their families and injure others whom they cannot pay, is, says *The Midland*, because their debtors, many of them members of the church, and supposedly good and honest men, do not pay their small bills. One doing a large business must make large payments; and to make large payments he must collect small amounts from a large number of persons. When many who owe him, refuse or neglect to pay their small bills, he becomes embarrassed and is injured, whether or not he is broken up. There is a good deal of carelessness in regard to paying small debts and a good deal of carelessness in withholding small amounts, legally or morally due to others. This conduct ought to be plainly called by its right name. One who can, even with some sacrifice, and does not pay his debts is dishonest, especially if his withholding of funds on hand injures his creditor. Pastors ought to insist on their people dealing honestly with them and with all others. There is too much withholding of money due and belonging of right to others and too much silence in regard to the evil. Christians ought to be plainly warned of their sin in this respect. Sessions ought to deal with careless debtors when complaint is made. The business world must be reformed in this particular. Christians should take the lead and set the example for prompt, fair, just and honest payment of bills. Pastors and elders should not only set good examples in this respect, but also, as far as they are able, urge their members to pay their debts, not only in "honest money," but at the right time and in the right manner. The need of the age is righteousness between man and man.

**Union of North and South.** Concerning the organic union of the Northern and Southern Churches the Northern Assembly passed the following resolution: "We reiterate our readiness to take active steps toward such union as soon as the Lord in His providence shall open the way."

**Union Theological Seminary.** The General Assembly, United States has extended to all Presbyteries in the country the order heretofore confined to New York Presbytery enjoining them from taking under their care students of Union Seminary. This action has been received variously, but it is expected no agitation in Presbyteries will follow. This course has been pursued because the Seminary has ignored the recommendations and decrees of General Assembly.

**Contributing for the Waldensian Church.** Rev. T. Fenwick, of Woodbridge, sends us the following interesting communication: "This morning (May 31), I received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Buffa, of Messina, Sicily, who lately visited Canada in the interests of the Waldensian Church. He was at Pittsburg, Pa., when he wrote it." He received in Montreal, \$371.30; in Toronto, \$179.10; in Hamilton, \$112.12; in all \$862.52. He adds, "I hope to receive something more from these three cities, and also, something from London, Ont., where I preached in two churches. I at most regret not having spent all my time in Canada,

than here in the States, where matters are in a bad condition. I hope, however, to be more successful in the East during the remaining two months of my stay in this country. I have got very little in the West, whether owing to want of money, or want of interest in the evangelization of Italy, I cannot tell."

**Meeting of General Assembly.** The attention of the *Canada Presbyterian* and the *PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW*, weekly papers published in the City of Toronto, is called to the fact that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church will meet in the City of Winnipeg on the 10th of June. Both of these journals seem to have entirely forgotten the fact that there is such a body as the General Assembly in Canada; and their pages have been scanned in vain for weeks past for information concerning the coming gathering. Like the ways of the "heathen Chinee," this seems "peculiar." So says a *Winnipeg Exchange*. We hope our columns are read to better purpose by the majority of our readers. Twice, at least, during the past month, the *PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW* has given space to the subject, publishing Dr. Warden's official statement. Perhaps our contemporary in the West needs the aid of illustrations in finding such articles and if so we promise him a few such finger-marks in due course.

**Waldensian Schools.** From the 36th Annual Report of the Waldensian Schools, Florence, we learn that the deficit of 900 lire, with which the previous year's accounts closed, has been reduced through the generosity of J. F. Morton, Esq., of London, to lire 106. There is need, however, for greater liberality on the part of the friends of the school, for, says the Report, "difficulties are increasing; money is growing scarcer by reason of the gravity of the times; and the enemy of light and progress is more than ever menacing the work of Christ." A heavy loss has been experienced in the resignation of Signora Pugno, who for nearly twenty years "exercised a faithful and blessed ministry" as a teacher. There are 167 pupils—99 male, and 68 female—representing 118 families. 34 are children of Protestants, and 133 of Roman Catholics. The Sabbath school has 23 classes, taught by 13 ladies and 2 gentlemen, under the superintendence of the pastor.

**U. S. Foreign Missions.** "From the reports submitted to the Northern General Assembly in the United States, it seems that special efforts in favor of one fund result in shrinkage in other funds. This year the Foreign Mission Fund has suffered because, it is said, of the extra effort to clear off the debt on the general Board of the Church. The following figures are of abiding interest. The receipts were as follows: From churches, \$270,479; women's boards, \$299,115; Sabbath schools and young people's societies, \$54,049; legacies, \$89,736; miscellaneous sources, \$95,549. Unused appropriations and the sale of properties on the field increased the assets by \$60,129. The total expenditures were \$939,061, of which \$57,621 was for administration and printing. The total debt amounted to \$113,239, which was reduced by receipts from the anniversary reunion fund to a net debt of \$97,454. The largest appropriations were made for work, as follows: China, \$174,697; India, \$167,373; Japan, \$78,145; South America, \$80,080; Syria, \$59,065; Siam and Laos, \$71,114; Persia, \$73,193, and Africa, \$41,385. The board has securities to the amount of \$257,588, the interest of which is available for current work. It also owns securities of \$38,102, upon which it has not yet realized, and special funds aggregating \$366,866, of which \$135,455 belongs to the permanent fund. The Presbyterian building in New York stood the board in \$929,885, of which \$54,740 belonged to the interest account and \$14,203 represented taxes. Loans on the building aggregated \$610,000, and \$17,054 had been received from rentals. The gifts made toward the building amounted to \$270,893.