

evils, and we trust that in the providence of God, the result of the conflict may be the destruction of this, the sum and source of all evils.

We observe that as the struggle continues and the conflict thickens, individuals are taking their sides. A number of Southern ministers, who had settled in free States, have resigned their charges, and gone to seek in the South more congenial spheres of duty. Dr. Hoge, of New York, is one of these. Dr. Leyburn, one of the editors of the *Presbyterian*, has also resigned his connection with that paper. Hitherto the paper has been looked upon as too much of a pro-slavery publication. Henceforth it may be expected to speak out more plainly.

The division of the church seems to be almost complete, the Southern Presbyteries taking decided and in general unanimous action in the matter.

A convention was to have taken place in the latter part of July. We have not heard whether it took place or not. But most of the Presbyteries in the South have met, and have expressed strong disapprobation of the late action of the Assembly.

The President, on the recommendation of both Houses of Congress, has appointed the last Thursday of September as a day of humiliation, prayer and fasting, with reference to the state of the country. We subjoin the Proclamation, as a specimen of the mode in which such things are done in the United States.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, a joint committee of both Houses of Congress has waited on the President of the United States, and requested him to recommend a day of public humiliation, prayer, and fasting, to be observed by the people of the United States with religious solemnities, and the offering of fervent supplications to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of these States, His blessing on their arms, and a speedy restoration to peace; and whereas, it is fit and becoming in all people, at all times, to acknowledge and revere the supreme government of God, to bow in humble submission to His chastisements, to confess and deplore their sins and transgressions, in the full conviction that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to pray with all fervency and contrition for the pardon of their past offences and for a blessing upon their present and prospective actions; and whereas, when our beloved country, once, by the blessing of God, united, prosperous and happy, is now afflicted with faction and civil war, it is peculiarly fit for us to recognize the hand of God in this visitation, and, in sorrowful remembrance of our own faults and crimes, as a nation and as individuals, to humble ourselves before Him, and to pray for His mercy; to pray that we may be spared further punishment, though most justly deserved; that our arms may be blessed, and made effectual for the re-establishment of law, order, and peace throughout our country, and that the inestimable boon of civil and religious liberty, earned, under His guidance and blessing, by the labours and

sufferings of our fathers, may be restored in all its original excellence: Therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do appoint the last Thursday in September next, as a day of humiliation, prayer, and fasting, for all the people of the nation, and I do earnestly recommend to the people, and especially to all ministers and teachers of religion, of all denominations, and to all heads of families, to observe and keep that day according to their several creeds and modes of worship, in all humility, and with all religious solemnity, to the end that the united prayers of the nation may ascend to the Throne of Grace, and bring down plentiful blessings upon our own country.

In testimony whereof, &c.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

Editorial Items.

THE MINUTES OF SYNOD.—We have forwarded the Minutes of Synod to the various ministers of the church. In consequence of the high rate of Postage we thought it best to send them in parcels by express, to the several Presbytery Clerks, and other parties who could easily forward them to the several congregations. If any have been accidentally overlooked, or additional copies be required, they can still be obtained. Price of extra copies 12½ cents, besides postage, or cost of forwarding.

CORRECTION.—In the report of the Presbytery of Guelph, in last number of the *Record*, an error occurred in regard to the decision of Presbytery with reference to the Presbytery Roll. The Presbytery decided, by a majority, that the order should be in accordance with the date of ordination.

"THE RECORD."—In answer to several inquiries, we may state that the price of the *Record* is 50 cents per annum. The cost of the *Home and Foreign Record of the Canada Presbyterian Church*, the first number of which will be issued 1st November, will not be more than this. The prospectus will be issued, when it is finally determined in what form, and at what periods it shall be issued.

Subscribers are earnestly called upon to pay up all arrears before the close of the present volume.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—We regret that the Rev John Scott has finally declined accepting the call of the Synod to proceed to British Columbia in a missionary capacity. We trust the Committee will be successful in soon obtaining the services of some minister or missionary of the church for the important locality referred to.

CALLS.—The Rev. P. Greig has been called by the congregation at Normanby; and the Rev. A. Fraser by that of Port Elgin. The Rev. D. Anderson has received and accepted a call from the congregations at Farnham Centre and Farnham West. The induction is appointed for 18th Sept.

NEW CHURCH AT ALEXANDRIA.

The corner stone of a Presbyterian Church, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, was laid at Alexandria on Tuesday the 23rd July last. A considerable number of persons were present, both from the village and the surrounding country. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. D. Cameron of Lochiel and Peter Currie of Vankleek-hill, by Mr. McQuire, student of Divinity, from Knox College, at present labouring as a missionary at Alexandria, and also by Donald Cattannach Esq., of Kenyon, and A. M. Mackenzie, Esq., of Alexandria. Prayer was then offered up by the Rev. Mr. Cameron, after which he placed in the cavity, in the corner stone, prepared for its reception, a bottle, containing the July number of the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, a copy of the Montreal semi-weekly *Witness*, one of the Toronto daily *Globe*, and a copy of the Cornwall *Economist* and one of the Cornwall *Freemholder*; also a memorandum giving the names of the ministers present and the names of the trustees of the church. The church, which has thus been commenced, is to be of frame, lined with brick, and is to be 38 by 48 feet, and is to be surmounted by a steeple, and it is expected that it will be completed by the early part of next winter. For the site on which this church is to be erected, and for the adjoining lot to be used as a place of interment, the Presbyterians of Alexandria are indebted to the liberality of D. A. Macdonald, Esq., M.P.P. for Glengary, for which the following vote of thanks was passed by the meeting. Moved by the Rev. P. Currie, and seconded by Donald Cattannach, Esq.:

That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby tendered to D. A. Macdonald, Esq., for his generous gift not only of the site on which the church is to be erected, but also for the adjoining lot, to be used as a place of interment, and that the Secretary be directed to communicate the same to Mr. Macdonald.

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Items of Religious and General Intelligence.

MAYNOOTH.—Maynooth was recently visited by the Prince of Wales, when on a visit to Ireland. The visit to Maynooth, which was made on a Sabbath, has given great dissatisfaction to many of the Protestants in Ireland.

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.—The Wesleyan Conference in England recently met at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The Rev. Mr. Rattenbury was elected President, and the Rev. John Farrar, Clerk. The proceedings were interesting and the accounts of the progress of the Gospel were encouraging. The Rev. James Hocar, President of the French Conference, mentioned many pleasing facts in connexion with the progress of religion in France.