

be disappointed! And when at length the Divine purposes, by which the earthly career of the Royal Pair is set, are all fulfilled, may it be theirs to wear for ever and ever the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give unto all them that love his appearing!

A meeting of the office bearers of the Lay Association was held lately, and the principal business before it was the management and conducting of the Presbyterian. A general desire was expressed to improve the paper in every way and to make it more effective as an organ of the Church. With this view various plans have been proposed, and a committee was appointed to consider the subject.

In all probability a new system of management will be adopted, which will relieve the present publication committee from the responsibility of carrying on the journal; a change, which the gentlemen now in charge of it have long been desirous of bringing about.

This will be good news to those who have opposed the course which this journal has followed for some time past. We greatly err, however, if they will be half so happy under the change as we shall be ourselves. Whatever is decided upon will be done with the intention of making the paper more valuable to our readers, and more useful in every way; and from the interest which was shewn at the meeting, and which we were very much pleased to observe, there is no danger of the paper falling through from want of friends, willing and able to work for it.

An essential element in congregational prosperity is the efficient management of its temporal concerns, and as a means to that end we deem the distribution of a printed annual report among the members, to be of the very greatest importance. We have had the pleasure of perusing several of these of late, and of noticing the proofs they afford of continued care and success. We strongly recommend the plan for general adoption, believing that the best results both corrective and stimulative, will follow in every case in which it is judiciously tried. A common complaint on the part of officebearers is the lack of interest shown by the bulk of the people in the affairs of their congregation. It ought to be considered that the interest taken in any matter must depend upon the know-

ledge which is possessed of it; and we believe it to be the part of a dutiful as well as of a wise consideration to demolish the numberless excuses and evasions of the listless, by placing in their hands in a plain intelligible form, such information as will compel them to see, at a glance, how matters stand,

The latest report we have perused is that of the congregation of Beauharnois. It must be a great satisfaction to the managers who give it, to report so much that is indicative of progress, and to the people who receive it, to know that their affairs are so carefully attended to. It contains a detailed statement of the income from pew rents and subscriptions, the session and manse accounts, and a report from the Sabbath school superintendent. There is an increase of twenty in the number of sittings let, and the total amount realized for church purposes, during the past year, is close upon \$1000 compared with a little over \$800, during the previous year. The congregation have expelled from their borders the troublesome apparition called *Ar-rears*, of whose terrible doings in other quarters many sad tales are told, and having kept him at a respectable distance for two years, we hope that henceforth he will never be allowed to show his ugly face in their company.

We have perused with much interest the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society. The object of the Institution, namely, the abolition of all labour which does not legitimately come under the head of works of necessity and mercy, is of the utmost consequence to the well-being of our country; and the earnest, persistent spirit with which the association is animated, is truly admirable. The Sabbath is every man's inalienable right, and it is a high-handed act of daring spoliation which deprives any one of its enjoyment. Our common humanity pleads for its fraternal preservation and legal protection. Pity it is that the Kingston Society should be left to stand so much alone in this matter. Were the country truly alive to the vast interests involved in the due observance of God's holy day, short work would be made of the public desecration of it. All classes of the employed are especially concerned; let them everywhere arise in their might and demand of the government a law to secure to them the full enjoyment of the day of rest