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IN order to introduce the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT into all the homes of our congregations, we have resolved to send it to any address for four months—viz. from May to August, inclusive—for 25 cents.

This is a specially good opportunity to get the reports of the Union meetings that will be held in Kingston in June, and in Keswick Ridge, N.B., in July.

By means of the weekly we will be able to give fresh and full reports of these meetings, and it is desirable that all our people know what is done at our annual gatherings. So subscribe for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT. Four months for 25 cents.

MAKE your friend a present of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT for four months, by sending us the name and address with twenty-five cents.

GREAT religious enthusiasm prevails in the Rhondda Valley, Wales. The simple addresses of Miss Shepherd, on the cross and the atonement, have wonderful influence upon "the roughs." Between 400 and 500 have united with the various churches.

IN looking over our mailing list we notice a few names that have a \$ mark after them. We would be greatly inconvenienced if these would remit the small amount. It is only a dollar perhaps, but many a mickle makes a muckle, so oblige us with the mickle. —There are churches in arrears for Year Books, will the treasurers take notice that they can make our hearts glad by sending it to us. We want to square up all accounts before the Union meetings in June.

WE trust that all our readers will show their good will to the INDEPENDENT by doing what they can to increase its circulation. Let your neighbour know that he may get the INDEPENDENT four months for twenty-five cents. There are surely not less than one thousand who will accept this offer if it is properly brought before them. Will ministers kindly announce this from their pulpits. Let clubs of four and eight and twelve and twenty be formed in the churches. It can be easily done. Begin at once and get the first May number.

"THE Talmage Trial," says the "New York Witness," "is becoming wearisome on account of its length. It has branched out into a trial of the prosecutors and witnesses as well as of the defendant himself; and if, according to Presbyterian usage in

Scotland, all this has to be gone over again on appeal to the Synod and then a third time on appeal to the General Assembly, and probably a fourth time on being remitted by the General Assembly back to the Synod, and perhaps a fifth time on being remitted by the Synod back to the Presbytery, the public will have enough of it."

THE Preacher and Homiletic Monthly that was noticed in our columns and inquired for by a correspondent can be got from its publishers, "The Religious Newspaper Agency," New York. It is a monthly, \$2.50 per year, single number 25 cents. The April number contains sermons by Drs. Storrs, Buddington, Hepworth, Washington Gladden, Cuyler, and C. Spurgeon and Dr. Thomas of England, besides many others. An article on expository preaching by Dr. Wm. Taylor, and a sermon on "the art of preaching" by Dr. Edward Griffin, delivered before the Pastoral Association of Massachusetts, are of special interest to preachers.

ONE of the Newport dailies puts the matter of the Talmage trial well when it says that: "The really important question to be settled is whether a Presbyterian court is any better than any other court. It is not long since a Congregational Council, assuming to perform the functions of a court, indulged in the luxury of a trial and succeeded only in leaving the accused in a worse condition than it found him. The Presbyterians, a much more cohesive and compact body of Christians, criticised the Congregational proceedings as the evident result of looseness of organization, and intimated that if the matter had fallen into the hands of their own body it would have been summarily and conclusively disposed of. The opportunity is now given to them to show whatever superiority they are thought to possess in this direction. Up to the present moment, however, we have to confess to nothing but disappointment. The court room has more than once been the scene of hilarious amusement, and the gravity and dignity which belong to a trial in which moral character is involved have been conspicuously wanting."

IT is impossible to be too diligent in warning Protestants of the undiminished pretensions and renewed encroachments of the Papal Hierarchy both in the mother countries and in this Dominion. On this subject the Belfast "Witness" says: "Some of our simple-minded, easy-going, 'goody, goody' Protestants think that Romanism should get the same fair play that is given to the Protestant religion. But these silly people forget that Romanism is far more than a religion. They forget the dogma and the renewed claims put forth in behalf of the temporal power. Oh but, say these people, all that is past and gone, never to return. What, then, is the meaning of the Pope of Rome ennobling our member of Parliament for Clonmel making plain Mr. Moore, Count Moore, of Moorefort? But what does that signify is asked again? Well, it will not be the fault of Roman Catholics if it does not signify something. Did not Mr. Peter Paul MSweeney a former Lord Mayor of Dublin withdraw from the dinner table of the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on a recent occasion, because his Papal rank of knighthood would not be recognized, because he should have to take his seat among the untitled guests. Such a straw as this should let our poor simple-minded Protestants see that Romanism is something other, something more, than a religion—that it is, and claims to be, a kingdom of this world. And as such should be disowned and resisted by all lovers of liberty and life, of peace and truth, of charity and equality."

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

A Congregational Colony.

SHALL WE GO TO THE "UTTERMOST PARTS"
OR ABIDE IN JERUSALEM?

LETTERS ON THE SUBJECT.

"LET US GO UP AT ONCE"

To the Editor of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

DEAR SIR, The letter by the Rev. Robert Hay in the last issue of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT I can heartily endorse, as I am sure a large number of families connected with our denomination in the country will. It opens up a subject that needs to be looked into, if we are not to fall far behind, and repeat the mistake made by brethren in England in the earlier settlement of the country, in allowing almost every other body to precede them in occupying the land for Christ.

The idea and suggestion of the formation of a colony is a good one, and ought to have the co-operation of many of our people contemplating going to what will in the opinion of persons well informed on the subject, be a great country. The desirability of taking up Manitoba and the north-west territory as a mission field was partially discussed at our last Union meetings, in London, and had the support of some of our most enterprising men, but so far as the writer knows ended there, as many a great question ends. Other Churches are going in and taking possession of the land, and they are entitled to be honoured and respected therefore. They have our sympathy and prayers.

There is little doubt but that the statement made by Mr. Hay in regard to the number of families who contemplate going to Manitoba this season is correct. It is questionable, however, if there is sufficient time to arrange for the settlement of a colony this season, unless, indeed, it should take place in the fall, which is not perhaps the best time. There is ample time, however, to make the most complete and satisfactory arrangements for the settlement of a large colony in the early spring of 1880. Meanwhile, let us have a full discussion of the subject.

From conversation with a number of friends favourable to the Indian mission, it is the writer's opinion that if the funds spent in connection with that mission were diverted to a work in Manitoba and North-west Territory more important results would be realized.

Yours faithfully,

R. MACKAY.

Kingston, Ont., 5th April, 1879.

LET US ABIDE IN ONTARIO.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

"Distance lends enchantment to the scene." There is a great deal of poetry in the earnest appeal of a correspondent in the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT of April 3rd to Congregationalists, to follow up the stream of immigration to Manitoba. But let us pause and consider. We have more on our hands in this beautiful Ontario of ours than we can overtake, to say nothing of Quebec and the Lower Provinces. We do not support the few missions we have undertaken without running behind. And one of our most useful schemes—that of a Missionary Superintendent—had to be abandoned for want of means, though no money was ever better spent in Canada.

To undertake missions in the north-west would be to get an elephant on our hands. What with our ef-