

## RELIGIOUS.

## PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Dr. Pollock is on a visit to New York. He will attend the General Assembly at Winnipeg next month.

The Directors of the Halifax Ladies' College announce that the institution will be opened early in September. The course of instruction will include all branches proper to preparatory and collegiate departments. Those desiring information regarding the terms of admission may address the Rev. R. Laing, of this city.

The students of Queen's College, Kingston, are about to undertake the support of a Foreign Missionary, who will be associated with the missionary sent out by Knox College, Toronto.

The great Presbyterian Theological College, known as Union Seminary, in New York, has inaugurated a new departure in the introduction of practical missionary work as a part of the regular course of study. Sixty of the best students are admitted to carry on organized missionary work in New York, receiving sufficient remuneration to enable them to pay all necessary expenses.

The Presbytery of New York reports a membership of 21,195. Its contributions last year were over \$100,000 for Home Missions; \$69,555 for Foreign Missions; \$430,847 for congregational, and \$132,360 for miscellaneous purposes; besides a number of small amounts.

The Presbyterian Church of the United States raised \$780,000 last year for Foreign Missions. Of this amount the Woman's Board contributed about \$250,000. This is a magnificent sum considering the size of the church.

Rev. L. H. Jordan, B.D., of Erskine Church, Montreal, was in Halifax this week for the purpose of attending the funeral of his father, William Jordan, an old and respected merchant of this city, which took place on Tuesday last.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church in Orange, N. J., of which the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Storrs is pastor, raised \$15,800 at a collection on a recent Sunday for needed improvements on the church edifice.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The Synod of the Diocese has been called for the 6th July next for the purpose of electing the new Bishop. It is sincerely to be hoped that a good, hard-working and impartial man may be secured, though it is scarcely to be expected that the Diocese will be blessed with one of as strong mental calibre as the late occupant of the See.

A form of prayer has been issued by the Archdeacon, to be used in all the churches of the Diocese until the election.

Mrs. Binney and family have been the recipients of many addresses of sympathy and condolence. The Rev. W. H. Binney will be in Halifax in a few days, being now on his way.

Rev. S. Gibbons, of Lockport, has received leave of absence for six months.

The Rev. Canon Brock, M.A., President of King's College, will receive the degree of D.D. at the ensuing Encenia. This he has fairly won by his skill and success in the administration of the University at a very critical period in its history.

## BAPTIST.

The Acadia College Anniversary takes place on Thursday, the 2nd of June.

Rev. Mr. Mellick, who has been engaged in mission work in Manitoba for the last two years, has returned to the Maritime Provinces, and will remain home about a year. It is his intention to bring the claims of the North-West before the next Convention.

From reports presented at the Yarmouth County Baptist S. S. Convention, which was held on the 3rd inst., we learn that the returns sent in by 18 out of the 21 schools in the county show that there are on the roll 161 teachers and 1679 scholars.

Rev. Dr. Clark, of McMaster Theological Hall, Toronto, has accepted a call to the Baptist church in Hamilton, New York. This will be a great loss to the institution with which he is connected, as he has by his ability won a high place in the esteem of both professors and students.

The next Convention of the Baptist Church of the Maritime Provinces will be held at Charlottetown in August.

## METHODIST.

Since the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States began its work in 1865, it has helped to build 5,805 churches. It has collected and dispensed about \$3,000,000.

The Methodist church at Sackville, N. B., has extended a unanimous invitation to the Rev. Ralph Brecken, of this city, to be its pastor next year. It is very probable that the reverend gentleman will accept the invitation.

From an address delivered at the educational meeting held last week in Brunswick St. Church, we learn that of the population of Canada, one million belonged to the Methodist Church. Last year \$100,000 were spent for educational purposes.

Rev. James Strothard, of Yarmouth, formerly pastor of Charles St. Methodist Church, is expected to succeed the Rev. Ralph Brecken in the pastorate of Grafton St. Church, and he will be succeeded at Yarmouth by the Rev. James Fisher, now at Granville Ferry.

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

## "THE SHADOW LAND."

How the wild birds sang, and the woodlands rang,  
All those joyous days in June,  
When we felt the breeze, "thru" the forest trees,  
And walked "neath" the silver moon  
How we sat at the door, when the day was o'er,  
Like children hand in hand;  
But now her feet, tread the golden street,  
In the distant "Shadow Land."

Ah! yes we'll meet, in the golden street,  
Where it's ever eternal day,  
Where the spirits pass, o'er the sea of glass,  
To the sound of melody.  
Oh! my face is wet, with the salt tears yet,  
For sorrow's a heavy hand;  
And I'm sure she'll wait, at the golden gate,  
In the distant "Shadow Land."

How I long to meet, in the golden street,  
Where the crystal rivers flow;  
By the emerald walls, and the jewel'd halls,  
Where the angels come and go,  
And again we'll rove, through the orange groves,  
By scented zephyrs fanned;  
And there she'll wait, at the golden gate,  
In the distant "Shadow Land."

I could not cry, when I saw her die,  
My eyes alone hard and bright;  
I kept her side, till my darling died,  
"Thru" that weary, awful night.  
She raised her eyes, with a long drawn sigh,  
As I kissed her cold white hand,  
And said, I'll wait, at the golden gate,  
In the distant "Shadow Land."

Oh! God above, how I loved my love,  
How I whispered soft in her ear,  
When her head I pressed, to my aching breast,  
And called on her name so dear.  
Oh! my eyelids burn, as to heaven I turn,  
Yet I'm sure as that God's hills stand,  
That for me she'll wait, at the golden gate,  
In the distant "Shadow Land."

BRIAN O'LEARY.

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## CAPTAIN KIDD AND LORD BELLAMONT.

An Irish peerage, which is unfortunately lacking title, and some nineteen pages, but evidently dating about the middle of last century, gives some interesting information on the history of Captain Kidd. To some of the readers of THE CRITIC it may be new; and it may be interesting to many who have dabbled in the fascinating but fruitless search of which we every now and then hear. Altogether it is a curious and suggestive picture of life, manners and government in 1695, both English and colonial.

RICHARD, EARL OF BELLAMONT.

Richard, the second Lord Coloony, was returned in 1688 member of parliament for Droitwich, in Worcestershire, for which place he served in several succeeding parliaments; but in 1689 was attained in that held at Dublin by King James II., having been 27th March preceding sworn Treasurer and Receiver-General to King William's Queen; about which time he was made Governor of the County of Leitrim, and, by patent dated 2nd November that year, advanced to the dignity of Earl of Bellamont; and 27th June, 1696, he took his seat as such in the House of Peers.

In the beginning of the year 1695 His Lordship was named Governor of New York by the King, a place then remarkably infected with the two dangerous diseases of an unlawful trade and the practice of piracy, of which employment he was chiefly induced to accept from His Majesty's expression when he first let him know his pleasure, which was "That he thought him a man of resolution and integrity, and with those qualifications more likely, than any other he could then think of, to put a stop to that illegal trade and to the growth of piracy, for which reason he made choice of him for that government, and for the same reason intended to put the government of New England into his hands."

The Earl after accepting the post, in a discourse with Colonel Robert Lovingsstone, a person of considerable estate and fair reputation, and who had several employments in that province, took occasion to mention the scandal that lay upon New York on those accounts, and expressing a zeal to put a stop to that piratical trade, the Colonel proposed the employing of Captain William Kidd, lately arrived thence in a trading sloop of his own, who knew the principal pirates and their usual resorts, and who would undertake to seize most of them in case he might be employed in one of the King's ships, a good sailer of about thirty guns, and about 150 men.

His Lordship acquainted the King with the proposal, and the King consulted the Admiralty, but the war employing all his ships, and the great want of seamen, together with the remoteness of the voyage and the uncertainty of meeting with or taking the pirates, occasioned the laying aside of this project as impracticable at that time.

Colonel Lovingsstone, finding no hope of succeeding this way, proposed to His Lordship that if persons of consideration might be induced to join in the expense of fitting out a proper ship, he had such an opinion of Kidd's capacity and integrity that himself and Kidd would be at a fifth part of the charge, offering to become bound with him for his faithful execution of the commission and safe bringing back of the vessel.

His Lordship imparted this second overture to the King, who approved highly of the design, and declared as an encouragement to the undertakers that they should have a grant of Kidd's captures, so far as they might belong to His Majesty, except a certain reservation, chiefly to show that he was a partner in the undertaking.