

Presbyterian Church of Canada.

1.

THE REV. JOHN ALEXANDER.—We observe that Mr. Alexander has been not only immersed, but called, *ordained*, and inducted as a Pastor of the Baptist Church in Brantford. Mr. Alexander has apparently separated himself by a very broad line from his former brethren. By being re-ordained he seems to deny the validity of his Presbyterian ordination. Hitherto we had supposed that it was Episcopacy alone that denied the validity of a Presbyterian ordination. But we were mistaken. The Presbyterian Church admits the ordination of other evangelical churches and does not re-ordain.—*Ecclesiastical Missionary Record*.

2.

BEAVERTON.—The congregation of Beaverton, hitherto associated with that of Eldon, under the pastoral charge of the Rev John McTavish, has given a call to the Rev. John McLachlin of Acton.—The field is large. Mr. McTavish has long laboured with little assistance: but now he will be associated with a man of *kindred* spirit.

3.

The Congregation of Galt, to which the late Dr. Bayne was minister, has given a call to the Rev. Dr. Thomson, of New York, who has accepted of it. Dr. Thomson will be quite an acquisition to the Canadian Ministry.

4.

The Rev. Mr. Blount of Bosanquet, and the Rev. Mr. Scott of St. Sylvester, have tendered their respective charges through impaired health. We regret to hear this as both gentlemen have been represented to us as faithful labourers in the Lord's Vineyard.

5.

The Rev. D. E. Montgomery of South-Gower and Mountain, has tendered the resignation of his charge through inadequate support. He like many other Ministers in the church have been deceived by false subscription lists. We call them false not because the individuals who got them up intended to deceive when they allowed

names to be attached to certain sums, on the strength of which subscriptions they called a minister; but, because names that are given for a year only, or names belonging to other communions are put down without specific explanations. The Minister Elect, ignorant of these specialities, accepts the list as bona-fide and as lasting for a series of years, enters on the charge, and to his dismay, a few years show him that he depended on broken reeds. We think many of these subscription lists are great evils. In fact, we think they ought to be dispensed with altogether. We shall, if the Lord will, enter more fully on the subject. In the meantime, we heartily wish Mr. Montgomery true success in whatever field the Lord may call him to.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

1.

This church has very appropriately set apart one Sabbath in the month to be observed as a day of special prayer for the out pouring of the Spirit on the rising generation. We rejoice to observe such tokens of spiritual life.

3.

The Rev. Mr. Hay has been inducted as Minister of the Church at Mount Forest, and the Rev. A. Stewart, late of Chatham, New Brunswick, has been inducted over the congregation at Hornby.

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A new church has been opened in Port Hope. The Minister of which is the Rev. D. Camelon.

UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND.

1.

Esqueping. The congregation is now greatly increased in numbers. The external prosperity appears to be marked, we trust that that is but an emblem of the progress of divine life.

2.

The Church Organ for the month, contains an account of donations and good will received by Ministers from their congregation. They are not of that nature that we can specially refer to them in the Good News. We make, however, one exception, as it is much to the credit of the Rev. Mr. Hill of Caledonia, Co. of Haldimand.

It is worthy of remark, that the Rev. Gentleman has officiated on this Mission for a little