

as thoroughly as possible into collector's districts; let us say, for example, into districts of ten or twelve persons each. Let him look out for as many collectors as he requires, taking care to fit on persons of zeal and activity; and whilst he has a book himself, containing a list of all the names in his district, let each collector receive a book, with the names of the persons intrusted to his or her care.

One great object which all Deacons should have in view, is to bear up the *Central Fund*. It seems quite clear that, especially in such a country as this, such a fund is of the last importance; and we know not a more healthy lesson of Christian principle than the practical lesson of mutual love and enlarged benevolence, thus continually urged upon our people by Deacons and collectors. There is a perfect certainty of securing this most vital financial object of the Church, if only an ordinary degree of zeal and effort are permanently brought to bear upon it. But Deacons and people must have it as their constant desire, that in this respect they may not become "weary in well-doing."

MAXIMS FOR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL.

Seek not great things for thyself; seek not great approbation, great applause, great convenience, or a great income, but seek great things for Christ; seek to him great glory, many converts, and much fruits of righteousness.

Consider the preciousness of souls, the value of salvation, the weight of the sacred charge, the terrors of the Almighty, the awful day of account, and thine own utter inability; then shalt thou have no vain confidence, but depend on God alone.

Please all men in the truth, but wound not the truth to please any.

Set thy affections on things above: so shall spiritual things be thy delight, and not thy burthen.

In company always study to drop something for edification; and in a manner preach occasionally as statedly.

Be much with God in secret; so shall God be with you in public.

Miscellaneous.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

CANADA.

PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION, CENTRE ROAD, EAST CALEDON.

The congregation agreeably to appointment made on the previous Sabbath, met on the evening of the 21st ult., when after prayer and the nomination of Mr. J. Lindsay, to preside; Rev. A. Mackintosh, of Thorold, presented a concise and summary view of the reasons which led the body that seceded from the Synod of Canada in connection with the Established Church of Scotland to adopt so momentous a step—a step which though painful and distressing in the extreme—he endeavoured to show they were impelled to by an imperative sense of duty.

After which it was proposed by Mr. J. Bell; and seconded by Mr. A. Baird, and unanimously agreed to:—

1. That this congregation approve of the course adopted by the reverend body called the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in seceding from the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland; and considering it moreover suitable, in present circumstances, to become connected with that church, declare their adherence to it.

Moved by Mr. R. Thornton, and seconded by Mr. E. Clarke,

2. That a committee consisting of Mr. J. Bell, Mr. J. Lindsay, and Mr. R. Watson, be appointed to make collections for the Mission Fund, and to transmit the same to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

This congregation in adopting the foregoing resolutions, have manifested a very laudable spirit, and one which so far as the example has weight, should have a salutary effect in promoting a spirit of union between two religious bodies, which we think should no longer keep apart, and the adherents of which, we are glad to perceive, manifest a more cordial feeling towards each other, and a greater disposition to amalgamate than formerly—we mean the Presbyterian Church and the United Secession body. This congregation was connected with the latter church, but with the praiseworthy motive of strengthening the hands of one or two adjoining congregations connected with the Presbyterian Church, and rendering it more easy for these and themselves, thus united to obtain a supply of divine ordinances, they resolved on account of the congeniality of their principles and feelings with those of the Protestant Church, to waive slight shades of difference, and at once to amalgamate and make common cause with her. Should this truly christian and charitable spirit be manifested generally by the Presbyterian Church, and those churches which are closely allied with her in sentiment, it will mightily contribute to the dissemination of truth and the extension of vital godliness.—*Con.*

PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

The committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, on the Education of Students, met here last week, and examined the Students with a view to assign them their places in the Academical Curriculum, both as to theological studies and those of a preparatory kind. The examination extended also to the views of the Students as candidates for the Holy Ministry; and the result of the whole was of the most encouraging kind, both as regards the character of the Students and their present attainments—not less than ten Students were passed. And when we consider the enthusiasm for education of Mr. Esson, his experience in teaching, and his high qualifications as an approved minister of the gospel—and the comprehension and vigour of mind and high theological attainments of the honoured Deputy of the Free Church now amongst us—we do think that our Presbyterian Church has cause for abundant thanksgivings to God, that a School of the Prophets is instituted amongst us, and is in operation in circumstances so encouraging. Yes, and we would say to our friends and brethren every where, sustain the institution with your prayers, while you take up the voice of thanksgiving.

We may state, for the sake of friends at a distance, the Divinity Hall is *pro tempore* in a house in James Street—and we doubt not that in time to come, Pastors that are yet to be will have pleasant recollections of the discoveries of truth that first shone upon their souls in the unpretending edifice where they are now conducted to the fountain-head of truth.

An appeal will be made to all the Churches for funds to carry on the Institution, and for a Library on the first Sabbath in February.

Thanks to the Free Church and the Congregation in Toronto, Mr. King the Professor of Theology, is labouring amongst us without charge to our funds. We are happy to say that other Students have joined our institution since the Examination.—*Com.*

BYTOWN CHURCH MEETING.

At a meeting of members of St. Andrew's Church, and others, held in the Methodist Church, Upper Bytown, on the evening of Thursday, 7th November, Mr. Thomas Wardrope was requested to take the chair, and Mr. Alex. Gray to act as Secretary.

The meeting having been opened with prayer by Mr. Kennedy, and a few introductory remarks having been made by the Chairman: the Rev. Henry Gordon, of Gananoque, gave a clear and full explanation of the present position of the "Presbyterian Church of Canada," together with the reasons of their separation from the Synod of

Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland. After which it was moved by Mr. Kennedy, and seconded by Mr. Durie,—

Resolved.—The meeting having heard the statements of the Rev. Henry Gordon, one of the ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, respecting the present position of that Church, and the grounds which led to its separation from the Synod of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland; and moreover had ample time and opportunity to weigh calmly the merits of that great question, which issued in the memorable event of the disruption of the Church of Scotland, and in the subsequent disruption of the Synod of Canada, do now resolve to adhere to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and appoint the Secretary to transmit this declaration of adherence to the Presbytery at Kingston, and to apply to that Presbytery to afford them such spiritual supplies as it may be in the power of the Presbytery to grant.

On the Sabbath following the Rev. Henry Gordon preached to the congregation adhering to the Presbyterian Church of Canada: in the forenoon, in the British Wesleyan Chapel: in the afternoon, in the Methodist Church, and again in the evening, in the British Wesleyan Chapel.

THOS. WARDROPE, Chairman.

ALEX. GRAY, Secretary.

FAREWELL SOIREE TO THE REV. HENRY ESSON, A.M.

This entertainment took place on Tuesday evening, and came off in a manner which exceeded all our expectations. There were nearly four hundred persons present, but so excellent were the arrangements, and so indefatigable the managers, that not the least confusion or accident occurred. The rooms were beautifully lighted up, and ornamented with banners, and arches, and wreaths of evergreens. The tea tables were loaded with the good things of this life. John Redpath, Esq., occupied the Chair, supported on his right by the guest of the evening, Mr. Esson, and surrounded by the Ministers of various religious denominations in this city. The Rev. W. Taylor sent an apology for absence from indisposition, from which the following is an extract: "No public meeting has occurred for many years of a nature more congenial to my feelings, or which it would have given me greater pleasure to attend. Mr. Esson is fully entitled to this public honour, both by his labours as a Minister of the Gospel, by his classical and literary attainments, and the valuable services which he has rendered to education, morals, and civil and religious liberty in this city."

The Chairman shortly addressed the meeting expressing the high estimation in which Mr. Esson is held by all who knew him, and the hearty good wishes of all his friends for his future happiness and success in the new sphere of duty which he has been called to occupy in the service of the Church. Mr. Esson, on rising to reply, was received with prolonged and enthusiastic applause. He shortly but feelingly expressed his deep sense of the honour conferred on him, and his satisfaction to find that his humble efforts in a good cause had been so favourably regarded by his friends and fellow-citizens. The band struck up the appropriate air of "Auld Lang Syne." An address the Rev. Dr. Carruthers followed, after which the company retired to the promenade room, and were entertained with music.

On returning to the grand hall, the tables were covered with a profusion of fruit of every variety and excellent quality. After these had been suitably discussed, the Rev. Mr. Cramp, President of the Baptist College, delivered a short address. The Chairman returned thanks to the Ladies who had attended to the arrangements of the Soiree, and called on the Rev. Mr. Wilkes, who made a few appropriate remarks, alluding to Mr. Esson as the founder of the "Protestant Orphan Asylum," and many other philanthropic institutions in this city, and expressing the hope that his mantle, as the champion of civil and religious liberty, might,