" STABAT MATER."

Jews were wrought to cruel madness Christians fied in fear and sadnes; Mary stood the cross beside.

At its foot her foot she planted, By the dreadful scene undaunted Till the gentle sufferer died.

Poets oft have sung her story ; Painters decked her brow with glory ; Priests her name have defiled

But no worship, song, or glory, Touches like that simple story— "Mary stood the cross beside."

And when under fierce oppression, Goodness suffers like transgression Christ again is crucified.

But if love be there true-hearted, By no grief or terror parted. Mary stands the cross beside.

The Daily Recorder.

TORONTO, MONDAY, MAY 31, 1869.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND THEIR CLAIMS ON THE CHURCH.

Do our friends generally know what the su- ant work ?" perannuated allowances are, when our ministers have claims upon that fund ? and whether full whatever it is ?

to the great importance of this fund, as well as our circuits during the month of May in each the duty of the Church to sustain it in a year. befitting manner, we have been led to examine

time; and as we have looked at it as it was and as it is, we have felt and prayed that God would

make it what it ought to be. In the Minutes of Conference, taken at Halli-

well, August, 1832, we have this question :-"8. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

"Answer .-- Thomas Whitehead, Wm. Brown, From Ministers -5,"

There were three preachers, and the number of In the Minutes of the same year we find, under members in the Church was 6,150. We find head of "the privileges of the preachers," the • no notice of any superannuated fund; we sus- following : "That every travelling and superpect there was none, In 1825, the superan- annuated preacher shall have one copy of the nuated preachers were six. We find this resolution on the

superannuated preachers and the the income had in no year been as low per widows and children of those preachers member as in 1843. This appears to be at who have died in the work, it shall be the once the point of greatest depression and of a duty of superintendents of circuits to see that better day.

the public collections required by the discipline In 1844 the contributions average 24c. The be taken up in every congregation on the interest on Centenary money, invested in Book route round their respective circuits, commenc- Room, £111 15s. 91d., which at six per cent. ing on the first Sabbath in February in each would represent a capital of £1862. In 1845, contributions from circuits averaged year."

In 1835 the superannuated preachers were 31c. per member. Interest on Centenary 9; the amount collected £175 2s.6d., or 41c. money had fallen off to £87 16s. 81d., although per member. At this Conference we find a the membership in this year was 22,946, and collection made among the preachers which the preachers numbered only 144, yet the sub- Sarnia, preached from Acts xi. 26. " The disamounted to £6 15s. 11d., and appropriated scriptions of the latter amounted to four-tenths cipies were called Christians first in Antioch." Law Giver. Nor is this more certain inof the whole amount. as follows :-

time :--

To Mr. Madden £6 15 11

In 1836 there were 3 supernumeraries and 11 64c superannuated men; 4 of the latter are stated as having no claim. Amount collected, £209 g

11s. 2d., or 5¹/₈c. per member. Question 15, of this Conference, reads thus "What can be done for the purpose of securing a more efficient support for our superan-20 nuated preachers, and for the widows and children of those who have died in the itiner-\$ \$

Answer :---1. "Instead of the public collections which they can depend upon receiving the amount in are now made in our congregations, (generally called the fifth collection) there shall be private With a view of exciting renewed interest collections and subscriptions made in the soamong our people and our ministers in regard cieties and among our friends throughout all

2. "That into this fund each member of the its working from its inception to the present Conference shall pay not less than one pound annually.

In 1837 we find eleven superanuated ministers. graciously put into the hearts of his people to four of whom had no claim, the membership being 15,453. Here we have, for the first time, the superannuated fund in a distinct form, the amounts from the circuits and ministers being separately stated, viz. :

> We give also the contributions from dis-£135 15 4 98 97

31c. per member. ministers :-District oronto Hamilton Niagara Brantford London Chatham

Annual Minutes of Conference gratis." This

8. Resolved. That those lay members who

As there were but seven, it may be interest-

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THE PULPITS.

THE CITY CHURCHES YESTERDAY.

The pulpits of the Methodist Churches in "But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my the city, and several in the country adjacent, glory, and the lifter up of mine head," Psalms were occupied by members of the Stationing Committee. We give brief reports of these services, only regretting that our space will not permit us to give the sermons in full.

RICHMOND STREET CHURCH

At 11, a.m., the Rev. George Goodson, of After a brief introduction showing the important physical than in spiritual subjects. The The following figures will show the steady position occupied by Antioch in Syria, as a centre from which the Gospel was disseminated important institution of which we have any improvement of the fund from 1846 to present

experimental and practical religion.

Cobourg, preached from 1 Cor. iz. 16. "For to her work. Add to this that the promise o glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." And from the rivers to the ends of the earth., The sermon was an able and practical elucidation

> preacher. There were many fine points in the selves from Him, rely upon the formula of an sermon-much wise discrimination of the true outward service, and the vision fades, the glory gospel from the false, and partially false, sys- departs from them. This was not the tems of men. The whole was improved by an course pursued by the Psalmist. The power earnest and hearty exhortation to all to accept the "glad tidings" now and be saved. As is usual in Richmond Street the house them to unite in hostility against him. But was well filled both morning and evening.

YORKVILLE

The Rev. Charles Lavell, A.M., Chairman of church, and to individual members of it, as the Guelph District, preached in this church in being a shield and a protector to his people. the morning to the edification and delight of This was further shewn by a reference, first, many friends of former days. Mr. Lavell took to the wisdom and penetration employed for as his text Heb. 4 : 1,-"" Let us therefore fear, their safety ; secondly, the numbers engaged lest, a promise being left us of entering into his in their defence ; and, thirdly, the favourable rest, any of you should seem to come short of situation which thay occupy. These various it," and in an eminent and lucid manner illus- points were strikingly and appropriately illustrated the nature 1. Of the Rest; 2. Of the trated by a reference to many wonderful detricts for the year 1868, shewing the amount Promise; and 3. Of the Caution, referred to in liverences which God had wrought for His James Wilson, Peter Jones, Kenneth Sexsmith. The contributions from circuits averaging contributed per member, deducting contributions the text. He showed that this blessing might people in seasons of adversity and trial.

it his intellect, his heart and his conscience were great mass of mankind admitted that the Chrisall at rest. Furthermore such an one enjoyed tian required protection ; but few allowed him exemption from the burden of carping care and glory. This, however, the Psalmist claimed as

Kings 6:7. The building of the temple at

Jerusalem in which " there was neither hammer

QUEEN STREET CHURCH.

BERKELEY STREET CHURCH.

A very practical and appropriate sermon, was preached by the Rev. D. C. McDoweil, chairman of the Pembroke District, from the text :

3 verse 3. He commenced by saying, "The material universe has dependence broadly stamped upon its surface, its very existence proves not only the necessity of the Creator. but that He is present as the powerful upholder. And this reliance is true, not merely with regard to vast systems, but even inferior parts. The smallest atom avows its obligations to law, and thereby its dependence upon the Great church, in her various relations, is the most among the Gentiles, he described the character knowledge ; the divinity and certainty of her of a Christian, as one who believes the doctrines, origin, the solidity of her foundation, the participates the grace, and obeys the commands variety and character of her ordinances, the of Christ. By a searching and impressive appli- beauty, spirituality and power of her doctrines, cation he enforced effectively the necessity of and the marked purpose and efficiency of her services present her to the world as complete At 61 p.m., the Rev. William Pollard, of in all essential parts, and eminently adapted though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to Jehovah guarantees her 'growth' and 'inf of the grand elements of Divine truth which because of anything peculiar to the mere constitutes the gospel; also of what it is to ordinance, not by the drapery of the altar, but preach the gospel; and why it is that glorying arises out of her reliance upon God. Some, in self is excluded on the part of the true by forgetfulness of this part, separate themin the midst of raging strife and commotion, he could say, "But thou, O Lord, art a shield to me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head." He elucidated the subject by shewing the relationship which Jehovah sustains to the

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be enjoyed now, and that when a man received II. My glory-dignifier-ornamentor. The

exemption from the burden of carping care and anxiety which preyed upon other men. Even in the hour of death he had rest, and after death entered into the rest of heaven. The preacher more honorable. Religion was by many con-

copy of the Minutes is the first thing which we find made absolutely certain to the superannuated that year :--

From Circuits .

"Resolved .- That our superannuated breth- preachers. For 1838-9 the superannuated men ren be permitted to make collections in all are 12 and 13, respectively, the income much places where they may labor, and where such the same as in 1837. allections do not interfere with the labors [al-In 1839 we find the following resolution.

with all which they may receive in consideration ous services connected with the celebration of of their services."

Observe, they were permitted to make collec- general pecuniary contribution, to be applied to tions where they labored and where these collec- the following purposes, and in the following tions would not interfere with the circuit fund. ratio, viz. : That five-tenths of all we collect How far the danger of this interference existed be employed for the purpose of forming a fund may in some measure be gathered from this for the support of our superannuated preachers, fact, that several years later, all that a good two-tenths to the Book Room, two-tenths to brother received for his year's labors, apart furnishing parsonage houses, and one-tenth to from his board, was "seven shillings and six- be left at the disposal of Conference, for missionpence in cash, and cloth enough for a pair of ary and other purposes." trousers, the band being of another color." 1840 gives £129 2s. 3d. from the circuits,

How much, therefore, could the superannuated 31c. per member. preacher collect? This resolution seems so like The income per member in 1841 had fallen

the dispensation which the Church of Rome off to 3c per member. There is also an item mistakes. In justice to our good brother, we doubt not that the seed so faithfully sown will gives to its begging friars, that on reading it entered, "Interest on Centenary Fund, £46 10s." we felt at once pained and thankful-pained, In 1842 the income averaged only 22c. per that men, whose strength had been given to member, although there had been an increase in God's cause, should have had such uncertain the membership of 2461, the total memberprovision for their support in their declining ship being 19,478. No interest received this years, and thankful that the day had passed year from the Centenary Fund, unless it be the when such resolutions were necessary. amount £64 15s. 4d., received from Book Room.

In 1826-7-8, the superannuated preachers We find these resolutions in minutes of this averaged 6; in 1829, but 3; in 1830, 5; in year. 1831-2-3 they averaged 9. 6. Resolved, That the resolution on the jour-

In the Minutes of Conference of a later year nals of the Conference, in relation to the time we have this question :---

of taking up the subscriptions for the Super-"10. What is the number of members in our annuated Fund, be rescinded, and the following Societies, and what has been collected for the substituted, viz. : That application be made to contingent expenses, and for making up the our members and friends, in behalf of the superallowances of the preachers ?" between the months of November and February."

" Answer.-Members, 16.039 : Amount, £340 14s. 5d."

have paid one pound to the superannuated fund Here, then, we discover the origin of the Superannuated Preachers' Fund. As, however, annually, have their names printed in the the fund from 1833 to 1837 is sometimes called Minutes of Conference." the," Contingent Fund ;" and again, the "Superannuated and Contingent Fund," it is diffiing to have their names ; here they are ;--cult to say how much was devoted to the Super-Elizabethtown, J. S. Both, Esq. annuated Ministers. For these joint purposes R. Coleman, I Prescott, N. B. Mallory, Esq. we find the amount averaging 8tc. per member. -a handsome average for those days. In 1834, the superannuated ministers were

Matilda, George Brouse, Esq. Kemptville, Thomas Stewart, Esq. F. Stewart, Esq. 9. In this year we find a decrease of 1,109 members, the members in the society being ten superannuated men, two of whom had no 14,930; and we find a serious falling off in claim. Ap increase of members during the year the Contingent Fund : the sum required being of 3,833, making the total membership 23,311,

£375, or equal to 10c. per. member, and the and yet the contributions to the superannuated respondents for the non-appearance of their £375, or equal to 10c. per. member, and the and yet the contributions to the superanducted valuable communications. Several articles on the souls of men; also witnesses in the blood, and tells us we are born of God. Seals amount subscribed, 2105 is. 5d., or equal to fund averaged only 23c. per member. This heavy loss had interest on Centenary money this year, invested already in type are crowded out this morning, are also used in the ratification of covenants. largely to be sustained by the superannuated in the Book Room, we find to be £98 11s. 8d. in order that we might publish the "Billets," God's covenant with his people was noticed, men, to which we will after have occasion to refer. We have in the Minutes of that year circuits appear to increase, slowly, it is true, but in get, which occupies the whole of our third page; and also the condensed reports of the sermons preached in some of our city churches vester. All should accept this salvation at once in all its provisions. A great mistake is made men, to which we will after have occasion to From this year the contributions from the which occupies the whole of our third page; &c., &c.

fectual saving of funds for the support of from circuits were first given in separate form, by our numerous friends.

Owen Sound 1,840 Barrie Whitby 3,489 240 73 2,527 371 25 2,120 Cobourg 216 64 2,285 Peterbor Belleville 4,316 resolution o. That'n audition to the religi-3,159 Ferth Pembroke 900 the Centenary of Methodism, there shall be a Ottawa . 1,808 Montreal 2,339 Quebec 1,3801.690Stanstead Hudson's Bay 687 131 Pacific Coast. (To be Continued.)

corrected.

APOLOGETIC.

We regret that, in the hurry of "makingup," a portion of Bro. Poole's article on the

"Goderich District," went to press without correction, and consequently appeared in Sat- that is to endure for ever. Altogether the ser- the afternoon. urday's issue full of typographical and other vices of the day were deeply interesting, and we will re-publish the article to-morrow carefully yet bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

Members.

4,345

3,718

2,178

3,697

4,601

2,800

3,154

2,563

Dist. amt. Average

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435 33

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46 70

OMISSIONS.

Rev Dr. Aylesworth preached in this Church. The Revs. Dr. Nelles and J. Gemley were The text was the 13th verse of the 1st chap. of Ephesians :-- "In whom ye also trusted announced to preach at Adelaide Street, and after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gos-Dr. Evans and J. Borland at Elm Street, but pel of your salvation, in whom also after that no reports from these churches have come to ye believed ye were sealed with the Holy hand up to three o'clock this morning. Spirit of Promise

Paul was truly a master builder, had great advantages. was well acquainted with the C ORPUS CHRISTI.-The festival of "the foundation, the chief corner stone, and Body of Christ" was celebrated yesterday at the other materials to be used in God's build-St. Michaels Church, with a gorgeous pageantry ing, or the habitation of God through the our members and friends, in behalf of the super-annuated or worn out preachers' fund, some time paraphernalia. Hundreds of children strewed precious stones might be found in the text, the way with flowers before the Host, and the and a closer examination might disclose adstrains of the organ, and of brazen instruments monition. added to the pomp of the occasion. An im-

mense crowd assembled to witness the idolatrous for man, in the Gospei of Christian Paul to be the Word of Truth." breadin-God."

SPEECH CF SENOR CASTELAR. - On our first Senor Castelar, in the Spanish Cortes, on " Re-Kemptville, Thomas Stewart, Esq. 100 F. Stewart, Esq. 100 In 1843 there were four supernumeraries, yet its importance will be a sufficient apology setion and lines are been been upon man-kind, in the reading, of the Scriptures, the preaching of qualified men, and in the converfor its reproduction at the present time.

We have to apologise to our numerous cor-

preached in some of our city churches yester- by those who neglect it.

tation to seek salvation now.

sidered a melancholy subject, causing the head cluded all that God had spoken in His Word, the to droop and the heart to faint. This the text authenticity of which was sustained by the most triumphantly refuted, and the illustrations by abundant evidence-external, internal, and ex- the preacher shewed to be entirely false. In perimental. He next illustrated the nature of concluding, the rev. gentleman pressed home perimental. He next illustrated the nature of the Caution—" Let us fear," &c, showing that it was not the abject fear of a slave, but the filiehced by it would be careful to abtain from the vorv appearance of evil and to maintain all the very appearance of evil, and to maintain all should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Has he lifted up your head through the redemption that is in Chaist Jesus. Forget not that you must one day come to him, and

your destiny for eternity will hang upon his man of the Goderich District, officiated. The est joys of heaven, or sink you into the deepest evening was somewhat unfavorable, yet a fair miseries of the lost." congregation assembled, and listened with pleasure and profit to an eloquent discourse on 1st

DAVENPORT.

The Rev. J. Masson preached at this appointnor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house," ment in the morning, and the Rev. J. G. Laird was used with fine effect in illustrating the pro- in the evening, to large and interested congregacess by which God is rearing that spiritual house tions. Bro. Masson also preached at Seaton in

THE NEW CONNEXION CHURCH.

Services were conducted in this church yesterday, in the morning by the Rev. H. Davis, who preached a very earnest and practical sermon from Isaiah lxiv : 1, showing the necessity of the out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the world, the duty of christians to pray for this, and the glorious results that will follow. In the evening the Rev. T. Cosford,

discourse from the deliverance of the three Hebrew children, and the honor God parts upon attachment to religious principles.

Carrespondence.

THE SILVER QUESTION.

To the Editor of the Recorder DEAR SIR,-By the vote of the London District Meeting, the following resolution-having received

The first topic noticed was, "The Salvation the unanimous vote of the Stewards prtsent-was for man, in the Gospel of Christ, declared by ordered to be sent to the Recorder and Guardian for publication. As, at the Conference, the subject on-which it treats will likely claim attention, it may not be

to raise him from the grave and rescue him amiss to prepare the mind for its consideration. That loss has been sustained by the ministry in the receipt of depreciated currency will not be doubted. This word of Truth, these glad tidings were against such loss until such time as the eagled coin And certainly something might be done to provide

Moved by Wm. McKeen, seconded by Daniel Shaw and resolved.

"That the Stewards' of the District meeting apprehending the loss and inconvenience to which our ministers are subject by the superabundance of silver, and the deprecation of its value take this opportunity of expressing the opinion that in settling with their ministers the stewards' should allow the usual discount on silver whenever it is possible to do so."

I am, Yours truly, H. CHRISTOPHERSON. Secretary.

TREASURE SEEKERS-Motto : Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. THREADS OF GOLD-Motto: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

sation and lives of true Christians. The third topic noticed, "The comforting assurance of salvation." The Holy Spirit of Promise fastens

Resolved.—"That in order to the most ef- From 1837, the year when the contributions day. We trust this apology will be accepted by those who neglect it. The preacher concluded with a hearty invi-

The second topic was, "The process by which

page will be found extracts from the speech of this salvation is to be effected.

ligious Liberty." Although the speech has al- to be heard-to be brought to bear upon man- reaches its former value.

Christ came to save man from ignorance, guilt, pollution, weakness, the fear of death,

171 55 358 46 295 90 116 79 10 42 205 14 871 09 with an earnest exhortation to those who had 74 47 forsaken this rest to return, and to those who 45 58 had never sought it to seek it now. In the evening, the Rev. Wm. Price, Chair-13 80 10

