

The Rev. Mr. Darling, of Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, stated in a sermon that there were 18,000 members of the Church of England in Toronto, and only \$399 were collected last year for the support of missions in that city.

Something to be looked after.—The St. Catharines *Constitutional*, with reference to marriages without license or publication of banns by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto, and any claim to peculiar exemption from the requirements of law, says, in reply to a correspondent:—"We have been informed on good authority that the marriages alluded to in the following letter are illegal—that the person officiating is guilty of 'misdemeanor,' and liable to severe punishment. We further learn, that before the decision to this effect is given by the Court of Chancery, a retrospective bill will be brought into Parliament to legalize those illegal unions and legitimize the children resulting from them. The enormous charge for the Government license is a gross imposition on the public, which will be knocked on the head, we trust, at the very first meeting of our new Legislature. Two dollars is the highest rate that should be charged for a license."

Bishop Strachan School for Young Ladies.—A thoroughly "Church" school for young ladies is soon to be established in Toronto, with low terms of tuition. One object is, to keep the daughters of Churchmen from going to the convents; another, to indoctrinate them thoroughly in "Church principles." The Bishop of Niagara states that teachers of private schools are hampered by being obliged to admit other than Church of England pupils, so that *distinctive* religious teaching is very limited. Another clergyman, the chief promoter of the scheme, based his argument upon the alleged deficiencies of our public school system, which was "bringing forth fruit in the increase of worldliness and crime." The duty of education was not confided to the State, but to the Church. The system of a majority rule in our public assemblies was one of brute force, and so long as it prevailed, they could not hope for their rights. He vindicated that right which the State was impiously endeavouring to snatch from them.—This style of remark gives us the right to say a word on the matter, for the principles asserted cover all schools, common and superior, up to the College. The State does not prevent the formation of schools by private means. The only hardship complained of must be, *the withholding of State aid*. Yet the *Christian Guardian* says: "In most that was said we heartily concur. \* \* There were some good arguments advanced for denominational education, which were *especially* applicable to the case of boarding schools and colleges." "Especially," mark! not exclusively, as we used to be told. Is it coming to this, that the Wesleyan authorities will support the movements of the Roman and Anglican prelates in favour of a sectarian system, from top to bottom? Must that battle be fought over again in the Province of Ontario?

Church Journalism.—We copied in our last an advertisement of a new paper to be called *The Church*. The following, of another, has since appeared:—

"A CHURCH PAPER.—A company is being formed for the purpose of publishing in this city, a Church Paper, to be called '*The Toronto Church Journal*,' which will enunciate the principles of the Church as established at the time of the glorious Reformation in the 16th century."

Montreal Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations.—In June next, a grand convention of delegates from the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British America will be held at Montreal. It is expected that 1,000 delegates will be present, and provision is being made, as Montrealers well know how, for their accommodation. Invitations have been sent to Rev. Messrs. Spurgeon, Newman Hall, Punshon, Rev. Dr. Arnot, and William E. Shipton, Esq., Secretary of the London Association—to be present at the Convention in June next; provision being made for their expenses both ways.—*Ec.*