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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We must remind many of our subscribers of the fact, which they may have overlooked, that their payments to the PRESBYTERIAN are considerably in arrears.

IS CALVINISM DEAD?

Such was the heading of an article in a recent number of a Methodist magazine published in this city.

It would not indicate very correct information on the part of a Presbyterian editor to head an editorial with the question "Is Methodism Dead?"

Calvinism does not mean all that Calvin ever said, or wrote, or did. Calvinism is a system of theology—a good, clear, outspoken exhibition of the system we find in "The Westminster Confession of Faith."

It cannot be that Calvinism is dead when we find all the Presbyterian Churches of the United States of America still holding by the Westminster Confession.

(three hundred and fourteen thousand) copies of this savory little catechism."

It cannot be that Calvinism is dying or dead when we find all the Presbyterian Churches of this Dominion recently uniting on the basis of Calvinism.

It cannot be that Calvinism is dying or dead, when we read of such gatherings as the recent meeting in London of Calvinistic Churches.

This Alliance of Presbyterian Churches, which is based on Calvinism and Presbyterianism, is as wide as the globe, and contains within its bosom twenty distinct Presbyterian denominations.

It would (so say Carlyle and Froude, Spurgeon and Moody,) be a sad day for the world if Calvinism were dead.

But when she came back she found him a laughing. But, in all seriousness, there is no need surely that Calvinism should die, or that any one should wish it dead.

THE GUIBORD CASE.

The Guibord case is apparently not settled yet. After the final decision of the Privy Council, we had thought that wise and moderate counsels would have prevailed.

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the whole question of consecrated ground and excommunication and "church authority," etc., there may be differences of opinion, but about the absolute necessity of maintaining the final decision of law, as enacted by the Supreme Court of Appeal, there can, in the estimation of every true British subject, and every truly peaceful citizen, be no doubt whatever.

OBITUARY.

At his residence, near Huntingdon, P.Q., on the 9th day of August, 1876, Hugh Barr, Esq., in his 88th year, died.

Ministers and Churches.

PRESENTATION.—On the evening of Wednesday, the 26th ult., the ladies of the Presbyterian Congregation of Port Elgin presented their pastor, the Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., with a purse containing one hundred dollars.

We have just learned that Alexander Langmuir, Esq., died last month, after protracted and severe sufferings, at the residence of his son, Mr. J. W. Langmuir, of Toronto.

A MEETING of the Woman's Missionary Society (called from the pulpits the Sunday previous) was held at the Manse, South Georgetown, on Tuesday afternoon, August 31, to organize a society auxiliary to the Canadian Woman's Board of Missions.

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Pettigrew, (Weston,) and Nichol, (Vaughan). A choir, led by Mr. Dabbie, preceptor of the congregation, sang a number of suitable pieces with great precision and taste.

LITERARY ITEMS.

THE Oxford University Press announces an edition of the Bible which, as to the size of the volume, will be the smallest in the world.

AN old Scotch lady told Sir Walter Scott that she, at seventy, could not read without blushing the works which were openly read and freely discussed in her girlhood.

LAST year American books to the value of \$584,659 were exported from this country, and the record shows that their readers are in all parts of the world.

DR. CANDLISH (Professor in Glasgow College) is to succeed Dr. Dykes as editor of the British and Foreign Evangelical Review, so largely circulated in Canada.

DISRAELI proposes a new verb for membership of the English language. He said in the House of Commons, "There is no one whom I should like more to convene than my honorable friend."

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN, the Danish poet and story-teller, is dead. He was widely known and of great popularity.

THE ex-Premier Gladstone has collected his three essays, "The Vatican Decrees," "Vaticanism," "The Pope's Speeches," and added a new preface.

THE most comprehensive Biblical book of this decade has just appeared in Paris on "The Prophecy of Daniel; or, the Philosophy of History from Creation to the End of Time."

MR. FRANCIS PARKMAN, the author of the charming history of the French settlement of Canada, is not properly a theologian, but he has got the Roman Catholic Church of to-day in the neatest formula that we have anywhere seen.

THE poor Bishops of the Church of England are the targets for all manner of arrows shot by cunning archers.

EVEN the most careful and learned writers will occasionally make slips. Mr. Gladstone, for instance, in a recent article in the Contemporary Review, said: "This fierce light that beats upon a throne is sometimes like the heat of that furnace in which only Daniel could walk unscathed—too fierce for those whose place it is to stand in this vicinity."

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

DR. CURMING, of London, is preaching on Moody's place in prophecy. His place in history can be more easily ascertained.

NEWMAN HALL still wants \$20,000 to complete the new church in London without debt.

THE Abyssinians are making preparations to invade the Egyptian frontier, which is not sufficiently guarded.

A DESPATCH to the London Times from Calcutta says extensive floods prevail in the Punjab. Travel on the railways is interrupted, and an immense amount of damage is done.

PROF. BLACKIE announces that he has already received \$25,000 for the endowment of a Celtic Chair at Edinburgh University.

THE English Revisers of the Authorized Version of the New Testament, at their fifty-second session, completed the Revision of the First Epistle to the Corinthians to the middle of the fourth chapter.

THE Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland, which last year was increased by above \$10,000 is still moving onwards and upwards.

of the last month show an increase over the whole Church of \$210 17s 8d.

A RUSSIAN Tract Society has been established this year. A gentleman of the name of Palschoff, who had been converted by Lord Radstock, is distributing every month one thousand copies of the New Testament among the Moslems.

THE national revenue of France for the first six months of this year exceeds the estimate by 45,000,000 francs, (£1,800,000). This is a pretty good indication of the returning prosperity of the country.

THE spiritualistic phenomena are to be thoroughly investigated in St. Petersburg by a special committee of scientists, appointed by the Imperial University, under the Presidency of Professor Mendeleeff.

THE richest of the landholders of Scotland is the Duke of Sutherland, whose "broad acres" aggregate 1,323,333, or more than 2,072 square miles, yielding annually somewhat above a quarter of a million of dollars.

THE London Christian World is the medium for supplying poor Dissenting English ministers, whose salaries range from £50 to £100, with valuable publications, the sums given by their congregations for the object being duplicated from other sources.

THE break up in the convents in Germany has already begun. The Ursuline nuns of Posen have sold their property, and will migrate to Cracow.

THE Moderatorship of the Irish General Assembly is not by any means a sinecure. The incumbent is generally busy, the whole year of his official life, in forwarding some project of the Church.

THE one hundred and thirty-second annual conference of the British Wesleyan Church has lately been held at Sheffield, England. It is the largest Methodist body outside the United States.

Easy Manners.

Recent events have called public attention to the intimate relation of morals and manners. It may be said that there is no greater peril to morality than much that is called merely free and easy manners.

It is thought that over 45,000,000 pine-apples will be shipped from Florida this year.