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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Recently, Dean Stobley unveiled the Memorial that has been erected in Westminster Abbey, to John and Charles Wesley.

It will very recently no charge was made in these columns for the announcement of births, deaths and marriages.

Excellent arrangements are being made for the entertainment, at a reasonable rate, of those who wish to visit Philadelphia in a quiet way, during the approaching summer.

The Chinese question in California is becoming more and more pressing. The immigration threatens to be of the nature of a deluge.

The Evangelists, Messrs. Moody and Sankey, have now closed their labors in New York. The statement that they obtained by contributions, the extraordinary sum of \$185,000, is proof of the powerful hold the labours of these men have taken of the community.

Amongst the many Presbyterian unions which are taking place in our day, there is none that more deserves attention than that of the Free and the Reformed Churches of Scotland.

The death of Alex. T. Stewart, the Millionaire Merchant of New York, has been very extensively commented upon. It appears strange that a man of such method should die, simply leaving the bulk of his wealth to his widow.

CASE OF REV. D. J. MACDONNELL.

Our readers will share the disappointment we feel at the state of affairs in the case of Rev. Mr. MacDonnell. It was our hope that this gentleman would have presented to Presbytery a sufficient and satisfactory statement of his views upon the subject of the severity of punishment.

This must be said, that the affair has been handled by the Presbytery with remarkable courtesy. Not a single angry word has been spoken. No one has attacked or defended Mr. MacDonnell with over-heated temper or with bigoted zeal.

It is difficult to see what Mr. MacDonnell is driving at. He allows that many strong passages from the Bible are in favour of the proper severity of punishment. In the absence of one single statement in the Bible that would favor the idea of restoration, he sees his way to hope that God will put an end to sin and suffering.

Many unreasonable things are said against the Presbytery's action. It is easy to get up a cry of martyrdom, persecution, and so forth. But it should be borne in mind that soundness in the faith is a matter of prime importance.

Meanwhile, we cannot but indulge a strong hope that the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. MacDonnell will be

able to report something satisfactory to Presbytery on Tuesday next. There does not seem to be a great distance between him and the Presbytery, when he is hoping for a confessedly hopeless thing, and promises to refrain from introducing it into his pulpit instructions.

Ministers and Churches.

On Thursday (yesterday), the Rev. Jno. Goodwillie was inducted as minister of Knox Church, Camlachie.

The Rev. Isaac Campbell, of Kilbride, has received a unanimous call from the Beverly congregation. The salary not to be less than \$800, payable half-yearly in advance, with manse and globe.

The stipend promised the Rev. W. D. Ballantyne, B.A., by the Pembroke congregation is \$1,200 and a manse, instead of \$1,000 as before stated. The call was signed by 91 members and 107 adherents.

The Clerk of the Synod of Hamilton and London has sent certificates to all the members, which on presentation at the different stations of the Great Western Railway, will secure them tickets to and from Hamilton at one fare and a third.

A call from St. Andrew's congregation, Toronto, to the Rev. Dr. Waters of St. David's Presbyterian Church, St. John, has reached the St. John Presbytery, and will be dealt with at the meeting of the Presbytery on the second Tuesday in May.

The Times says:—We understand that the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, have sold the manse and manse to the congregation of St. Paul's Church. The manse will be sold to the congregation of St. Paul's, but the Church will most probably be sold.

A FRIEND writes as follows:—Macdo: "Times are dull, and we are short of the world share in the general depression, but the Presbyterians of Markdale have life in them. In June last the minister, whose died of inflammation in two hours.

AN OBSERVER says:—"As the columns of your excellent paper are always accessible to those who wish to furnish items of religious news, it seems prudent to tell you how we are getting along in Markdale, Flesherton, and the Holland congregations.

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Town Hall is a large one for a country village. In February, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the simple, reverent and Scriptural manner which characterizes the Presbyterian body throughout the world.

Book Reviews.

PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY AND PRINCETON REVIEW FOR APRIL.—The subjects treated in this number are the following: 1. "Civil Government and Religion."

2. "Beneficiary Education." This treats of special educational institutes for preliminary training to the word of the Gospel Ministry, a most necessary step for higher instruction in College.

With its May number, St. Nicholas begins a new series of contributions to the Counties' Magazine, edited by Thomas Bailey Aldrich, and illustrated by John G. Saxe.

IN THE May number of Scribner's, Col. Etting, of the Committee on the Restoration of Independence, has published a "Portraiture of William Penn."

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some very personate and satisfactory account of current events in the order in which they occur in a permanent and convenient form. It includes in its scope not only the recording of accounts of public events, but of such matters of general interest as have occupied public attention—political, literary, social, commercial, etc.

THIS is a helpful, wholesome book by Samuel Smiles, the author of "Character," "Self Help," etc. The scope of this work is best indicated by giving a few of the topics treated upon in its pages.

"Do thriftily, but not covetous, therefore give Thy need, thine honor, and thy friend his due. No serf was scrapper bravo man. Got to Live, Then live, and use it else it is not true."

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