THE GLORY OF DRUDGERY.

Porsistor plodding isone of the fixed conditions of permanent success. Neither genius nor sury other advantage can supplant it. For the 'lucky' man is not he into whose lap drops a fortune or a windfall of what his fellows call glory, but rather it. whom God leads stop by step, through darkness to light, from rough places to smooth, up the long hill of discipline to the heights of nessee.

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Christian work is eminently of the sort which tests and toughess the soul by drifts upon its andurance. To persever in the face of delays, discouragements, and reverses is one of God's foremost requirements. To be contended with His promise; to flud in that sufficient return to swatain us in long satching and diligent working; to feel the discourage of the delays of the delays with the delays and the delays of watering and uncoincures are con-ferred upon the meanest details by the consecration of all to him—this is the glory of drudgery, and it is a real and lasting one.—Christian at Work.

POLITICAL SKEPTICISM.

Compared with the States we are a Compared with the States we are a young and undeveloped nation, and may not have either the good or this bad on so gigantic scale. Still we have nade quite enough of progress to be able to understand, and so far to symyalize with, the following remarks of the Chicago Advance on Political Skepticism and the temptations to yield to it in the present day:

Cincipo Arraner on routela sacquanta and the templations to yield to it in the present day:—
Religious Skopticism is doubt as to any definite truth in connection with religious decirine and practice. A man who knows not what to believe as to God, immorthly, retribution, and the inspiration to the false, and sees, or fears that he scoe, in overy religious teacher, a corrupt hypocritor or a weak culturiants, who mentally is affoat on a send uncertainty as to the meaning of the prevent life and the nature of that which is to come, is called a skeptic. A political skeptic might, then, well be one who has lost faith in all politics, in any sure principle of wise procedure in any sure principle of wise procedure in civil affairs, in any method of securing an able and just administration of his an able and just administration of his country's form of government, in any substantial advantage, indeed, of one form ever noother. He may be a very unorthodox man, dectrinally, when he undertakes to state his rollgious creed, and may repel the idea of total depravity with some warmit; but, in relation to politics, he believes that doctrine a little more firmly than any other truth. Honcety among politicians; he scouts the very idea.

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This is not a happy state of mind. Faith in truth and men makes the soul bright, but doubt always darkens it. It is a bitter thing to lose confidence in others, and to come into a chronic feeling akun to that of Jermiah, when he wrote of the Jewish politician; with whom he had to do: m he had to do:

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We fear that political skepticism is rapidly on the increase. Even the most decided optimists stagger under the developments of the past few years, as to the private character and political acts of men of high station, from Napoleon III down to Cheago aldermen. A revolution throws secret documents into a new set of hunds, and astounding revolution throws secret documents into a new set of hunds, and astounding revolution and the secret of the secre

ne nited States Congress.

To read of these things is sickening, but when the exposures come thick and fast, at the South, at the North, at the Rast, at the West, unvolling not some suspected "Democrat," about whom we were read; to be at the state of t sayected "Denocers," holout whom we were ready to believe such reports, but a list of "good Republicans," what are we to think ? One dreads to open his morning pay loot his last political ideals be broken, and his skejitleism as to human honesty become universal.—Whom shall we trust ? is the axilous inquiry. Far more important thair that mestion of bomb-pixed fortifications is that of money-proof officials. Is it true, as Walpale chemical, that "owey man has his price. Alust we not only think that judicial decisions have a. market rate, and that the passage of a bill in a legislative body depends estitudy upon

the comparative longth of purse of its friends and foce, but that the plague has acton into every department of life? Must we subject everybody, from the President, in the use of his appointing power, to the church dose one in the power, to the church descor

power, to the church dostons in ther handling of the poor funds?

The people are not yet driven to that utter despar of all political integrity; though, in occasional moods, they approach it. They are losing faith, however, in party names and nominations. They are beginning to think that personal honesty in a candidate, with a hearty committal to reform, and enough shrewdness to keep him from being hoodwinked by political friends and social companions, is better than a "good record" on some tygone question, or a "splendid victory" on so are land during the late war. The present issue is not whether we can best the "Domorarts," or put down "secession," or "reconstruct" the Union; but whether we can lare in the warming the desired purity and external justice in the administration of government.

Let us not "despair of the republic," nor abandon ourselves as yet to political skepticism.

## Meclesinstical.

MEETING OF GUELPH PRESBYTERY.

The Probytery of Gnelph mot at the Town of Gnelph on Priday of last week. The following was the principal business transacted. The records of several kirk Sessions were handed in and referred to committees for examination and and referred to committees for examination and report. A notice was read to the effect that the Canada Andrews of Montrea intended to apply to the Canada Assembly at their first meeting for the Presbytary Officer and State of the Free Church of Stothard, and Mr. Loou Diones, a French Evangelical minister, into the Canada Presbytarias Church. The Clerk report-I the receipt of statistical and financial reports, more or less consider, from all the competitive of the Canada Presbytarias Church. The Clerk report-I the receipt of statistical and financial reports, more or less consider, from all the competitive. Both and Asther.

Mr. Wm. Exp. A.M., a statent who had completed his theological currectilium, was examined with a view to be taken on trial for license. The examination having proved fully satisfactory, it was agreed to ask leave from the Connectal Assembly, at their reasting meeting to take had presented in the pupil of Duff's church. East Pesitiss (reacast); and Mr. Cameron reported that head performed a similar service at Evertou and Mimosa, according to appointments.

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It was agreed to recommend that the Rur. A. A. Drummoud, of Shakespear and Hampstond, be chosen Mederator of the General Assembly and the Commentary of the Commentary of the same for the shurth reported to the office that the Freelytery anould, if they deemed it desir-able, memorialists the General Assembly to have a selama of leasons prepared under their cases as selama of leasons prepared mader their cases of the commentary of the proper and the commentary of the proper and the commentary of the commentary of the The unsettion of association at learness as one

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The question of appointing alternates as commissioners to the Supreme Court having bear missioners, it was resolved by a majority to recommend that it shall be competent for Presbyteries, if they see occasion, to appoint alternates.

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The Presbytery Treasurer reported the funds in his hands, and the amount of arrears due by congregations in the bounds.

## MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

We have been requested to publish the fol-lowing statistics of the West End Prebytorian Currch, Towardo — Members received during the year ending Siri March, 157, 91; I process, \$3,700; Contribution to Foreign Educious 52; Wiley and Orphan trul Aped Ministers Fund, \$25; to French Reangelization Fund, \$10.32, All of which is very envilable to this young and growing cause.

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PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

A meeting of the congregation of Chaim-urth was held in the basement of that a c on Monday evening. The Rev. P. G-ened the proceedings with the customary jous exercises, after which Mr. G. S. Hobs a chosen chairman of the meeting, and I M. Harper appointed sceretary.

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education? The clauses touching on the above question, as well as those respecting Wildow's Pand, Temporalities Pand, and Horse and Porcign Missions, were cearfied unanimously.

It was moved and assocated, "Thei Ute congregation deprecates any obstacle being placed in the way of a speedy consummation of the union, granied upon the proposed recognition and admirated of the negativing Chernèrs; to do otherwise in regard to the position of Queen's College would be most imposition and ingriness. College would be most impolition of the justion of the interests of this section of the co-

THE SYNOD OF LONDON.

PIRST DAY.

The London Synod of the Canada Presby-terian Church met in the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday of last week at half past seven o'clock.

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The molester, the Rev. John Ross, of Brussfield, opened the sitting by preshing a unitable and aspread ideasures on Acts I., 16, 18. Mr. Ross after some introductory resarks said he would consider, i. the relation which the ministers of Chrest hold to himself. II The test by which the residing of under the situation of proceed. In speaking of the first point the prescher said it was,

1. A ralation of possession, they were his property—they belonged to him and no other. They are his own, none clee has any claim on titues.

2. As they are his own, so they are his own by choice. by choice.

8. They are his own for service. All that they have, and all that they are has been given them for Christ's service—for Christ's work.

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4. Another idee is that by close inlineary they are closely sunted to Christ. He that is closed to the Lord by the Spirit is one with him. Christ is the fountien of all power in beaver and earth, and those qualifications which fit them for the discharge of their work he has bestowed upon them.

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The roll being called, the Rov. Dr. Frondi was elected Mederator. A cordial vote thake was then on metion of Mr. Cuthberts given to Mr. Ross, the retiring Mederator.

thaks was there on meaning Moderator. Green to Mr. Roas, the retiting Moderator. The following committees on Frashpiery Records were those appointed to On London-Mosers. Mitchell, Hall and Bertiett.
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SECOND DAY

The Synod ract at 10 o'clock. The first home was spent in devotional exercises, in which Mesers. Gordon, Halo, and tookismith tool part.

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These was read an overtiare ament the formation of a new Frankryor in the county of Brace, which it was agreed should be transmitted toesite Goneral Assembly.

The Synadt then proceeded to consider an overtare regarding the sappointment of a general Mission agent.

Dr. Water moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, That the Synadt recommend to the Operation of the Charlest of the Charle

A committee was appointed to examine and report upon the Treasurer's books.

The Synod then took up the time and place of the next meeting.

or me next mooting. It was moved by Mr. Drummond, accounded by Mr. Miletall. That the next mosting be held at Stratford on the first Tuesday of May, 1873. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Donald Water, secunded by Mr. Held, That its next mooting be held at London in St. Andrew's Clurch.

The main motion, to meet at Stratford, was

carried. The Synod then resumed consideration of the overture, referring to the appeintment of a general mission agent. A considerable number of the members took part in the discussion. The debate being closer the rote was taken when the Synod decided, not to adopt and transmit the overture, by a vote of 41 to 25.

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The Records of the Presbyteries of Stratfor and Chatham, were ordered to be attested.

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Reports were received on the state of religion from all the Fresbytaries within the Synod. It was agreed to transmit the report to the con-vener of the Assembly's Committee on the State of Bellgion.

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nomination by Prasbyteries.
It was moved by Mr. Warden, and duly seconded, that the overtains be adopted and transmitted to the General Assembly. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Cuttherton, seconded by Mr. Baird, that the overture be simply transmitted, and the amendment was earried.

On motion duly made, it was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given, let. To the ministers and managers of the First Presbytarian Church for the use of the church.

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2nd. To the friends in London for their generous and warm-heartod hospitality.

3rd. To the Grand Trunk Railway Company for their courtory to members of the Synod travelling by their road.

The minutes were then read and sustained. The business being faisabed, the moderator briefly addressed the mombers of Syned, after which the meeting was closed.—From Report in London Advertiser.

## THE STROD OF BAMILTON.

From the Times of Wednesday we give groupeds of the prescedings at the Hamiltonian state of Hamilton, Paris, Osciph and Derham; med al Hamilton on Theoday, the Till institute of the Hamiltonian of Theoday, the Till institute of the Hamiltonian of Theoday, the Till institute of the Hamiltonian of the

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cynois overture to the Ascenbly.

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## Book Motices.

THE BOMISH DOCTRINE ( 'THE BULE OF PAITH EXAMINED.

DY RET. MR. MCLAREN, OFFINAL

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This very timely and vigorosaly written lecture was delivered on the 4th of April at the close of the seasion of the Preshyterian College Montreal. It discenses a question of vital consequences in the Romash Controversy, and sets forth the absurdities, difficulties, contradictions, and impossibilities involved in the Romash Company and impossibilities involved in the Romash Company and popular manner. We are fully continued that far from the controversy with Rome having created to be a living one, it will over year be more distinctly seen to be for us in Causada, as well as for all the people of this continuent, by far the most practical and important whether viewed in its political, social or religious appears. To talk of the Roman Catholic system being too absurd and contradictory to stand the light and intelligence of the nineteenth contary is exceedingly foolish. In many respects it is aband and contradictory enough, and yet as a whole it is constructed with marvalence in the subject of the research, and find themselves little able to make any headway in argument with some compactatively increase and illustrate Romanies. The social religions is the days of our fathers. Our whole political and in the days of our fathers. Our whole political and in the days of our fathers. Our whole political for the contradiction of political parties to serve her own purposes. and arrangements are being influenced by herand ahr knows well how to turn the calgencies
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