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We must again beg our correspondents to favor us with their names, not necessarily for publication, but for guarantee of bona fides.

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In another column we publish the prospectus of the Presbyterian Record, to be commenced in Montreal next January. It will be the official organ of the Church, and will be published at the low price of \$25 per 100 copies.

FRENCH PROTESTANT MISSIONS.

We are sure the appeal of the Rev. Mr. Chioy which we publish in another column will meet with a ready and favorable response. Mr. C. has a right to look for support both moral and material from the Protestants of Quebec and Ontario, for for it was at their continued and urgent solicitation that he undertook the work in which he is now engaged.

THE CHICAGO SCHOOL BOARD.

THE LOGIC OF INFIDELITY.

A few weeks ago the Chicago School Board passed a resolution to exclude the Bible from all the Public Schools of the city. By this they meant to say that it was their wish and will that Christianity should be denied all recognition in the education of Chicago youth.

The Interior thus comments on the resolution ancient excluding Christian hymns: "There are but three classes of songs in existence: Anaerentia and Bacchanalia, love songs, and religious or spiritual songs. There are a few patriotic songs, but all of them that are even tolerable to correct taste are largely spiritual.

"O das pully lager beer! Das nice lager beer!"

Love songs would be less objectionable, and yet all parties would object to child-weddings and elopements; and the general neglect of grammar for flirtations. So the Board will have to go slow in that direction. The only remaining thing to be done is to banish vocal music from the schools altogether; but here the shoe pinches again, because there would be no new music-books to be introduced, and consequently no pleasant intervals to be held with the publishers.

Having got quit of the obnoxious hymns, what next? If this infidel logic is to be followed out, the Board must revise the history (somewhat in the style of our own Provincial Board) and get their histories all re-written to suit Chicago materialists.

Then every quotation from Milton and Cowper that hints at God and Christ, must be excluded from the lesson-books. Then the letters A. D., which means the "Year of our Lord," must be forbidden, and the children must be directed to date their letters—from what? Not from the creation, for that comes from the Bible too; but it will not interfere with the religious convictions of any one for the Board to make the founding of the city of Chicago the beginning of a new era for the people of the west.

The action of this School Board, which is thoroughly consistent with their premises, should open the eyes of people in Canada who are against the use of the Bible in our common schools. There is no middle ground between our saying that the education of our youth must be on Christian principles, or saying that it must be on Infidel principles.

READ carefully our advertisement for 1876. The photograph of the General Assembly is 11 x 14 inches; contains nearly 700 portraits of ministers and elders; and should find a place in every Presbyterian house in the Dominion. Send on your subscription and secure a copy.

A GOOD TEMPERANCE HOTEL is often looked for, but seldom found. We discovered one a few weeks ago in the thriving village of Yauklee Hill. The house is home-like, and the charges exceedingly moderate.

THE latest story about the introduction of Roman Catholicism into the Church of England is told by a church paper. The Rock is assured that in Madiera, last winter, one of the Church of England chaplains contrived to borrow vestments from the Roman Catholic cathedral, in order to have a set made from that pattern for his own use in the ministrations of the English Church.

It is understood that the Rev. G. R. Burroughs, formerly one of the curates at the parish church of St. Peter's, Liverpool, and whose secret Ritualistic services in that place of worship recently occasioned so much excitement, has joined the Church of Rome, and has gone into a retreat preparatory to his formal admission into that church and his reception of holy orders.

Ministers and Churches.

On leaving the congregation of Knox Church, Boekwith, to enter upon his new charge at Alynor, Q., the Rev. J. Carwell was the recipient of a purse of \$75.00 as a parting gift.

We are glad to hear that the people of Ormstown, have during the past summer paid off the balance of the debt on their Church, \$235; also, the additional sum of \$230 has been laid out in repairing the manse, and upwards of \$100 has been contributed towards a fence round the Church, which they hope to have built shortly.

The annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, gives a very pleasing view of the progress and prosperity of the congregation during the twelve months ending in August of this year. The membership has increased to 272, while the number of families connected with the congregation is 240.

It gives us much pleasure to state that the Rev. Mr. Fotheringham, M.A., the able and popular Presbyterian minister of the village of Norwood, was recently presented with a valuable horse by the appreciative members of his congregation here.

The "Georgetown and English River Woman's Missionary Society" held its last meeting for the present year on the third Tuesday of November, and felt greatly encouraged, both by the attendance and interest manifested at the meetings, and by the success which their efforts had met with financially.

The Presbyterians of Haliburton with their esteemed pastor, Rev. Wm. Reeve, are rejoicing in their occupancy of a new Church edifice. It is pronounced by all who see it a model of elegance and taste.

A very interesting and successful meeting was held at Bishopsgate, on Monday 8th inst., on the occasion of the anniversary, both of the opening of the Presbyterian Church there, and of the induction of the Rev. Thomas Alexander, into the pastoral charge of the congregations of Mount Pleasant and Burford.

On the eve of the departure of Rev. J. Logie to the United States for the sake of his health, Mr. James Elder on behalf of the congregations of Francistown and Warrentonville, presented him with the following address, accompanied by a purse of \$400.—Esteemed Pastor: We, together with the sister congregation of Exeter, embrace this the last opportunity we will enjoy of expressing our high regard for you, and our deep regret that in the dispensations of Providence you have found it

given to the ladies, to the choir and to the speakers. The proceedings of the evening were then closed by the Chairman pronouncing the benediction.—A few of the young ladies composing the female Bible class at Mount Pleasant, met at the boarding house of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander on Monday, 15th inst., to welcome them back to Mount Pleasant. A very pleasant evening was spent, and Mrs. A., who for the last twelve months has been labouring under paralysis, was so far improved as to be able to appear among them and enjoy the singing of some of Mr. Sankey's hymns.

The members of the Presbytery of Ottawa who have been in session for the last day or two in this city, proceeded to Alynor, Thursday, 13th inst., for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Mr. Carwell, late of Carlton Place, to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of that place. The Rev. Mr. Maun, Moderator of Presbytery, presided, and there was a large attendance, both of the Presbytery and congregation. The services began at 11 o'clock a.m. The Rev. Mr. Farries of Knox Church in this city, preached a very able and appropriate discourse from the 2nd Chap. of Hebrews and the 10th verse. The Moderator put the usual questions to the Rev. Mr. Carwell, which he answered very satisfactorily, after which he was formally inducted to the pastorate of the congregation. The members of the Presbytery then gave the newly ordained minister the right hand of fellowship, and welcomed him to his charge.

The congregation of the Presbyterian Church, Perrytown, met at their minister's residence on the evening of the 10th inst., bringing well filled baskets of suitable provisions cooked and ready for the table. The company spent some time in cheerful conversation, and listening to sweet music from the organ by Miss E. Tisdell and others, and then sat down to an inviting dinner. After the large company had been served, Mr. James Gray, on behalf of the congregation, made a short speech, saying he was pleased to find that the love and good will which they had manifested on a similar occasion a year ago, on what he called the marriage between Mr. Hodnett and the congregation, had not only continued to the present, but he was gratified to find was steadily increasing.

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necessary to resign your spiritual charge over us. It is now over twenty-six years since you, in the prime of your young manhood and mental vigor, came into this locality and formed a congregation of whom were many of our fathers and predecessors, and many others who once worshipped with us and are here to-day, many of them have gone to other parts of the country to seek homes for themselves and their children as you now propose doing, and many more now sleep the sleep of death. They have left the Church militant here to join the Church beyond the grave. But those who remain of the original congregation testify to your earnest efforts and the hardships you endured in your journey to which we believe is due in a great measure your present weakness and consequent resignation of your pastorate. At the time of the formation of this congregation many of us were unborn, or were but children, and we now wish to unite with the old settlers as well as with our friends of Exeter, and those who have since joined us, in expressing our thanks for the benefits we have derived from your ministry. We hope we shall never forget the instructions we have received from you, whether in friendly conversation or in the house of God, or in the Bible Class. During all those years in which you have laboured amongst us you have been a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth. You won our respect, not only in your kindly manner and Christian behaviour, but by your fearless stand in your Master's service. When many others would have shrunk from incurring popular disfavour, or from enforcing discipline in the congregation, you have never allowed the fear of man to interfere with your duty to your God. And now that you are about to leave us—that soon your voice will be heard no more within those walls, I can assure you that we will miss you. We will miss your well-known voice in kindly greeting—your warm grasp of the hand, and the memory will ever return to the time when

With kindly heart through the passing years, You shared our joys and wiped our tears. When you bound the wreath on the brow of the bride, Or stood by the couch while loved one's died, Pointing the soul to a glorious heaven, As the ves which bound it to earth were riven."

We would express our sorrow at parting with your partner and family, and whilst we do not wish to enter into personalities, we cannot refrain from saying that by their peaceful lives, they have won our unfeigned friendship, and we only hope that in a southern clime they may find friends as true and hearts as warm as those they are now leaving; and now, having but feebly expressed the feelings of your people, permit me on their behalf to present you with this small token of our affection and esteem, coupled with the earnest hope and prayer that the blessing of God may follow you and yours to your distant home—that you may there enjoy at least a partial restoration of your former health—that you may be long spared to each other, and at length should we never meet again on earth, God grant that we may meet in that better world where pain and sickness never enter and parting is unknown." Mr. Logie in reply said:—"Thanks for this generous mark of respect and affection, and the kindly words which accompany it. It is now twenty-six years since I first came among you, nearly half of my life, and the whole of my ministry. The majority of my present hearers have been born since my ministry began. Then there were only two places of Christian worship; two small log churches between Goderich and London Township, now there are twelve Presbyterian Churches within my immediate field of labour. For three years service was held in school house and barn. The first sacrament was dispensed in 1851 in a barn (in 1852 we had our first Church), and elders ordained, five Sessions, Brucefield, Bayfield, Rodgerville, Exeter and Thames Road. Death and removal have taken most of those away—of Brucefield all have passed away, and I alone remain. Of the other Sessions there are many changes. In the congregations death has also been busy. Of the first settlers very many have fallen beneath his grasp, both young and old—many have removed to different parts of the Continent, and we have around us an entirely new generation. Many of those I baptized I have committed into Christian fellowship, and am now baptizing their children. My audience of the past years have been very different from that of the beginning, and now there is an additional element of change, the voice so long heard and familiar to you all will soon be heard no more. We have been privileged to see and by the death-bed administering the consolation of the Gospel to the generation that worshipped here, uttering the words of Christian hope. We have cause of thankfulness that my earliest wish on devoting myself to the ministry was accomplished, that I should labour like Paul whose name had been before me. This wish brought me to Canada, and led me into the Huron district. Here I found a station, organized a congregation, ordained elders, and founded Sabbath schools,