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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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MISSION SECRETARY.

From the minutes of the Home Mission Committee in last week's issue, and the letter of the respected Convener of that Committee, it will be seen that the Fund is in debt to the extent of twenty thousand dollars, and that in consequence the Committee is unable at present to pay for services rendered during the past six months.

PASTORAL VISITATION.

A kindly discussion has arisen, which appears in the columns of the Globe, upon the vexed question of Pastoral Visitation. It is alleged that parochial work is inimical to those studious habits which are necessary for the composition and delivery of great sermons.

In regard to this matter there is a common-sense view. Some men are great preachers and are not visitors. Others are much given to visiting, who are not brilliant pulpit stars.

Again, our article on first page shows that Dr. Norman MacLeod performed his pulpit and parochial duties at one and the same time in a very thorough manner.

The Premium Photograph.

We have not yet exhausted the stock of photographs on hand, and shall continue sending them out in the order in which we receive subscriptions until further notice.

DR. RUFUS HOLDEN.

"Give our tears to the Lord! For humanity's claim From its silence and darkness is over the same.

Another name has been taken from our Church roll in the death of Dr. Rufus Holden, of Belleville, who died suddenly at his home, on the morning of 30th March, while in the act of dressing.

Though in death, he made no sign, his erstwhile life speaketh of the living hope and certifies that his death was that of the righteous. Dr. Holden was born in the township of North Augusta, on 10th January, A.D. 1809, and early lost a mother's care, being only nine years old when she died.

He remained on the old homestead farm until about fifteen years old, when he resolved to procure a more thorough education than the practical views of his father would seem to have of his own accord provided.

When twenty-two he married Elizabeth Clement, of Elizabethtown, the mother of all his children, with whom he lived in the blest happiness of a Christian home, until May, 1860, when suddenly also she died.

Dr. Holden, then plain Rufus Holden, removed to Belleville from Cobourg, where he made a short stay in 1834, opened up a drug business, which for many years he successfully carried on.

The American Presbyterian congregation was broken up, and we now find the Doctor's name in connection with a Congregational cause, until Rev. Wm. Gregg (now Prof. Gregg) came to Belleville.

He married the widow of Mr. James Blacklock in the fall of 1873, who survives him.

Dr. Holden was ever a steady, punctual, earnest worker in the Church and congregation which mourn his loss. He paid tithes into the Lord's treasury, keeping a regular benevolent account.

With reference to the Rev. Mr. Macdonnell's case before the Toronto Presbytery on Tuesday, we have only room to say that the special committee reported adversely on the statements and explanations made by him at the last meeting of Presbytery.

HYMNOLOGY OF OUR CHURCH.

Correspondents to our columns have occasionally since the union drawn attention slightly to this subject. That it is one of great practical interest and importance, all will admit, and that it will force itself upon the attention of the church, formally at an early day, probably at the approaching meeting of Assembly, is instinctively felt by most.

It will be unnecessary to say to those who have given any thought to this subject, that even this work of compilation will be one of no little difficulty, and will call for the exercise of special, and at the same time of very varied qualifications.

also should be a work that will last. It is not desirable that the book which serves as the medium of the praise of the Church should be often altered, or should need to be often touched in any way.

Ministers and Churches.

The congregation of Morrisburg has given a unanimous call to Mr. D. MacRae, The Rev. Prof. Gregg preached in Halifax last Sabbath. He sailed for Europe on Tuesday, accompanied by the Rev. G. M. Grant, who is also a delegate to the Presbyterian Assemblies of Scotland and Ireland.

Rev. Dr. COCHRANE has received from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, an additional special grant of £250 for Home Missions. This makes the handsome sum of £600 from the Free Church.

The Rev. Alexander Young, will (D.V.) be inducted to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, Napawoc, on Wednesday 26th April, at two o'clock p.m. The presbytery have appointed Rev. John Burton of Belleville, to preach, and the Revs. T. G. Smith and Andrew Wilson of Kingston, to address the minister and congregation.

The annual report of the Thames Road and Kirkton congregation presents the following facts:—Number of families, 180; number of members, 266; additions during the year, 27; total contributions for all purposes, \$2,082.98, expended as follows:—Stipend, \$880; Knox College Building Fund, \$429.27; Home Mission, \$102; other schemes, \$135.41; Sabbath Schools, improvement on property, and incidental expenses, \$486.80.

The Central Presbyterian Church congregation held their first annual soiree last Friday evening in Shaftesbury Hall. From an early hour in the evening a most substantial tea was served in the lecture room, of which between four and five hundred persons partook.