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A DENOMINATIONAL ORGAN.

An overture on this subject from the London Synod was supported by Dr. Proudfoot, who thought that such a medium as a weekly newspaper would grea ly advance many interests of the Church. Ho could not withdraw the overture. but he would recommend the Assembly to vote it down, and hoped that all the members of it would extend their hearty support to the British American Presbyterian, published by private enterprise. Had that paper been in existonce a year ago, his overture would never have been introduced.

On motion of Mr. McMullen, after some discussion, it was resolved that the overture be rejected. AND THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PAPER BE RE-COMMENDED TO THE MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE C.P. CHURCH AS WORTHY OF THEIR REARTY SUPPORT .- From Proceedings of General

British American Presbyterian.

TORONTO, FRIDAY, AUG. 23, 1872.

OUR FRIENDS are reminded that subscriptions to the BRITISH AMER-ICAN PRESBYTERIAN are payable in advance. With this issue we commence the second half year; and those who have not yet remitted, are invited to do so without any further delay. If we can't publish the paper on a strictly cash basis, we won't do so at

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TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

The heat and the elections still monopolize attention in Canada. Everything else is nuheeded.

The Young Men's Christian Association has met at Belleville. Nothing particular either said or done.

On the other side of the lines the same thing may be said. Those who can get away are holiday-making, and the newspapers are vigorously praising this G. or that for President, according to their political proclivities. Worth and decency are not much regarded, we of course cannot continue without payare sorry to think, on either side,

The fact of Dr. Livingstone having been found and relieved by Mr. Stanlev. is now put beyond all question. Letters have been received from the great traveller, which set the matter entirely at rest. Great mismanagement must have been somewhere to have made it possible for the great one general law must apply in all cases. traveller to be without help for three years. Stanley seems never to have been cut off from communication with the const. One result of the discovery is that immediate measures are to be taken to suppress the East Coast Slave Trade, which has assumed gigantic dimensions.

The riots in Belfast have awakened very painfully disagreeable feelings among all sober, well disposed people. If the Roman Catholics choose to trudge through cities and towns in celebracion of anything they deem valuable, why not allow them? In general it is a silly way of rejoicing, but if people think differently, why should they not, whether lies in Turkey; but the Pope has settled Orange or Catholic, be allowed to tramp | the trouble by excommunicating those about in peace till they be ti 1, with. | who dared to resist him.

out any one bothering his head about them, either one way or the other. It is a perfect disgrace that the large city af Belfast should every now and then be at the mercy of unprincipled ruffiaus who call themselves Roman Catholics or plunder as the chief end of their existence. Nothing apparently will do but of these mad people were shot down, at once. the survivors might learn to let their neighbours parade the streets without molestation, though adorned with all the colours in the rainbow.

THE PRESS.

The importance to Churches of maklike the extent it ought to be. Ferlings | correspondent refers, that Priest Land-Presbyterians have been about as cake so strongly insisted upon all Robackward as any in perceiving the good | man Catholics' refusing to vote for any service that this instrumentality might | Protestant, notwithstanding that in

As a channel of communication, as a medium of correspondence, and as a guage. means for the diffusion of religious and paper which is specially devoted to the congregations in which we have not yet they may be very thankful. a single subscriber and a good many "Presbyterian" is very anxious to others where the minister is our only give credit to whom credit is due in the supporter. We hope to have a large matter of starting and strengthening a accession of readers for the commencement of another year, and shall be happy to communicate with any who are willing to canvass single congregations he is so zealous, would not thank him or certain wider districts. Terms may for it. Sufficient, no doubt for that be had on application. We should like to see the B. A. Presenterian in every Presbyterian family in Canada, and do not dispair of this being yet an accom- discussion about "One who Knows," plished fact. In the meantime if every subscriber would but get one other, it we thought his letter would serve any encouragement in the present stage of don't think so. Very much obliged by the enterprise. We never calculated on | his friendly words. paying expenses for the first year, but submit that our friends ought to try and make the deficit as small as possible. The most effective and the only legitimate way in which this can be done is by securing for us subscribers or advertisments or both, and by those who are subscribers "remitting" so as to prevent their in mes being scored off our list. We may add that we hope no means closed against good original one will take offence at having his name | verse. But we like that it should be dropped as if we doubted either his willingness or ability to pay. It has no reference to individuals in one way or prose to indifferent poetry. other, and is merely carrying out the all. We have continued to send on | TERLAN is read even thought the result | recorded. credit to a few who have taken the paper from the beginning, and thus acknowledge themselves as subscribers, but that ment. It would be a matter of regret if obliged to drop one, but the loss, annovance, and expense attendant upon having a number of small outstanding accounts are such that we cannot encounter them. We shall take care to intimate to each a week or two in advance when his subscription expires, and after that, however great our reluctance,

There is great excitement among the manufactures in England on account of the extraordinary rise of coal, it being from 60 to 100 per cent, dearer than it was a vera ago. The rise does not seem personal gosip which can subserve no to be due to speculation, nor to a failure good end whatever. of the supply, but to the increased demandowing to the great increase of manufactures of all kinds.

the distracted papacy. By using the decrees of politicians, a packed convention elected an infallibilist as Patriarch of the Armenian catholics in Turkey. The sultan refused to approve the election, and allowed the Armenians to elect their patriarch in the usual way, and an anti-infallibilist archbishop was elected. sters. There were thus two factions of Catho-

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We should like it to be understood that from all correspondents we require, name and address, not necessarily for publication, but to certify to the facts Protestants, but who are simply bout on stated as well as the good faith of the writer. We cannot promise even to read absolutely anonymous letters. very storn measures. If a few hundred | The reasonableness of this will be seen

WE ARE VERY MUCH obliged to the Rev. Mr. Ross, Kirkhill, for his account of "Romanism in Glengarry;" but, as he will have noticed, we published an account of the proceedings referred to. on the very day his letter was written. and one not substantially varying from what Mr. Ross has given. He will acing use of the newspaper press is being cordingly not wonder at his letter not more and more recognized and so far appearing. It is a notable fact to which acted upon. Not however to anything both Mr. Ross and our other Glengarry other localities other members of that fraternity employ very different lan-

"A CANADA PRESBYTERIAN" is severe denominational intelligence, there is upon those who are anxious to raise an nothing really so effective as the news- enduring monument to the memory of the Rev. Dr. Burns, by endowing a discussion of religious and social ques. Theological Chair in Knox College. tions, and that with special reference to Our correspondent is under a misaprea particular section of the Church. We hension, No such sum as he menhave had now the experience of half a | tions was ever thought of as to be exyear in this kind of work, and have re- pended on a tomb stone. If the minceived many hearty expressions of com- isters and members of the Canada mendation and sympathy. We should Presbyterian Church are never guilty however like something more than that. | of any greater sin than seeking to do There are a good many Presbyterian | honour to the memory of Dr. Burns,

> new Presbyterian cause. It would be somewhat invidious to publish his letter, for even the friends in whose service gentleman, that he helped with others in bringing round the rejoiced in result.

"As Elder" wishes to reopen the but we must respectfully decline. If would render very material help and good purpose, we would give it, but we

> Mr. Johnson, the Missionary Stupent's letters are always very welcome. We are only surprised that so few of our missionaries should avail themselves of the Press to tell the members of the Churches their varied experiences and the nature of their work.

"OUR POETS CORNER" is not by any good for we frankly acknowledge, we prefer even what is but merely passable

"A Youngsten" complains of our is complaint. Perhaps our young to be better.

Might we again hint to all our respected friends who favour us with letters, a long one? We shall not object to the publication of even lengthened a newspaper correspondent to err on the side of brevity. Let the writing be clear and distinct and (for printers' well known reasons) only on one side of the paper, and about matters of public interest and importance,- not mere local, --or even, as occasionally we find it,

" MINISTEES LIBRARIES." Weare not aware that any Presbyterian Congrega-Infallibility has not brought quiet to tion in Canada has as yet started a Theological Library for the exclusive use of the minister, but to continue the property of the congregation. We hope to see it attempted in many cases very

> The best education in the world is that got by struggling to get a living. Wewlell Phillips.

CHURCH BOOK-KEEPING.

We are not in a fault-finding mood, and don't at all wish our remarks to be been known of 'Treasurer's giving taken as generally applicable, but is it cheques for payment of stipend, and not too often the case that congrega- these cheques when presented being distional finances are not managed in the honoured, with the curt answer "No best and most business-like style? It funds." The whole of this and kindred requires no complicated system of bookkeeping to exhibit the financial condition of a congregation, and show with sufficient correctness its income and expenditure, either for the week or the year. It needs, however, more than is often bestowed upon it. We don't suppose that there is ever any actual embezzlement of the funds, but if there is not, no thanks to the managers. In some congregations the treasurer quietly gathers the collection in his handkerchief, puts it in his pocket, curries it home with him, and counts it at his leisure, without any check of one kind or other, except his own honesty. We have always thought that this was a very injudicious way of going to work-one which no high-minded man in the position of a treasurer would ever allow, for he would say, 'I will allow no man the opportunity of doubting of my integrity even in his heart.' Two managers at least ought to be at the counting of all collections, and the opening of all " weekly offerings so as authoritatively to settle the actual state of the funds and the extent of the treasurer's indebtedness."

Far from resenting this, every right thinking man would take charge of church funds on no other condition. Then there are cases in which the Treasurer is allowed to be the congregation's banker, and to mix up church funds with his own private affairs,-it being thought sufficient and satisfactory that he can pay all demands as they become due and show the financial balance sheet at the end of the year all-correct. A great and grievous mistake this. By the law of the church no Treasurer of a congregation ought ever to have more than \$25 or \$30 of church funds on hand. He must have a regular bank account opened in name of the congregation, and ought to lodge every week all the Board of Managers.

All accounts ought also to be submitted to this Board of Management and in existence. passed, as the Treasurer is not legally at liberty to pay a single church account without its having been formally examined and sanctioned. In many cases it is very different. The Treasurer pays very much as he pleases.

Then there is too often no minute book for the managers meetings and no regular account kept of their proceedings. The meetings are often informal -held about the church door, or on counting the collection, and there are no general law with which we started, viz: selected stories being sometimes not up the managers or deacons is legal except that the B. A. Pressyterian must be to the mark. That is right, we are all at meetings regularly called, duly con-

the injury of the church, and the annoybetter financial management would be papers on important points, but as a prosperous and advancing. By and by the Treasurer alone, takes the manpersonal insult. Even the mere formality of auditing is not gone through. All are so convinced that Mr. So-andso will do the right thing. No secular ' business could stand such a plan of confusion, heart-burning and loss.

And why should it be left to the thinks fit or finds it convenient? We have known cases in which the funds were all raised, and the congregation soon. It would be to the profit of the thought the minister paid, while for congregations as much as of the minis. weeks, and even months after, it was such cases are helpless. They do not the north.

know but the congregation may be behind, and though utterly without a coin do not like to dun. Cases have even grievances would be rendered impossible if the laws of the Church were only better understood and acted upon.

Good preaching is specially needed in order to make a prosperous Church. but good rational financing has also its place, and it is not an insignificant one. if the cause is to continue and continue prospering. "Business is business," both in the Church and the world, and if in the management of the secular affairs of congregations there were less left to understandings there would be fewer misunderstandings.

PRESBYTERIANS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

The Rev. J. Moir Porteous, of Wanlock head, Scotland, has lately published a volume on " The Government of the Kingdom of God," which seems, from notice given in English periodicals, to be a very vigorous and exhaustive discussion of the whole subject. Of course Mr. Proteous is a Presbyterian. Of the Presbyterian Church in Great Britain and Ireland he gives the following sta-

| | Engl'd | Scotl'd. | Ireland | Total. |
|--|---------|---------------|---------|-----------|
| Synods | 37 | 36 | 7 | . 10 |
| Presby teries. | 37 | 198 | | |
| Churches | 1,268 | | | 4,510 |
| Ministers | 1,017 | 2,811 | 656 | 1.514 |
| Elders | 4,147 | 16,611 | 2,178 | 23,536 |
| Deacons, &c | 1,310 | 10,657 | | |
| Communicants. | 135,037 | 813,455 | | 1,005,148 |
| Sunday - School Teachers Sunday - School | 20,815 | | 1 | 67,606 |
| scholars, junior and senior | | 414,831 | (3,820 | 619,624 |

The following statistics of the Presbyterian Churches throughout the world will be interesting to our rerders. According to Mr. Portcour there are 146 Synods; 1180 Presbyte ies; 20,188 Churches; 18.774 Ministers; 25,528 Elders; 21,002 Deacons; 26,785,896 Members, and 84,851,857 of a Presbyterian population. Were Lutherans to money received; while every cheque be reckoned Presbyterians, which in ought to be signed not only by the many respects they ought to be, then Treasurer but also by the chairman of | there would be nearly fifty five millions of Presbyterians scattered over tho world—the largest Protestant Church

> The influence of Roman Catholicism in keeping the masses of its people in ignerance is illustrated by the fact that in Naples, the largest Italian city, 400,-000 of the inhabitants could neither read or write at the time the power of the Church of Rome was broken.

Rev. Dr. Titus Coan, the venerable Sandwich island missionary, has organized six new churches from the one of which he has been pastor over thirty years, and which is still under his care. During the last year his church contriregularly signed minutes. Surely this buted nearly \$1,500 for foreign missions is a grievous mistake for no action of besides the same amount for church work at home.

The Connegationalist says :-- Hardly conducted on cash principles or not at ways pleased to notice that the PRESBY. stituted and with proceedings regularly an Episcopal or Presbytaerin exchange comes to our table in which there is not some allusion to the ques-When seat rents are taken up, there is tion "How shall the ranks of the minfriends would send us a story thought | frequently the same slip-shod neglect of | istry be | increased?" | Some of the ordinary besiness rules. All is done in former urge that those already in the a careless perfunctory fashion, much to office should be better supported, and that liberal aid should be granted to pected friends who favour us with letters, the injuryof the entiren, and the annoy-that a short communication has a much ance of the minister. There cannot be for it. A writer in one of the latter is better chance of securing insertion than a doubt but that through this, many a of the opinion that the fastidiousness congregation is going back which under of the churches is the chief hinderance In the way. Men of piety and learning, of talents and earnestness are not wanted, but men who can "draw," whether general thing, it is scarcely possible for one or two, in a good many instances by more tricious arts or some other. Good men are driven out, and promisagement of the whole concern, and ing young men are turned aside, from resent any interference as a positive a work to which they would gladly devote themselves. The churches must

> A telegram from Frankfort says:-The Jesuits at Mayence, exceeding those in number of any other German city, have held a special mass, lasting book-keeping, and it is not surprising from four a. m. to eight p. 1a., preparthat in many a church it should end in atory to their emigration. Most of the order being Austrians, the institution will be removed to Feldkirch or Brixen. Only a small number of the Treasurer to pay the Minister when he members will emigrate to other countries .- Another telegram from Vienna says:-According to the semi-official Graz Gazette, Count Andrassy has ex pressed approval of the German Anti-Jesuit Bill, and dectared that Austria will in self-defence be compelled to foldue, no stipend was forthcoming because low the example up to a certain point, the Treasurer had put all Church funds or at least demand guarantees that the Jesuits seeking an asylum in Austria into his private business, and it was not, will not avail themselves of Southern convenient to pay. The ministers in hospitality to continue their agitation in