

Mr. Strathern was a useful and consistent Christian, a good citizen, and an upright man of business. He rendered good service in the Sabbath school in Old Zion, and valued help in the Finance Committee in connection with the new sanctuary, where his seat on the Lord's Day was never vacant until he was laid aside by illness. His sufferings were severe and protracted, though it was only recently that his family and friends were slowly compelled to believe that he would not recover. Mr. Strathern died as he lived, in the faith of Jesus Christ. A large concourse of mourning citizens followed his earthly remains to the Necropolis on Good Friday.

H. D. P.

Official Notices.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1. The annual meeting of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society will be held in the Congregational Church, Hamilton, on Thursday, June 11, at two p.m. All persons who annually subscribe \$2 are members of the corporation, churches subscribing annually \$10 may be represented by one delegate and those subscribing \$50 by two delegates.

2. The annual public missionary meeting will be held on Thursday evening, when addresses will be given by the Rev. Dr. Stevenson and the Rev. Charles S. Pedley, B.A., and a collection taken for the funds of the society.

3. A meeting of the General Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 10, in the vestry of the Hamilton church, at four p.m.

4. The Executive Committee meeting will be held in the vestry, Hamilton, on Tuesday, June 9, at two p.m.

5. The last half-yearly reports from pastors and all applications from churches for missionary aid must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 1st day of May next. Those who may require blank forms for the same will receive them on application.

6. The Treasurer's accounts will be closed for auditing on or about the 15th day of May, therefore the collections from all the churches and the proceeds of trust funds should be in his hands at that time in order to appear in the accounts of the year.

SAMUEL N. JACKSON, Secretary.

Kingston, April 20.

FLORIDA has entered the list of competitors for the Northern flower market. A horticulturist at Tangerine has recently shipped thirty thousand tuberose bulbs to dealers in the North.

THE family of the late Count Arnim have been for several years engaged in litigation with the German Government respecting the heavy claims of that unfortunate diplomatist against the Foreign Office. The case has now been finally decided in favour of the Arnim family.

PULPITEERS.

I draw, with no unfriendly hand,
Some portraits of men who stand
In modern pulpits, to declare
God's word to those beneath their care.

First, Mr. Dullman comes in sight,
With sermons common-place and trite,
Who never either melts or glows
At the saints' joys or sinners' woes.

Next, Mr. Boisterous appears,
Who, above all things, tameness fears,
Yet, by monotony of sound,
Creates a listlessness profound.

Third, Mr. Dreadful takes his text,
Not about 'his world, but the next,
And preaches terror with a vim
Which shows the theme has charms for him

Hear Mr. Tedious, as he draws
Out his divisions, clause by clause;
While he a school of patience keeps,
His congregation yawns and sleeps.

Now, Mr. Learned, full of lore,
Proceeds to prove himself a bore;
The wisdom of this would-be sage
Comes not from Inspiration's page.

Lo! Mr. Claptrap pops in view,
With the sensational and new,
While "itching ears" of monstrous size,
Listen with rapture and surprise.

See Mr. Horner stand erect
In conscious pride of intellect;
The full-grown "Jack," who ate his pie,
Saying, "What a brave boy am I!"

Here, Mr. Funny plays the clown,
While fools applaud, and angels frown,
In such a place to "court a grin"
Must be a Heaven-provoking sin.

There, Mr. Solemn rears his head,
Oppressed with mighty fear and dread
Lest, by a "touch of nature," he
Should wake his hearers' sympathy.

Let Mr. Christlike close the list,
Whose eloquence none can resist;
His "gracious words" of love and truth
Arrest and charm both age and youth.

Oh! come the time when we shall see
All pulpits manned, as they should be,
By Christlike preachers, bold yet meek,
Through whom the living God shall speak!

Speedside.

W. F. G.

ANTON RUBINSTEIN has been in Holland during the last month on a concert tour. He has finished a new oratorio which is to be brought out under his own conductorship at Antwerp during the Exhibition.

HOUSE stealing is not uncommon in Dakota. Last week James Caughey, in Aurora county, was absent a few days, and, on his return, found his house gone. He traced it to another county, and had one James McGuire arrested and fined \$20 and costs.