

benefit or moral improvement. Our Montreal brethren secure both of these by such courses of conversational discussion as carry them, during the meetings of each winter, over a large portion of the ecclesiastical literature and evangelical enterprise of the day. The Association is, indeed, a *Unitas fratrum*—long may it live, and widely and still more widely may its holy and healthful influence extend!”

From a sketch of the American Presbyterian Church, we take one item: “There are some noble workers in this Church. By one of these, a merchant of large trade and high standing in the community, a Sabbath School was commenced less than twenty years ago, in a destitute part of the city—Sabbath evening preaching followed—and now there is a mission church organized and in very active operation. It was the privilege of the writer to accompany this Christian nobleman to his field of successful enterprise and to witness his fatherly and tender care of a people gathered together by his instrumentality and provided with the means of grace by his munificent generosity. It was a treat to see this merchant prince familiarly accosting and conversing with the poorest of the people, handing round the hymn books, and diligently attending to the comfort of the audience. It was a valuable chapter in the history of home evangelization.”

To the good Doctor’s republicanised vision, the political state of the Dominion did not appear very hopeful. One so long accustomed to the atmosphere of the Maine Law was shocked at the open prevalence of drinking customs. These are bad enough, but we must demur to the exaggeration, that “King Alcohol is virtually the sovereign of Canada.”

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Rev. W. M. Punshon has come, and we have heard him! “Well—and what do you think of him?” We think that he is a right manly man, rarely gifted, and richly graced. His broad shoulders and well-rounded proportions bespeak at once his capability for work and for enjoyment. His countenance, though no model for a painter, is open, kindly and often humorous. His voice is scarcely musical, yet strong, and often finely modulated, while a clear, forcible articulation allows no fragment of a syllable to be lost. Massive thought, glowing imagination, finished diction, and commanding energy, give his addresses at once beauty and strength; and, better than all, Christ and Him crucified is the inspiration of his eloquence. In one brief address, he showed himself the man of business, the man of letters, and the man of God. Heartily do we welcome him to the Canadian field!

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**Trinity College.**—The question of opening a medical school in connection with Trinity College, and abolishing the Test, have been referred to a committee of the Council of the Institution, to report on at some future day. During the discussion on the question, the Bishops of Toronto and Ontario, we understand, expressed themselves against abolishing the Test; but a suggestion was thrown out by some of the members, and warmly supported, that the College, together with all similar institutions in the country, should affiliate with the University of Toronto in conferring degrees in Arts. This, it was supposed, would secure a uniform proficiency, while a judicious selection of examiners would prevent undue favouritism. The subject will be again brought up.—*Globe*, May 13.

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**Anglican Church Society.**—The Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto met in this city yesterday afternoon, the Bishop of Toronto in the chair. A motion to petition the Local Legislature to transfer to the Synod all the rights the Society possesses under its Act of Incorporation—and a notice of motion given, to confer on the Bishop the power of nominating to rectories at present held by the Society. The power is by Act of Parliament vested in the Society, but was by them conferred on the Bishop. The question will come up for discussion at the next meeting. The attendance of members was larger than usual.—*Globe*, May 12.

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Rev. John A. Farrar, of Westfield, Vermont, (formally of Cowansville, P. Q.,) has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Knoxville, Pennsylvania. [A new church, organized in 1867.]—*Congregationalist*.