

in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of his Son, Jesus Christ.

"The results of that participation have been such as to prove to my mind that such a step cannot be taken by one occupying the position I now hold without sadly disturbing the peace and harmony of this Church, and without impairing my influence for good over a large portion of the same church, very many of whom are within my own diocese.

"As I cannot surrender the right and privilege thus to meet my fellow-Christians of other churches around the table of our dear Lord, I must take my place where I can do so without alienating those of my own household faith.

"I therefore leave the communion in which I have laboured in the sacred ministry for over twenty-eight years, and transfer my work and office to another sphere of labour. I have an earnest hope and confidence that a basis for the union of all Evangelical Christendom can be found in a communion which shall retain or restore a Primitive Episcopacy and a pure Scriptural Liturgy, with a fidelity to the doctrine of Jurisdiction by Faith only—*Articulus stantis vel cadentis Ecclesie*—a position toward which the Old Catholics in Europe are rapidly tending, and which has already taken a definite form in the 'Church of Jesus' in Mexico.

"To this blessed work I devote the remaining years of my life, content if I can only see the dawn of that blessed day of the Lord.

"I am, dear Bishop,

"Faithfully yours in Christ,

GEORGE DAVID CUMMINS.

"My address for the present will be No. 2, Bible House, New York."

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The second monthly meeting of this Society for this session, was held in the Divinity Hall in the College. There was a very full attendance of the members, and deep interest and zeal manifested in the work of the Society.

After the usual opening devotional exercises by the President, and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary, the members of the New Committee were called upon to give the Missionary news from the different quarters of the globe. Dr. Fraser gave an interesting epitome of Missionary News from Asia, Mr. Nicol from Africa, Mr. McKersher from Oceania, Mr. McPherson from Europe, and Mr. Reid from North America. This part of the proceedings was brought to a close by singing two verses of the 18th Paraphrase, and prayer by Mr. F. R. Beattie, at the request of the President.

The reports of the Society's Missionaries, left over since last meeting, were then called for. In the absence of the missionaries to North Hastings, Messrs. Carmichael and McNeil, the Cor. Sec., read their reports, which were of a very encouraging nature. The Society has abundant reason for thankfulness and encouragement, for the success which has crowned the labors of its Missionaries in that portion of the field. Mr. J. J. Henry, who had been transferred from the Presbytery of Simcoe to that of Ottawa, at the earnest request of the convenor of the Home Mission Committee of the latter presbytery last spring, gave a gratifying report of his labors in Boarbrook and South Indian. Mr. McFarlane, the Missionary to Wyobridge and McKee's Settlement, read a report of his labors there, which showed that the field is now in a position to call a permanent pastor. The Cor. Sec. then read Mr. Kennelton's report from Saint Ste Marie and Koran. The report was of a gratifying character, and much good appears to have followed Mr. Kennelton's labors in that field. We deeply deplore the Home Mission Committee's inability to secure Missionaries for these Lake Superior fields during the present winter, and hope this may be the last winter they may be left thus destitute.

After reading a communication from Rev. J. M. King, the Society agreed to carry on Mission work during the present session, in connection with College Street Church, and appointed several of their number to visit families and distribute tracts in that district. A note was read from Rev. Wm. Reid, Moderator of the Session of Cooke's Church, anent Mission work in St. John's Ward. As in the previous case the Society agreed to carry on Mission work there during the session, under the auspices of the session of Cooke's Church, and a number have been appointed to attend thereto. It was also resolved to appoint a number to visit the General Hospital for conference with the patients there. The Rev. Mr. Gilray informed the Society that as the Session of Knox Church had guaranteed the salary of a permanent Missionary in Duchess street, their services would not be required in that field.

Communications from the Presbytery of Simcoe were read anent the supply of some of the Society's stations there, and it was resolved to act on the Presbytery's suggestion, and Mr. H. Acheson, was authorized to make the necessary arrangements with Rev. J. Gray of Orillia.

The meeting was then brought to a close, the Rev. Mr. Gilray pronouncing the benediction.

THE UNION QUESTION.

The Halifax Witness has the following remarks on the Union discussion at present going on in our columns:—

Our Presbyterian brethren in the Upper Provinces are discussing the question of Union with commendable earnestness and astonishing diffidence. The difficulties of the oppositionists are evidently serious in their own estimation, and they ought to be seriously treated. Mutual concession must be the order of the day, and a willingness to sacrifice form for substance. In the Maritime Provinces the subject has been discussed by two Presbyteries and decided favorably—viz., by the Presbyteries of St. John and Truro. In the former the decision was unanimous, and in the latter 2 to 1. We hope that where there is doubt the benefit of the doubt will be given to the cause of Union.

We so far sympathize with our contemporaries in his estimate of the diffidence characteristic of the discussion, but we think a good end is to be served by every one being allowed to have his say in his own fashion when he keeps his temper any way reasonable.

Evangelical Alliance.

On Wednesday evening last, in the lecture room of Charles Street Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Mr. Reid, A.M., Moderator of the General Assembly, and delegate to the Alliance, gave a thrilling epitome of the proceedings of that august assemblage recently held in New York. The rev. gentleman noticed briefly, yet distinctly, the rise and progress of the Alliance, the vastness of the recent meeting, (filling two large halls and two large churches at the same time); noted the most popular personages present, and explained the principal topics discussed; and believed that the effects produced would be to greatly strengthen and encourage all who had enjoyed the privilege of attending to engage more zealously in evangelical work generally, which can be readily conceived from the effect produced by this short lecture, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks.

Book Notices.

BOOK OF FAMILY PRAYERS.

By Professor Gregg, Toronto. We shall not discuss the old and pretty well worn question of the propriety of reading prayers, whether in public or in the family. It is very evident that in any case a goodly number feel the need of such a help as the present volume supplies for conducting family worship with comfort and profit. Professor Gregg's compilation is well calculated to assist such persons, while it cannot hinder them. It is not necessary that the prayers should be slavishly used or merely read from. They will suggest profitable words and natural, becoming, and varied modes of thought and petition, and when judiciously used, will often lead individuals to lay aside the help altogether, so that with enlarged hearts they can bear their families, their friends and themselves on their spirits at a throne of grace; and in their own way and words lay their case before the great Hearer of prayer.

WESTMINSTER REVIEW FOR OCTOBER.—Has nine articles of the kind usually characteristic of the Review.

EDINBURGH REVIEW FOR OCTOBER.—Has ten articles, the majority of which are more than usually readable.

THE CANADA CHRISTIAN MONTHLY.

We are glad to see holds on its way, and is likely to become a firmly established periodical. It is written in a finely Catholic spirit, and cannot but exert a beneficial influence among its readers.

We are glad to see that Professor McLaren's inaugural lecture on "Literature and Dogma" has been published in a very neat pamphlet form. It is a decidedly vigorous production, and will, we trust, receive as wide a circulation as it deserves. It bodes well for our country that the clergy of all denominations are recognizing the fact that they must use the printing press more than they have been in the habit of doing, if they would accomplish all the good within their reach. The living voice is not to be thought little of while the pulpit and the Professor's desk will ever continue to be the places of power for the teachers and defenders of religious truths. The printed page, however, has also become a power, and the Minister and Professor are not wise who do not avail themselves as much as possible of its assistance in prosecuting their high and holy work. We shall hope to have Professor McLaren coming forward soon with a larger and more imposing literary venture, encouraged, as we hope he will be, by the favorable reception of his present brochure.

The Presbytery of Paris met in the River Street Church, Paris, on Tuesday, Nov. 18th, and licensed Mr. K. F. Junor, to preach the Gospel. Mr. Junor, we understand, proceeds to take charge of a church in Hamilton, Bermuda, under the care of the Presbytery of Halifax.

Ministers and Churches.

The members of Knox Church, Oult, have given a call to the Rev. Mr. Macpherson, Dundee, to be their pastor.

St. Andrew's Church, Goderich, and Smith's Hill Church, Colborne Township, have voted unanimously in favor of the Synod's Remit on Union.

INDUCTION AT ALEXANDRIA.—The Rev. Kenneth Macdonald was on Thursday the 8th Oct., inducted to the pastoral charge of the Canada Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, and to general Mission work in the district of Glengarry. There were present, of the Presbytery of Montreal, Dr. Burns, Montreal; Mr. McQueen, Kenyon, Mr. Paterson, Martintown; and Mr. Wilson, older from Alexandria. Dr. Burns preached and presided on the occasion. The sermon, from the 21st chapter of Proverbs, 1st verse, was an excellent one. The usual questions were addressed to Mr. MacDonald, and satisfactorily answered, after which the Rev. Mr. Paterson, of Martintown, addressed the newly inducted minister in suitable terms, and also spoke to the people on their duties to their pastor, to their fellow church-members, and to the Church at large. The Rev. Adam McQueen delivered a similar address in Gaelic, with which this most harmonious and happy meeting came to a close. We sincerely hope that this union, formed in circumstances so auspicious, will long continue, and will result in much spiritual good to the whole Glengarry district.

Contributors and Correspondents.

Knox College; New Building.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

DEAR SIR,—It may not be without interest to the members of our church to report progress with regard to the new College Building, and to state what is being done in the matter of subscriptions.

The stone-work of the foundations will, we understand, be completed in a few days; but the actual work of building must be arrested until spring. The preparation of material will, however, go forward; the bricks will be laid on the ground; and everything will be ready for resuming building as soon as the weather will permit. In the meantime the work done can be safely protected from all injury, and it is hoped that nothing will occur to prevent the completion of the edifice by the commencement of next Session of College, or very soon after that time. The ceremony of laying the foundation stone has been deferred—wisely we doubt not—till the close of the College at the beginning of April; it will then be performed not only in the presence of friends in Toronto, but, it is hoped, of brethren who may be in the city at that time from many parts of the Church.

I am happy to announce that the subscriptions already obtained amount to about \$60,000. It is of the utmost consequence however, that the subscription list should, as speedily as possible, reach the amount requisite. Accordingly measures have been adopted by the Committee on Canvass to have the work in which the Professors of the College were engaged in summer, carried on to some extent during the winter months. The Rev. Mr. Armstrong has obligingly put his services at the disposal of the Committee for two months, and is already at work; while several brethren in the ministry have kindly consented to canvass a number of congregations in their respective localities. It is unnecessary to bespeak for these brethren the same kind reception which has been accorded to those who preceded them in soliciting subscriptions,—the same helpful co-operation in a work not without its difficulties. The Professors, if spared in health and strength, will return to the canvass after the close of the College; but it is obvious that they cannot, without prejudice to their proper work, do much in this way while the classes are being conducted.

It may hardly be possible to name the exact sum which will be required to complete the building. We may say, however, that the subscription list cannot be considered adequate—the financial position secure—until at least \$75,000 has been reached. This is a much larger sum than was spoken of when it was first resolved to build, or even when the plans of the building were adopted; but we can assure the constituency of the College that the Committee has done everything in its power compatible with due regard to the purposes of the building, to keep down its cost. If the amount transcends the first estimates, it is but another instance of what invariably happens; and we are confident that the Church would regard it as a mistaken economy to put up a building which would shortly be inadequate, and which would not reflect credit on its character for liberality.

The large extent of field yet to be visited removes all reasonable doubt as to the possibility of bringing up the subscriptions to the necessary figure. At the same time,

diligence will still be required on the part of canvassers, and a generous appreciation of the object on the part of our people. We can ask nothing more than that the congregations yet to be called on shall keep up the standard observed in those already visited. But the rule in all giving is—"as the Lord hath prospered;" and how can the congregations be yet seen may compare in wealth with those already seen, the observance of the Scripture rule will be sufficient to ensure success; to ensure that the subscriptions when the church shall be fairly canvassed, will amply cover the estimated expenditure. Nor can we be satisfied with anything less; for we really cannot afford to have debt remaining on the new building.

According to the method sanctioned by the General Assembly, subscriptions are payable in three equal annual instalments. It was deemed prudent and even necessary to adopt some such method of payment. But should any of the subscribers find it convenient to complete their payments in a shorter period, or to make their first instalment more than a third of the whole, they will confer a favor on the Building Committee, and save expenditure for interest. It would indeed be matter of regret should any considerable amount of our funds require to be thus appropriated. The church will see how the matter lies; advances must be made to the contractors, from time to time, as the work proceeds; and unless the requisite funds are on hand, there is no resource but to borrow, and thus increase the cost of the building. But we cannot unduly press this matter; and nothing will be said or done which might be regarded as an attempt to alter the conditions of subscriptions.

There is every reason to feel encouraged with the way in which the Church, thus far, has responded to the appeal made to it; and we doubt not that, by the divine blessing, the undertaking will be brought to a successful termination. May He without whom nothing is good, nor wise, nor strong, prosper the work, and render it instrumental in quickening the Church's interest in a matter so vital to her prosperity and extension as the training of her future ministry.

Yours truly,
WM. CAVEN.

Toronto, Nov. 17th, 1878.

Mission Work in Waubashene.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

The following is an extract from a report to the Presbytery of Simcoe by Rev. J. Gray, of Orillia, of a visit to one of the districts of the large missionary field under the care of that Presbytery. It will doubtless be of interest to the readers of the B. A. PRESBYTERIAN, as it was to the members of Presbytery:—

"This year, at the request of Mr. Frizzell, the student missionary supplying the aforesaid stations (Waubashene, Port Severn, and Sturgeon Bay) under the auspices of the Students' Missionary Society of Knox College, the undersigned visited the mission and organized it on the 24th day of August, 1878.

"Proceeding to Waubashene on the 22nd inst., he held a preparatory meeting in the evening in the neat little church in that village, erected by the liberality of the lumbering company. On the following Sabbath he dispensed the Lord's Supper and administered the ordinance of Baptism in the morning. Upwards of thirty communicants partook of the Gospel feast, and four children were dedicated to the Lord in Baptism. The Church was well filled with an attentive audience, and the services were felt to be refreshing and edifying. Several members of other evangelical churches were permitted, through their own especial wish, to join in commemorating the death of Christ in the Supper.

"In the afternoon the undersigned crossed over to Port Severn in a steamer kindly placed at his disposal by the company, as that place is only accessible by water. The neat and comfortable church erected there by the proprietors was fully occupied by an interesting congregation. In connection with the services the ordinance of Baptism was administered to eight children.

"In the evening of the Lord's day a sermon specially adapted to the young was preached in the Waubashene church.

"This mission is specially for the lumbermen, and has its preaching places at three mills. Waubashene, the chief of the three, is a pleasantly situated village, lying on the west side of Matchedash Bay, and about twenty-two miles north of Orillia. It is the head-quarters of the Georgian Bay Lumbering Company, and contains about three hundred inhabitants, made up entirely of persons and families connected with the mill. Total abstinence is strictly enforced within the limits of the village, and any of the employees found drunk are at once dismissed.

"Port Severn, situated about four miles north-east of Waubashene, is built on the

rocks through which the River Severn winds its way into the Georgian Bay. Its position is wild and picturesque. It contains about two hundred inhabitants, all of whom are connected with the mill. It belongs to the same lumbering company that own Waubashene.

"About five miles west of Port Severn and from Waubashene, is the Sturgeon Bay mill, with a lumbering population of about one hundred grouped around it. The owner of this last mill is Mr. P. Christie, a member of our Church, and the Superintendent of the two other mills are also members, and warmly interested in the mission.

"The Midland Railway is expected to reach Waubashene and Sturgeon Bay early in 1879, when the surrounding country will be settled and a large congregation built up.

"Very favorable reports were received regarding the devoted and successful labors of Mr. W. Frizzell. Most of his journeys are performed on the water. On the Lord's day, after preaching at Port Severn, he unmoors the tiny skiff placed at his disposal, and proceeds to Sturgeon Bay. Having held service there, he rows or sails to Waubashene, and preaches the Gospel there.

"There is much that is hopeful in this mission, and it is being gradually built up into a self-sustaining charge. The two principal drawbacks are the fluctuating character of the milling population and the long period during the winter when no supply of means is forthcoming."

R. C.

Stayner, Nov. 14, 1874.

Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Presbytery met in Knox Church, Dundas, on the 5th inst., and inducted the Rev. John Laing, late of Ottawa, into the pastoral charge of the congregation assembling there. The Rev. D. D. McLeod, of Ancaster, preached and presided, the Rev. S. C. Fraser addressing the newly-inducted minister, and Rev. Mr. McColl, the people. The services were appropriate and impressive, and were attentively listened to by an audience which was large for the forenoon of a week-day. Mr. Laing enters upon his labors in Dundas under the most favorable circumstances, the cordiality of the people, the prayer of the Presbytery, and the good wishes of all. The present prosperity of the town is bringing many strangers, and this also presents a fact favorable to the congregation and to their minister, who will find a hopeful field for industry and zeal. The Presbytery heard with satisfaction that Mr. Dawson, of Ashburn and Utica, in the Ontario Presbytery has accepted a call to Beamsville, and they appointed his induction to take place on the 2nd of December, at 11 a.m. Chalmers' Church, Quebec, has given a unanimous call to the Rev. A. B. Simpson, of Knox Church, Hamilton. It is signed by 106 members, and by 81 adherents. The stipend promised is \$2,800. This case will be issued at the meeting in Beamsville. A new church in the east end of the city of Hamilton is to be organized with the consent of all the Kirk Session in the city. This step has been contemplated for some time and it is hoped, will now be attended with success. A movement of a similar kind is much needed in the Western part of the city, and will, we hope, be soon made. The Presbytery certify four students this session to Knox College, namely, Andrew F. Tully, and William Reid, in the 2nd year in Theology; Robert Thymie, in the 3rd year in Theology; and Colin Fletcher, B.A., in his first year in Theology. A committee was appointed to visit the congregations of Mr. Cheyne, respecting a retiring allowance on his resignation being received by the Presbytery. The Committee is to report on the 2nd of December. Mr. W. H. Simpson has declined the call to Simcoe. An article from the *Christian Instructor and Western United Presbyterian*, of Philadelphia, and of date Oct. 4th, was read. It stated that the Rev. Charles Chiquiquy, of St. Anne's, Kankakee, Ill., had been baptized by a Methodist minister at a revival meeting in Nova Scotia. The Presbytery instructed the Clerk to bring the fact under the notice of the Great Hamilton Presbytery, of which Mr. Chiquiquy is a member.—Com.

I have heard some persons, when leaving a place of worship, admiring the minister, and exclaiming: "What splendid language!" May they rather say, after hearing us: "What sinners we are! What a glorious Christ we have! What a blessed salvation!"

Archbishop Manning recently spoke of the two Houses of Parliament as "the greatest legislature the world has ever seen," and added that there was "not to be found in the records of the civilized world a Legislature which for 800 or 1,000 years had retained its maturity and developed its wisdom and connected itself with the people and the Monarchy as the houses of Lords and Commons had done," which is pretty strong language for the prelate. But about the same time Mr. John Bright told his constituents that a liberal administration had been the real founders of every proper measure that had been passed by the British Parliament during the last forty years, and that—and now an English politician traveling in this country tells us that this same greatest Legislature the world has ever seen is "one of the most rascally under the sun, rejoicing in misgovernment, crushing the people, and legislating for the few."

This suggests a slight difference of opinion from what the reader can select and adopt at pleasure.—*The Christian at Work.*