

ciples of common sense—but we do not think that a man can be found to say that if it is so, morality and legality in this case go together. Here is money collected in a place for a specific object; it is not handed over for that purpose; when it comes to the knowledge of the parties interested, their secretary writes and asks about it, and this is authorization to collect those moneys? The case lies in a nutshell: Mr. Breese has collected in (at least) five places, we are informed, for the "Waubuno" sufferers, and has remitted the collections in two only of these places. And this man is hurt because it was stated that he was not a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

We may further say that we have evidence before us that the first part of Mr. Breese's letter of last week is untrue. He was *not* dismissed by the Milwaukee Council to another pastorate, but after a long, patient and careful investigation of certain reports which came to it "derogatory to the ministerial character of the Rev. J. T. Breese," it finally decided "That this Convention permanently withdraw its fellowship from the said Rev. J. T. Breese." And this is what he has the hardihood to call being dismissed to another pastorate. This decision of the Council was come to on the 20th Dec., 1876, and one of the documents he presented (No. 2.) was "Authority to take subscriptions for the 'Advance,' April 12th, 1877." What pastorate had Mr. Breese in the four months intervening, and how came it to terminate so speedily?

There are other questions and facts arising out of Mr. Breese's letter, but we think that the matter has been pursued far enough to shew how much confidence is to be placed in the statements of this gentleman. If he is wise he will endeavour in some other sphere to use his talents in a different manner, and so to live that he will not have occasion to boast as he did to us that he had again triumphed in being acquitted by the Magistrate! Strange experience for an ordained minister to make acquaintance with Magistrates on such charges—the very fact carries its own commentary.

Mr. Breese is possessed with the idea, or pretends to be, that there is a conspiracy against him, that some of his brethren have determined to malign and molest him and to destroy the good work that he is doing. Let us say that one of the things strongly impressed on our minds by this and similar cases lately, is the laxity of ministers in their desire to help their brethren of "the cloth;" their readiness to give letters of introduction and commendation to men of whom personally they know nothing, and their reluctance to let damaging facts be made public. Ministers jealous! they ought to be, a great deal more than they are, jealous of their holy profession, guarding with the most scrupulous care against the introduction of improper persons into their midst, and with all charity, yet with all firmness, refusing their aid and comfort if by any means such are found amongst them. For ourselves we have no feeling whatever against Mr. Breese. We had not heard of him until this "Waubuno" matter transpired, and had not spoken to him until he called upon us last week. We have simply performed a very unpleasant duty, we did not seek it, but when it came we did not shirk it, and notwithstanding the threats of Mr. Breese we shall, if necessity is laid upon us, pursue it further, otherwise these are last words on a painful subject.

THE WILKES JUBILEE TESTIMONIAL.

To the Pastors, Deacons, and Members of the Congregational Churches in Canada:

DEAR BRETHREN,—In the autumn of 1878, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes completed the fiftieth year of his public ministry, and commemorated that event by preaching a sermon special to the occasion. At that time it occurred to some of his friends and former church members that this was a fitting opportunity for inaugurating a movement to present him with a testimonial expressive of the esteem and respect with which he has always been regarded by our churches, and also of the high appreciation in which they hold his past services and efforts in their behalf. But,

owing to a variety of causes, among which the general commercial depression was not the least, the movement was never organized nor was any appeal made to the churches. Recently, however, steps have been taken to begin the matter anew, and in a more formal and definite manner. A resolution has been submitted to the several Congregational churches of Montreal, asking for their co-operation, and they have given their approbation to the movement, and have appointed certain of their members to represent them in the promotion thereof. A central committee has been formed for carrying into effect the object contemplated; which is, to appeal to all our congregations in Canada, and to others who may be disposed to render assistance, for contributions which shall be set apart to form a fund, to be designated "*The Wilkes Jubilee Testimonial Fund*," and which on its completion shall be presented to Dr. Wilkes for the sole use and benefit of himself and family, as an expression of grateful respect and appreciation on the part of our churches and others for his long and unwearied services as a minister of Christ. These services are so well known and widely recognized, that it is not necessary here to dwell upon them. And that they are held in high value by many friends connected with the Colonial Missionary Society and others in the mother country, and also by many members of the various denominations in this country, is shewn by the fact that they have expressed their willingness to join our churches in contributing to this fund.

This statement is put forth in order to apprise the churches that the movement has now assumed a definite shape, and that it will be vigorously prosecuted, and to bespeak their cordial sympathy and co-operation in the same.

As there are many cogent reasons against unnecessary delay, it is proposed to bring the matter to a conclusion before the autumn sets in, and to present the testimonial to Dr. Wilkes on the fifty second anniversary of his public ministry, in October next.

We remain, on behalf of the Committee, faithfully yours,

THOMAS ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*
GEORGE HAGUE, *Fin. Treasurer.*
GEORGE CORNISH, } *Hon. Sec's.*
G. W. BEERS,

Montreal, March 4th, 1880.

N.B.—It is requested that all contributions or correspondence connected with the Fund be addressed to Dr. Beers, Beaver Hall, Terrace, Montreal.

Official Notices.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF B.N.A.—The Principal begs to remind all who are thinking of asking the labour of one of the students during the coming vacation, that the time for settling the details of arrangements is very near, hence the importance of prompt and definite application. He would be glad to hear from them without delay.

Montreal, March 5th, 1880.

OBITUARY.

Died on the 18th ult., in the 76th year of her age, Mrs. Evans, relict of Richard Evans, Esq., at her residence in Watford, Ont.

Mrs. Evans settled, with her husband, in Warwick township, nearly half a century ago—one of the first settlers in the township. For nearly thirty-six years she was a consistent member of the Zion and Watford churches. She was a Christian whose light shone in her daily life. It was always a characteristic of her life to put the best construction upon things—always presenting the bright side. Her presence will be missed by all who knew her. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, assisted by the Anglican clergyman, and the Methodist Episcopal minister, and a large concourse of people attended.

H. J. COLWELL, *Pastor.*

Watford, Feb. 25th, 1880.

Many of our readers will learn with sorrow of the death of Mr. Archibald McPhadyen, of Manilla. The event took place on Wednesday, 25th of Febru-

ary. Although his sufferings were long and intense yet he bore it with patience, knowing that God doeth all things well. He leaves behind him a wife and four little children who will greatly lament their loss, but it is indeed a great consolation to them that God has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, and all His promises are yea and amen in Christ Jesus. The deceased was highly respected and esteemed by all who knew him and will be greatly missed, especially by the church of which he was a member.

Manilla.

M. A. MACFADYEN.

Correspondence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Write as briefly as possible—our space is limited—on one side of the paper only.

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

SIR,—As the abrupt termination of the pastorate of the Rev. S. P. Barker of the Congregational church here has been made the subject of a good deal of comment in the public Press, perhaps you will find space for the following letter. I may explain that after Mr. Barker's resignation had been accepted, evidently much to that gentleman's surprise, he commenced services in the city hall, Palmer hall, etc., and in order to prove his antecedents good, he produced a call (?) from the church of which he was formerly pastor, that at Ionia, Mich. The genuineness of this document was so seriously doubted that one gentleman offered, through the city Press, to donate \$20 to the Widow's Home if such a "call" could be produced. In view of the following letter I need hardly say that the "Home" is not likely to get that \$20. I may add that I would not trouble you with this matter only that I deem it necessary as a deterrent to hasty action on the part of churches in choosing pastors of whom they know nothing.

The following is the letter alluded to, and by giving it insertion you will much oblige

TRUTH.

To the Editor of the EXPOSITOR.

"DEAR SIR,—The assertion of Mr. S. P. Barker that he had received a call as pastor from the First Congregational Church, of Ionia, Michigan, of which he was former pastor, to the irreparable injury of the church, is only a *mild* exhibition of some of his characteristic traits. He has received no such call, and when he *does*, you shall receive prompt notice."

"A. T. YEOMANS."

"Clerk of the 1st Congl. Church, Ionia, Michigan."

To the Editor of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

It might be a matter of interest to the readers of the INDEPENDENT, especially those in Montreal, to hear something concerning the great revival which is now going on in Belleville. The Rev. E. P. Hammond came here in the beginning of February, at the earnest request of eight of the Evangelical Churches. These Churches united under the name of the "Revival Union" and as the result of their harmony, their earnest prayers, their subordination and activity, a great revival has taken place. The most of the churches were closed each Sunday night in favour of the union services; the Sunday schools were closed for two Sundays in order that the children might assemble in one grand union service. Mr. Hammond pays special attention to the spiritual interests of the children. For about two weeks he had a mass meeting of the children every afternoon; and hundreds of them were converted (see his excellent publication on "The Conversion of Children"). He held inquiry meetings, for them at the close of each service, where adult Christians gathered the lambs into the fold. We have witnessed many touching scenes at these children's meetings, and heard of many touching incidents. Mr. Hammond has written many books for children and has been a great blessing to the youth and childhood wherever he has conducted revivals. He does not aim at reaching the children through the parents, but he reaches the children directly and the parents through the children. In all the meetings he insists on a great deal of singing, and many have attributed their conversion to the hymns which were sung. Two choirs are kept, one at each end of the building, who