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WE need to give continued thought to the subject, in order to appreciate the value of a good religious newspaper, coming regularly into a family, and being read by its various members. Weekly it preaches its timely sermons to the household. The weekly visits of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT into the homes of our people and congregations will keep them posted in the doings of our denomination, and will stimulate all to increased earnestness in Christian work. Take your own Church paper, and get at least one other person to take it.

BISMARCK thinks he is going to crush out Socialism in Germany by means of legal enactments. But is it not likely that despotic measures will nurture rather than suppress revolutionary sentiments?

THE "Friend of India" says: "But for English missionaries, the natives of India would have a very poor opinion of Englishmen. The missionary alone, of all Englishmen, is the representative of a disinterested desire to elevate and improve the people."

"CONDITIONAL IMMORTALITY" makes its appearance within the circle of French Protestantism. M. Byse, editor of the "*Journal du Protestantisme Française*," has written on the subject lately. Other prominent literary men have also taken it up. M. Byse accepts the doctrine of Edmund White.

THE Indian policy of the United States has almost always been a disgrace to the country. But it seems as if of late it was becoming worse and worse every day. The recent treatment of the Cheyennes has been most barbarous and inhuman, nay, those are altogether too mild terms. It has been nothing short of fiendish. Is there no Christian sentiment in the American republic that can make itself heard and felt?

WE call attention to the notice in another column about the employment of the students in the approaching holidays. The esteemed Principal, Dr. Wilkes, desires to hear *at once*. There will be an unusually large number of students ready and anxious for work. Will our brethren and the churches needing help please send word forward immediately. It is very awkward to have these applications left till the young men are leaving Montreal.

THE Republicans of France are taking the right methods to establish and consolidate the Republic.

We see that the Government has recently taken up the question of schools for the education of women. On the recommendation of a Commission several places have been selected for such schools. We hear also of a bill presented by the Minister of Instruction making primary education in the public schools compulsory after the 1st of January, 1880.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE.—Of the many Guides and Seed and Plant Catalogues sent out by Seedsmen and Nurserymen, and that are doing so much to inform the people and beautify and enrich the country, none so beautiful, none so instructive as *Vick's Floral Guide*. Its paper is the choicest, its illustrations handsome, and given by the hundred, while its coloured plate is a gem. This work, although costing but five cents, is handsome enough for a Gift Book, or a place on the parlour table. Published by James Vick, Rochester, N.Y. Send for it.

ALMOST everybody is surprised at the leniency of the sentences passed on the Glasgow City Bank directors. It does not seem that there is very good ground for the opinion of the judge that the convicted persons were led to misrepresent matters from a mistaken regard for the good of others. It seems to us that they acted simply and solely from selfish motives. We cannot see that they had any claim to the tenderness which has been displayed toward them. Still, almost any sentence in such a case will have a beneficial effect. It will be a warning to others when tempted to do wrong.

ALL the European inhabitants of India are not enthusiastic over Lord Lytton's Afghanistan policy. The "India Mirror" says that the Ameer has always been friendly to the English, but his people have a strong hatred of foreigners. The "Friend of India" writes: "The whole policy which we are now trying to work out in blood and conquest is based on delusions and lies; and if we still hope to be saved from disaster, and to see good brought out of evil, our reliance is not upon the 'specially gifted' triflers who have led us into our present false position, and have neither the heart nor the brains to lead us out of it."

DR. SHAW, of the Brick Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N. Y., speaking on the "Church of the Future" lately, said: "The Church of the future will make more of the substance and soul of Christianity than of its form. . . . By and by no other credentials will be required but faith, love, and charity. The man who is like his master will find himself welcome everywhere. . . . It will lay more stress on the life than on the creed." Say what you will, there is a movement along the whole line. The Church is going ahead towards the Promised Land, although there are some who lag in the rear and sigh for the fleshpots of Egypt.

WE are glad to chronicle the signal success of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. This Circle is for the purpose of organizing companies of from two persons upwards to give at least forty minutes daily to reading and study. The subjects selected are English and Grecian History, English Literature, Bible History, Astronomy and Human Physiology. The class for graduation in 1882 has about 8,000 members. Very elaborate preparations are being made to render the annual gathering at Chautauqua Lake next August a more brilliant success than heretofore. Dr. J. H. Vincent, the promoter of this vast movement, is to be congratulated on the wonderful impetus his Chautauqua schemes have given towards producing more thorough Sabbath School workers.

THE Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Fraser) has very heterodox notions about a clergyman's work. We had always thought that a minister's special duty was to please everybody, to keep matters smooth, to offend nobody. We had always thought that it was to utter the dreariest of platitudes in the mildest and gentlest of tones. Dr. Fraser has other opinions, apparently, and he has been acting up to them lately. And what has he been doing? He is actually been telling the English manufacturers some homely truths about shoddy work. He says that English manufactures are not what they were at one time, and so the manufacturers are losing customers, and that accounts partly for the commercial depression from which the country suffers. Will not some one ask Dr. Fraser to confine his remarks to the doctrine of the Trinity or that of the Church? Or he might be requested to speak on German Rationalism. Or probably a few words on the comparative merits of different vestments would suit. But what business has he to touch on commercial transactions. We fear that his remarks have thrown "a coldness on the meeting."

FATHER CHINIQUY appears to be making no small stir in Australia. In November last, one edition of the first seven lectures which he delivered in Protestant Hall, Sydney, had been sold out, and a second edition was announced. The agents of Rome had been alarmed, and had, as usual resorted to slander and misrepresentation in order, if possible, to weaken or overthrow their assailant. A portion of the press gave extensive circulation to these attacks on Mr. Chiniquy's character, and there was danger that his influence even among Protestants would be diminished. But the better portion of the press came forward in his defence, and for many weeks not only columns but pages of the Sydney "Witness" and "Protestant Standard" were occupied with the particulars of Father Chiniquy's remarkable career both as a priest of Rome and as a Protestant minister. He was also warmly supported by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, which passed resolutions commending him to the sympathy of ministers, office-bearers and congregations, and set a session apart for the special purpose of hearing an address from him.

SENTENCE has been passed on the City of Glasgow Bank Directors. Possibly some may think it is too light for an offence so grave as they were charged with. But, as the Judge pointed out, there was nothing brought forward at the trial to show that their crime was done for their own benefit. It was rather in the hope that by deferring disclosure they might do better for their clients. All lovers of justice will approve their punishment. It is imperatively necessary for the weal of society that such acts be surely reached by the hand of law. But the point we would especially notice in connection with this case is the lamentable need there is of courage when failure stares men in the face. This is one of the great wants of the day. How many there are in business and elsewhere who do not seem to realize that there is a point beyond which hope of extrication is so utterly vain that to indulge it is criminal. It is better to summon up courage and stop, before we are tempted, as were those Directors, to use indefensible means which will land us in shame and disgrace. It is very hard to do this, but if Christian profession is to tell for anything, this difficulty must be overcome by those at least, who, like some of these Bank Directors, lay claim to godliness. The line of demarcation between principle and rascality must be kept clearly defined. Let Christians in business remember that they serve the Lord.