

## THE MISCELLANY.

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The annual collection for the Canada Congregational Missionary Society is now in progress in our Church and Congregation. On the first Sunday in the month the Pastor preached a sermon in the morning from the words, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive riches;" and in the evening he gave an address on Congregational Missions which is printed below. Last year the amount raised by this Church for the same object was \$379,15, a decrease on the amount of the previous year of \$53,50. In our response to the claim this year let us bear in mind three thoughts. 1. How much each one of us owes our Lord. 2. That what we give for the propagation of the Gospel, we give directly to Christ. 3. Any sacrifices or self-denials we may make for this purpose, will be blessings to us as well as to others.—Mark x. 29.—30.

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While religion dates back to man's origin, and Christianity to the manifestation of God in Christ; the great revival of religion occurred as late as the sixteenth century. The purity of Christ's teachings, and the simplicity of the Apostolic Church, had been lost in the heresies and hierarchy of Rome. But early in that century God, by the mighty sword of the Spirit, the divine word, shook the nations of Europe, and multitudes who were spiritually dead, heard his voice and lived. Turning from human tradition and a sensuous service to the word of God, men learned the spirituality of the Church and of worship; as well as the purity of doctrine and the elements of the Church's constitution. By such prayerful study of the New Testament, God fearing men who had been trained in other systems, became firm in the conviction that they found, not only that the churches

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