

The American Presbyterian Church has been troubled with two closely allied questions, the raising of which do not speak well for its office bearers—the demission of the office of the ministry, and the election of elders for a limited term of service. The whole of the Bible has at last been translated into the language of the Esquimaux.

Among events in the Dominion, we have to note the arrival among us of the Earl of Dufferin, the new Governor-General, whose kindness and affability have already won him golden opinions.

The Church of the Lower Provinces has to report an interesting work of grace in Cape Breton, where labourers are much needed. A good work has also been carried on among the Acadian French by colporteurs from Montreal. The question of union is settled, as far as the two Churches of the Lower Provinces are concerned, and they are simply waiting for the completion of negotiations by the larger bodies in the West. In the Churches of Ontario and Quebec there is still some hesitation, caused principally, but not altogether, by difficulties connected with educational institutions. Instrumental music in our own Church is now a congregational question. The ranks of the ministry have been recruited by many welcome arrivals from the mother country. The Churches there have come to the help of our missions with men and means. These are all prosperous. Manitoba has been reinforced by the addition of labourers from our own Church, the sister Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Irish Presbyterian Church. Its College, under Professor Bryce, is succeeding well. Mr. Jamieson's report from British Columbia is gratifying. Mr. Nisbet, of the Saskatchewan Mission, at present on a visit to Ontario, has at length got an efficient fellow-worker in Mr. Vincent. Mr. McKay, the missionary to Formosa, is progressing rapidly with his preparatory linguistic studies, and will soon be able to proclaim the Gospel with ready tongue to the simple natives. Valuable aid has been rendered to the Home Mission Committee by the Students' Missionary Societies of the Colleges in Toronto and Montreal. The Church is taking up the ground to the north of Lakes Superior and Huron, forming a link in the chain that is to stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Father Chiniquy still prosecutes his evangelistic labours in Kankakee, and occasionally in Canada; and the work of French evangelization in Lower Canada has already resulted in much good, a result to which the instructions of Professor Coussirat, in the Montreal College, have not a little contributed. In various places, the year that is past has been a year of grace. The Synod of Montreal, by means of its evangelistic deputations, has done much, and will yet do more to quicken religious life within its bounds. The Colleges are both in a flourishing state, deficient in the numbers, indeed, but not in the zeal and efficiency of their professors, and blessed with a body of earnest and intelligent students. The acceptance of a call to New York by Professor Inglis, left a blank in the staff of Knox