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CANADIAN CORRESPONDENCE.—We are glad to notice in the *English Independent* for December 5, a letter from its Ontario correspondent, and wish our transatlantic contemporary many happy returns.

REV. J. C. GEIKIE was recognised as pastor of the Church meeting in Islington Chapel, London, on the 13th November, at a service over which Rev. H. Allon (his neighbour) presided. He seems to have a good prospect of usefulness before him.

REV. R. BALGARNIE was welcomed home to Scarboro', at a public meeting, composed of members of all denominations, on the 14th November. After tea, he gave an account of his voyage, Halifax, Boston and Niagara. He would present the remainder of the narrative in successive readings.

REV. NEWMAN HALL left Boston for Liverpool on the 4th ult., having been fully three months on this continent, preaching incessantly, and everywhere received with immense enthusiasm. A hearty welcome and a purse of £500 awaited him at home.

COLONIAL EPISCOPACY.—The members of the English Church in Queensland, in a Conference called to organize a Synod for that colony, resolved to do so "on the basis of voluntary compact, and not of legislative enactment." In Canada, leg. "was invoked, to remove doubts in relation to the liberty of the Church in the Colony, notwithstanding the Royal supremacy; and so far, good; but the acts passed go beyond this, and there is a frequent reference to the legal basis of the Church, in speeches and articles on the subject, as though the Legislature had almost framed as well as allowed the organisation, which is not good. Let there be as full liberty as any other body enjoys, but not a jot more.

A MODEL FOR CHURCHES.—In an account of a neighbourhood mission carried on by one of the churches in Utica, New York, it is said, "The church members are all, both old and young, put into harness, and no one who is unwilling to work would occupy a pew in that great edifice.

CHURCH BUILDING IN WASHINGTON CITY.—There are now some fourteen or sixteen churches in process of erection; among them are the Methodist Metropolitan, projected at a cost of \$200,000; the Congregational, to be one of the most capacious in the city, and to cost about \$100,000; the Lutheran Memorial Church, for which a grand site has already been purchased. The Baptists recently dedicated the most beautiful church in the city, the cost of which, \$100,000, was paid by the generosity of a single man. A Methodist church of about the same character has been completed during the year.—*Lutheran Observer*.