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Contributors & Correspondents.

THE UNION.

NOITAGETEUR AND AUSTIFICATION OF THE ASSEMBLY'S ACTION.

Editor British American Presbyferian.

DEAR SIR,-I perceive that my former explanatory remarks have been misapprehended, especially by one of your correspondents. My object, at present, is not merely to correct misapprehensions of my remarks, but also, and mainly, to show the wisdom of the Assembly's procedure in remitting to presbyteries and sessions the basis and accompanying resolutions, and the importance of having them maturely considered and reported on at this juncture.

The three following things will, I trust, be admitted.

1st. That the basis and accompanying resolutions were not sent down to presbyteries and sessions in terms of the Barrier Act. This was repeatedly stated in the Assembly; besides, there is no allusion to the Barrier Act in the remit. Moreover, the terms of said Act are "for the presbyteries' opinions and consent;" whereas the terms of the remit are simply "for mature considera-

2nd. That the whole union question is one of such magnitude, and one which affects so much the interests, and even the constitution, of the Church, that it must be dealt with strictly as the Barrier Act directs.

8rd. That the Assembly was competent and warranted to send the basis and resolutions down to presbyteries and sessions in the form which has been

In confirmation of this statement, permit me to give the following extracts from "The practice of the Free Church of Scotland," recently published:—

"Consistently with the principles of Presbyterian government, all reasonable means ought to be taken for keeping the action of the Assembly in accordance with the general mind of the Church; inasmuch as the ministers and ruling elders are entitled and called upon to judge as to the mind of the Great Head of the Church."—Page 95. Further, "The General Assembly may remit any subject to presbyteries for their opinion, apart from the terms of the Barrier Act when it is not proposed to found any legislative change or declaration on the returns."-Page 96.

Now if these three statements be admitted, the inference is surely legitimate that "the subject of union will not be before the Assembly in June." There is no ground on which it can be The Assembly of this year will certainly not reconsider the action of last Assembly. There will be nothing submitted, either by the synods of the sister Churches, or by the joint committee, to bring the case up. The Assembly will surely not waste its precious time in considering returns upon which "no legislative action or declaration can be founded," It was in reference to this last circumstance I used the expression, "may informally receive the reports in reply to the remit,"
—an expression which I now regret, as fitted to mislead.

Another inference is that the consummation of the union may require a considerable time. If there be not a meeting of Assembly in the fall, the basis and resolutions cannot be sent down to presbyteries and sessions, in terms of the Barrier Act, before the Assembly of 1873. I do feel that one of my statements has been inadvertently porverted by "Cunctator." He assumes that I conveyed the idea that "neither the ordinary course of Church procedure," nor the endowment of the colleges was to be considered a condition of union.' Whereas the question with me was not one of constitutional procedure at all, but simply one of time. This is plain from the words "neither the time, nor the endowment expected to be made in mally took the form of a statement of the time." The main design of my article was to advocate deliberate constitutional procedure. This, however, cannot determine the length of time required; as the Assembly by meeting structive. For example anything of twice or thrice in a year, can do the real revival shows the readiness of God required; as the Assembly by meeting work of two or three years in one. I to grant his grace, thus he waits to be am sorry that "Cunctator" has taken gracious and teaches us that if others am sorry that "Cunctator" has taken gracious and teaches us that if others not necessary to prove to the Christian, same. Let students try this simple of love and friendship will not only keep offence at my proposal "to trust in one would be similarly favoured they must that it is a duty to give to the cause of method, and they will seldom fail in pace with, but outstrip the march of another; and, above, all, to trust in give themselves to more earnest prayer Christ, that it is his individual duty to their public examinations.—Con.

God's guidance." colleges and theological institutes.

The other point to which I wish to advert is the importance of having the union basis and resolutions maturely considered and reported on at this

An opinion seems to prevail in cortain quarters that the Assembly's action in reference to union is not approved by the Church in general. Indeed some go so far as to say that the presbyteries will-very generally repudiate said action. Now this must have an injurious influence on the deliberations of the synods of the sister Churches. It must also weaken the hands of our members of the Joint Committee. It may even sus-pend the exertions of our people to endow our colleges; as the endowment and union schemes have become hopelessly mixed up in people's minds, although the endowment would, no doubt, have been attempted even had union not been contemplated. If the presbyteries were to express their general approval of the Assembly's action, a great point would be gained. This would not, in the slightest degree, obviate the necessity of sending the whole matter down in terms of the Barrier Act. It would confirm the Assembly's action without giving it the legal sanction which the Barrier Act plainly and imporntively requires.

These are merely my own private opinions, stated with all candor, and without, in the slightest degree, reflecting on the judgment or Christian feelings of my brothren. I do not profess to speak for any party, great or small, nor to have any "following," young or

Yours, &c.,

ALIQUIS.

THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCH.

MR. EDITOR,—It is pleasing to see

various topics introduced for remark or discussion in your highly interesting and, what I trust will prove, valuable paper. Will you allow me a corner for some plain observations in reference to a subject which from its both intrinsic and relative importance ought to hold a chief place in a religious Periodical—I mean the state of religion in our church. It is well known that the Assemby has appointed a committee to attend to that vital matter and that that committee has issued certain questions -fifteen in all—calling for answers by ministers and sessions with the view of forming an annual record of spiritual statistics, with the view, it is presumed, of stimulating to greater zeal and effort in regard to this highly important matter. This seems reasonable enough-provided it can be satisfactorily and truthfully done. There are, however, formidable difficulties in the way towards obtaining a full record, and perhaps some most anxious about the promotion of vital religion, and who are doing their utmost in the use of means to promote it, may be among the defaulters in replying to said questions. Far be it from us, however, to say one word against sending in the required replies. The queries are pointed and pracitical and well fitted to rouse ministers and elders to a sense of duty in reference to the spiritual welfare of the Church. The object of the present remarks is, to point special attention to the last of the questions referred to, as in our opinion the great question require ing an answer—we may even say the great question of the day. We mean the one referring to the best mode of promoting religion, or the spiritual prosperity of the church. It seems strange that amidst all that was said, first in Synod and then at the first Assembly, from the time of the excitement at Gult onward, the 15th query has mover been formally put till now. The discussions or conversations, we might say uniforfacts, without any practical application in the way of drawing lessons from the facts stated. Now it appears to us, that such facts as were narrated are most in-

question has been at last formally put. ally promoted? and better late than never. It seems to have been too much taken for granted that as a church we have been doing all that could be done to promote revivals, and here there has been merely a call for fruit. This may be proper enough but there is a previous question. Have ministers and elders been doing all that could be done in the shape of spiritual cultivation? As labourers in the vineyard have they been daily digging about and manuring the fig trees? With an evangelical creed, and the Gospel more or less regularly preached, combined with labours among the young by means both of Bible classes and Sabbath Schools, the general feeling has been—what more can be done? we have reached the highest point of offort—we must wait patiently for the divine blessing. That all success dedepends on God is doubtless a great truth. But is it so that we have been doing all we can? Is there not such a thing as performing the operation of rowing, plying the oars with all regular. ity and apparent vigor against a head current while we make no progress but perhaps fall rather than advance? True it is that in advancing Christ's cause we have often wind and tide against us which force we do not duly estimate and hence are exceedingly apt to be satisfied with the more routine of Christian effort instead of in humble dependence on promised grace, throwing more energy into our efforts and going farther to meet the enemy; as David did the Philistine, in the strength of the Lord. There is reason to fear that in some instances at least—to state the case as mildly as possible—the doctrine of divine sovereignty has been abused by cherishing the thought that we have done all we can, and have hence settled down into a species of spiritual so mambulism waiting, what some are pleased to call, God's time. That we are to wait on God is doubtless a great Bible touth but we may, and alas, often do wait in in-dolence and unbelief. While there is undoubted sovereignty in all God's provedences it is not less true that he works according to certain principles and has clearly and distinctly laid down these principles in his word for our instruction and guidance. The question then still comes up—have we as ministers, elders or members of the church, availed ourselves of these principles for the purpose vitalizing the church and forwarding the work of the Lord? But as these remarks are sufficiently extended for the present, the principles referred to and their application will, with your leave, be considered in a future article.

INDIVIDUAL GIVING.

Editor British American Presbyterian.

Sir,-You must not tell some Presbyterians that this letter is about Christian giving or they will not read it. Do not let them know that my text is individual giving and frequent giving to the Gospel cause or they will perhaps say, "Aye always on the money, always give, give." As for your readers generally, and our many whole-hearted. Presbyterians, the thinking, feeling members and adherents of our Church, I ask their patience and their thought. Allow me to begin a long way off to catch those who are not fond of the theme.

What a light thing is a flake of snow! How soft and pretty, a very child loves to see it coming down, laughs to see it fall on his upturned face, it falls so gently. And yet these very flakes of your next, from snow will cover the whole face of nature, and form an embankment that defies the mighty steam horse on his smooth iron road. He puffs and pants and comes to a dead stand and all owing to the snow flakes. How's that? Why there were so many. It is pleasant to look up and see how thickly the flakes come, and so continuous, they fall and fall and fall, then the windgathers them

This trust is per- as the appointed means of bringing give as God has prospered him that it EXPRESSIVENESS OF THE IRISH feetly compatible with the use of our down the divine blessings. These re-own judgment. Besides the point to wisels, then, ought to have had a stimu cheerfully that the Lord leveth such a which the trust referred to was by me lating effect on the whole church in giver. It is surely not necessary to confined was very narrow, viz.: the de-exciting to more earnest and importu-state that this privilege belongs to every tailed arrangements pertaining to the nate prayer. But, passing this, the individual Christian each member each adherent of the Church. It is my birth How may vital religion be most effectu- right, and who would sell it for a mess of pottage! Taking these as granted, first principles most surely believed among us, I would offer a few remarks in regard to individual giving to the cause of Christ.

> You are aware of the old practice of each member of the family getting a collection for the meeting on Sabbathparents would see to it on Saturday that their was change in the house. I say nothing of the amount given, but the practice of each giving. That was a right practice. It is also well known that the prevailing practice exists of the head of the giving one subscription say for stipend for the family. This one subscription covers all the numbers and adherents of the household. This practice I object to. I hold that every one ought to be a giver. It may be said the father earns the money. Is the wife's work in the house not worth anything? Is the son in the field, the daughter at the wash-tub or churn not worthy of wages? The father does not make all the income, and if he had to hire men and women to do their work he would find that to his cost. Perhaps he grants this and pays for all hands in his subscription. Then I say why not give each his share and let each appear on the subscription list as a giver? It is the duty and privilege of each; why not in this as in the collection on Sabbath? Certain am I if this plan were adopted there would be more money in the Lord's treasury. Will a Christian object to this personal giving because he would have to give more money? Does he feel that he gets off cheaper in the present mode—looks doing very well, and therefore prefers it? Where does such a man keep his conscience? Where is his Christian liberality? Allow me to give you a case that came under my observation without giving Mr. T. gave \$10 a year towards stipend for himself and family. He was a wellto-do farmer. In his family were five members, two working sons, adherents, beside children. Divide the \$10 among the members, not to speak of the adherents, and you have \$2 each. A hired man on the next farm paid \$4 and and the hired girl \$3. Would you not come to the conclusion to which I came when I found he was dead against individual giving, that he looked better on the list under the \$10-that individually they would look small at \$2 beside a hired man \$4 and a hired girl \$8. Put down the names of the young friends and let them know it, and feel that they 'have an interest in the concern," like the little London boy who had given a penny to the Missionary Society. 1t will prove a blessing to those who give as well as to those who receive. I believe there is a want of thought on such matters. Talking with a farmer on the possibility of the support of a minister in a station in his locality, I asked him "how much he considered would be a fair amount for each member to give annually? He said \$4 each. Well, I said, you have 50 members, not to speak of adherents, and you do not see how you can raise \$120 annually, the sum required—why 50 by 4 gives \$200. He was surprised. But, said I, remember how it stands with yourself: You have five members, beside adherents, in your family—\$4 per member, equal to \$20 per annum. He looked strange, but could not answer. He and his family had a 800-acre farm, which they worked without hired help, and he had been in the habit of giving \$5 a year for all hands. Surely that man had not thought of such things before—or if he did, alas for his religion.

So much for individual giving; with your leave, a little on frequent giving in

Yours truly, A HINT FOR STUDENTS.

Before attending the Hebrew exami-nation at college T tried to get into the professor's mind-I tried to be both student and professor. I then drew out questions and answered them; and soul, and to hate well is, according to you may imagine how glad I was when the great moralist, a thing in itself to Liferent that I succeeded so well. I be beloved. Ireland is, therefore, answered, in my own room, every through all its sects, parties and relifall and fall, then the windgathers them into a heap forming a power, a regular answered, in my own room, every through all its sects, parties and reliberation. Now what is wanted in Chrisquestion the professor put before me gious, an amicable nation. Their aftection giving is all giving, and giving of a different form from mine; but the ple not sometimes to kill each other with the march ten, many givers and many gifts. It is substance of his and mine were the

LANGUAGE

I From Carleton's Traits and Stories of the Irish Peasantry.

There is no country in which the phrases of goodwill and affection are so strong as in Ireland. The Irish language actually flows with milk and honoy of love and friendship. Sweet and palatable is it to the other or x, and smeetly can Paddy, with his deluding ways, administer it to them from the top of his millifluous tongue, as a dove feeds her young, or as a kind mother her babe, shaping with her own protty mouth every morsel of the delicate viand before it goes into that of the infant. In this manner does Paddy, seated behind a ditch, of a bright Sunday, when he ought to be at mass, feed up some innocent girl, not with "false music," but with sweet words, for nothing more musical or melting than I is brogue ever dissolved a female heart. Indeed, it is of the danger to be apprehended from the melody of his voice, that the admirable and appropriate proverb speaks; for when he addresses his sweetheart, under circumstances that justify suspicion, it is generally said - " Paddy's feedin' her up wid false music."

What language has a phrase equal in beauty to cushla my chree- pulse of my heart? Can it be paralleled in the whole range of all that are, ever were, or ever will be spoken, for music, sweetness, and a knowledge of anatomy? If Paddy is unrivalled at swearing, he fairly throws the world behind him at the blarney. In professing friendship, and making love, give him but a taste of the native, and he is a walking honey-comb, that every woman who sees him wishes to have a lick at. and Heaven knows, that frequently, at all times, and in an places, does he get himself licked on their account.

Another expression of peculiar force is vick machree-or, son of my heart. This is not only elegant, but affectionate, beyond almost any other phrase except the foregoing. It is, in a sense, somewhat different from that in which the philosophical poet has used it, a beautiful comment upon the sentiment of "the child's the father of the man," uttered by the great, we might almost say, the glorious Wordsworth.

We have seen many a youth, on more occasions than one, standing in prefound afiliction over the dead body of his aged father, exclaiming, "Ahir, vick machree, vich machree-wurl thu marra wo'bm? Weil thu marra wo'bm?"-" Father, son of my heart, son of my heart, art thou dend from me; art thou dead from me?" An expression, we think, under any circumstances, not to be surpassed in the intensity of domestic affection which it expresses; but under those aliqued to, we consider it altogether elevated in exquisite and poetic beauty above the most nowerful symbols of Oriental imagery.

A third phrase peculiar to love and affection, is "Manim asthee," or, " My soul's within you." Every person acquainted with languages knows how much an idiom suffers by a literal translation. How beautiful, then, how tender and powerful, must those short expressions be, uttered, too, with a fervour of manner peculiar to a deeply feeling people, when, even after a literal translation, they carry so much of their tenderness and energy into a language whose genius is cold when compared to the

glowing beauty of the Irish.

Maovurneen Dheelish, too, is only a short phrase, but, coming warm and mellowed from Paddy's lips into the car of his colleen dhas, it is a perfect spella sweet murmur, to which the lems su-surrus of the Hybla bees is, with all their honey, jarring discord. How tame is "My sweet darling," its literal translation, compared to its soft and lulling intonations. There is a dissolving, entrancing, beguiling, deluding, flattering, insinuating, coaxing, winning, inveigling, roguish, palavering, comeovering, comedholing, consenting, blar-neying, killing, willing, charm in it, worth all the philtres that ever the gross knavery of a withered alchymist imposed upon the credulity of those who inhabit the other nations of the earth-for we never read that those shrivelled philtremongers ever proposed in Ireland.

No, no, let I'nddy alone. If he listes intensely and effectually, he loves intensely, comprehensively, and gallantly. To love with power is a proof of a large

Schectea Articles.

OLD CATHOLICISM.

THE SCHIEM IN THE OHURCH IN PRANCE-NEW SCHEME OF EZSISTANDE TO THE

Paris (Feb. 10) Correspondence of the London Times.

Among other remarkable signs of the times, the letter of the Abba Michael to the Archbishop of Paris is one which should not be allowed to pass unnoticed -the more especially neit seems destined to produce a greater sensation than was at first supposed, and is even now almost dividing the public interest with "Rabagus." The Abbe Michaud, who is also a doctor in theology and a canon of Chalons, has filled, until now, the important office of Vicar of the Madeleine, and is a man of some emi-nence, both as a preacher and writer. Unfortunately, he shares the defect of of most of his olerical brothren, and expresees his feelings in regard to his religious convictions in controversial language of a somewhat bitter tone. At the same time this may be merely the effect of training; for whether it be the Bishop of Orleans attacking with violent invective M. Gambetta or M. Freppel, the Bishop of Angers, fighting the municipal council of his diocese, or the Abbo Michaud robelling against his Archbishop, there seems generally to be room for a greater infusion of the Christian virtues of humility and charity. The Abbe Michaud, it seems, has asked the successor of the late Monseigneur Darboy whether he authorized the priests of his diocese to give sacramental absolution to persons who did not believe in the dogmas of the last Council of the Vatican, and whether he will allow priests to officiate who do not internally believe in those dogmus. To this demand the Archbishop replied in the ne-The Abbe then declares that the late Archbishop was quite of another way of thinking, and quotes a conversa-tion which he had with him four days before his arrest by the Commune, and which he wrote down from memory immediately afterward, in which, in answer to the same questions, the late Arch-

"Inasmuch as an army ought not to rise against its officers: externally, in your official sets, you should submit to the infallibility of the Council; as for your conscience, you have enough intelligence, knowledge, and honesty to know what to do. They may say, and do what they like; their dogma-will never be anything but a dogme inepte, and their Council a concile de sacristians. Live in peace: work hard, taking care of your strength at the same time, and do your duty without troubling yourself about them."

The objection which the world makes to this quotation is that Monseigneur Darboy cannot authenticate it, and that, although it is known that he found a difficulty in accepting the dogma of the Pope's infallibility, he at last wrote a letter in which he gave in his adhesion to it. Whether this adhesion was external or internal—and, if the latter, by what moral process a man can change at will his deep internal belief-we shall now never know, at all events from the poor murdered Archbishop. It seems that the Abbe Michaud has not discovered ered the secret. If he is not to be allowed to officiate unless he can conscien tiously affirm that he internally believes in the Pope's infallibility, as well as ex-ternally professes it, he has no alternative but to resign his position as Vicar of the Madeleine, and this act of rebellion on the part of the intuitive princihas no control, has brought down upon him the curses of all good Cathelics who, of course, attribute the lowest mo tives to him, and say that he does not believe in the Pope's infallibility because he wanted to succeed the Abbe Deguerry as cure, and is so disappointed at not being named that he has gone into flat revolt, and discovers conveniently that he had a conscience which refuses to be satisfied. I should be sorry to believe anything of him half so uncharitable. I merely give it as the opinion of many devout Catholics, who may be permitted to feel a "righteous" indignation toward a priest who writes to his Archbishop thus:-

" According to you and your adepts, Catho licism is Papacy. The universality of the Church of Christ is the universality of one alone. For you, it is no longer a question of Jesus Christ, but of His Vicar, and His Vicar Gospel now depends upon the definition it re-ceives from the Pope. What dishon-our will not cover the soldier of Christ, who af-ter having sworn fidelity in life and death to the Catholic flag, conrents to see it profuned, toru to rags, made to represent no longer Cataolism, but Ultramontamsm; no longer the secrety of the faithful, but the absolute, omnipotent, infallible will of one man; no longer the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but the Bull of a Borgia, past or future ! "

And hereupon the Abbe Michaud, who seems to have refused openly and externally to profess for the last four years, a dogma in regard to which he was internally entertaining the above uncompromising disbelief, can stand it no longer, and indignantly resigns his canonry, his vicariat, and what he considers the sham part of the theology of which he is a doctor. Not content with this, he announces his intention of start mode of this descent. Under the geneing on his own account. "You may ral names of Evolution, Development, excommunicate me from the Ultramontane Church," he exclaims triumphant-

nover overcome in my own heart the approbation of honest men and true Gathelite." Again, he says:—

"For from rebeiling against the laws of the constitution of the Church, we attack only the chickwho rouel against those laws, the chick who rake compe detait to the distriment of the entire Church; chick who violate the constitution. As for me, I know tuiled only the clary of the actual koman and their chick who was a superior of the actual koman and their chicks. Catholis Church to know that a great number of priests and the like of them completely reject in their deep nateriors the decrees of the Council; that is why I hope and wait."

And so, announcing his intention of continuing to exercise his functions as an independent Catholic priest, in spite of the persecution of the Church, for which his enemies declare that he seems rather to make a bid, he has determined to start in No. 74 Boulevard de Neuilly "a committee of action." There is a smack of Internationalism about the sound of this, from which the Abbe is too bold a man to shrink, but which will, I am afraid, terrify a good many of the external professors and internal disbelievers in the dogma. However, we shall see. Here are to meet delegates from the other committees of Russia, Germany, England, Italy, and Spain; so soon as money enough has been collected to build a church, one is to be erected; in the meantime, the Abbe is going to celebrate mass in his own room. He is also prepared to marry, baptize, bury, and administer the sacraments to all who have got tired of professing externally what they don't believe internally. He says;—

"We will do what the early Christians did in the times of persecution. Hence, I don't innovate. I imitate, as soon as I can speak and preach, and I will speak and preach. Meantimo I will unveil what you would keep concealed, and show where the real Church is; and not only will we write, but I and my friends will act, in spite of all the difficulties inherent to the beginning of anything. People will see at last who will conquer, those who fight for Christ governing the Pope by His Gospel, or those who fight for the Pope governing Christ by his will but it. by his syllabus."

The important feature of this schism is that it proposes to organize resistance. It is not a passive separation like that of Pere Hyacinthe; it is an active warfare, the leader of which is evidently a bold and desperate man, who, however, is, I think, comewhat sanguine as to the amount of support he is likely to receive, even from laymen, much less the priests of his religion.

THE DARWINIAN CONTROVERSY.

It is not easy to state the present condition of the confused "free fight" which goes by this name. But the folfowing points, at least, should not be lost sight of :-

1. Mr. Darwin himself has propound ed three distinct theories, each of which may be (and has been) separately accepted or rejected by naturalists. The first is the well-known theory of natural selection, or the origin of species by the two unexplained principles of variation and heredity, acted upon by the competition of individuals in the "struggle for life," and resulting in the survival of the forms best fitted to the special conditions of that struggle. The second is the hypothesis of pangenesis, a start-ling and almost fanciful attompt to explain the phenomena of heredity, by the supposition of the transmission of resemblances from parent to offspring in inconceivably minute and numerous material germs, which may remain for one or more generations inert, and then suddenly develope, later in the series The third Darwinian hypothesis is that of the origin of man, which involves the agency of " sexual selection," the powers of " natural selection" alone being confessedly inadequate to account for many things in man, even considered as an animal.

2. Of these three Darwinian propositions, the second is scarcely accepted by any naturalists; the third is regarded as by no means established in scientific probability (certainty, of course, being out of the question); but the first may be said to have made important conquests in the scientific world. Indeed, in one sense, it is victorious,—just as an army may be victorious, though badly battered and obliged to change its own position. For the existence of the "struggle for life," and its potent influence upon the numbers and peculiarities of species, is very generally admitted. It is denied, however, by many naturalists, that this agency is the dominant one, or that it is adequate to explain the origin and relative permanence of species; and on these points Mr. Darwin, with his usual candor, has modified his earlier statements.

8. The popular mind confuses the theory of natural selection with another more general proposition, of which it forms but a single sub-head—the origin of species by descent. For this proposition, namely, that the plan of creation has been the gradual development of new vegetable and animal forms from others that preceded, the argument is stronger than it is for any one of the different attempted explanations of the etc., the view of a continuous creation; is: undoubtedly prevalent throughout the ly, "but never can you separate me scientific world. Derwin's "natural to them. All these are physiological -Illustrated Christian Weekly,

from Catholicism; and the insults of selection" is only one of many develop- subjects, the ignorance of which is con-Ultramontanes however epiteful via part theories. Lamuek had abound, stantly leading to the greatest unnappr-lent, and insolent they may be will the author of the Vertiges of Creation ness, ill health, and death. Among the another; Professor Cope another; St. George Mivart another; and so on. The most successful critics and opponents of Darwinism are the facer who have development theories of their own; and whatever may be the relative position finally assigned to Mr. Darwin's views. the doctrine of the origin of species by descent, as opposed to that of the special and arbitrary creation of an ancestral pair for each, does not stand or fall with Darwinism.

> 4. M. Mivart, a distinguished naturalist and a Roman Catholic, claims in his book on the Genesis of Species (written against pure Darwinism), that the doctrine of avolution is not inconsistent with the teachings of the Fathers and theologians of his Church, and quotes in support of it passages from Augustine, Aquinus, Suarez, and others. The last is perhaps the leading Jesuit theologian suce the Reformation; and M. Mivart finds him, like the others, endorsing the notion of a derivative creation. The most recent contribution to the discussion is that of Professor Huxley, who has undertaken to show that the Fathers, and Suarez in particular, didn't mean what their words may now seem to mean; that the doctrine of a derivative creation is heresy; and that Mr. Mivart is trying to put new wine into old bottles. Huxley's article is acute and forcible. As far as Sucrez is concerned, he seems to make out his case but it is evident he does not share in Mr. Mivart's laudable desire to show the true harmony between Science and Christianity. On the contrary, Professor Huxley is very anxious to prove that science is truth, that the church condemns it, and indeed, to be consistent ought to condemn it. The Catholic theology suits him exactly-as an antagonist. Protestantism, with its fearless acceptance of all truth, does not suit him so well. He wants the lines drawn, with nothing but Authority, Faith, the Unknowable, and some unscientific absurdities on one side, and Reason, Knowledge, and Huxley on the other. Unfortunately, he cannot be accommodated.—Christian Union.

PHYSIOLOGY A STUDY FOR WOMAN.

(From the opening lecture in the Ladies' Course on Physiology, at the University of Edinburgh, by Professor Ben-

I have long formed the opinion that physiology, besides being essential to the medical student, should be introduced as an elementary subject of education in all our schools-should be taught to all classes of society. It is an ascertained fact that 100,000 individuals perish annually in this country from causes which are easily preventable, and that a large amount of misery is caused by an ignorance of the laws of health. Women, in all classes and degrees of society, have more to do with the preservation and duration of human life, even than men. It has been argued that, inasmuch as even the brutes know instinctively how to take care of their young, so must women be able to do the same. But the human infant is the most helpless of creatures, and nothing is more lamentable than to witness the anxieties and agony of the young mother as to how she should manage her firstwomen taught the structure and requirements of the offspring which will be committed to their charge; and certainly no error can'be greater than to suppose that the senses and instincts are sufficient for teaching man as to his physical, vital, and intellectual wants. his life. The enormous loss of life among infants has struck all who have paid attention to the subject, and there can be no question that this is mainly owing to neglect, want of proper food and clothing, or cleanliness, of fresh air, and other preventible causes. Dr. Lankester tells us, when ably writing on this topic, that, as coroner for Central Middlesex, he holds one hundred inquests annually on children found suffocated in bed by the side of their motoers, and he calculates that in this way 3,000 infants are destroyed annually in Great Britain alone, attributable in nine cases out of ten to the gross ignorance of those mothers of the laws which govern the life of the child. But women are the wvices and regulators of the domestic households. They also constitute the great mass of our domestic servants. On them depends the proper ventilation of the rooms, in which all mankind, on an average, spend one third of their lives. Children are too often shut up all day in crowded nurseries, and when ill are subjected to numerous absurd remedies before medical assistance is sent for. Their clothing is often useless or neglected, the dictation of fashion, rather than of comfort and warmth, being too frequently attended to. The cleanliness of the house also depends on ished to find, after a years' experience, women, and the removal of organic matter from furniture and linen, the detal vitality you will resume the composition of which is so productive of duties that you had laid aside, and how

stantly leading to the greatest unnappi-ness, ill health, and death. Among the working classes, it is too frequently the improvidence and ignorance of the wolfmen which lead to the intemperance and brutality of the mon, from which originate balf the vices and crimes known to our police offices and course of justice. Additional arguments for the study of physiology by women may be derived from the consideration of (1) the effects of fashionable clothing, the tight lacing, naked shoulders, thin shoes, high-heeled boots, often subversive of health; (2) the objects of marsings the modulation of healths are riage—the production of healthy offspring, and all the foresight, care, and provision required, but too often negected through ignorance, to the danger of both mother and child; (3) the proper employment of women, which would be much more intelligently done if they possessed physiological knowledge. Hence women in all ranks of society should have physiology taught them. It should be an essential subject in their primary, secondary, and higher schools. So strong are my convictions on this subject that I esteem it a special duty to lecture on physiology to women, and whenever I have done so, have found them most attentive and interested in the subject, possessing, indeed, a pecuhar aptitude for the study, and an instinctive feeling, whether as servants or mistresses, wives or mothers, that that science contains for them, more than any other, the elements of real and useful knowledge.

MINISTERAL SABBATH BREAK-

A general statement that the ten commundments are as obligatory on the clergy as on the laity would probably provoke dissent from no man. statement that the fourth commandment is of as binding force on thom as on other people would also probably not be denied. But since the literal observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest is to them impossible, the great majority of them take no day of rest whatever.

The spirit of that law requires that

every man should do his work in six days, and that a seventh should be reserved for rest. Rest is made a religious duty, not merely a privilege, and the proportion of rest is fixed—one day in seven. The day recognized by the great body of Christians as the sacred rest-day is necessarily the minister's busiest work day. The prophets of old took this occasion for their addresses to the people. The modern maister imitates their example. But this fact does not exempt him from the obligation of rest on some other day of the week. As men who work by night must sleep by day, so ministers work on the Sabbath are under obligation to rest on some week-day. This not merely their

privilege; it is their duty.

The law of the Sabbath is not written merely on perishable tables of stone it is written imperishably in the constitution of the human body and the hu man soul. No man car violate it with safety. A seventh day of restis as much a duty as a night of sleep. We do not say that the duty is no more sacred; we do assert that it is not less so. And it is as universal. No class of men can disregard it and not suffer.

It is true that in order to observe the spirit of the law ministers must vary from the common method of its observance. Mental rest is only obtained by a change of mental employment. The therefore his Sabbath rest is employed in religious activity. The minister's week-day work is religious; therefore his rest-day must be spent in other

We claim, then, for the clergy from their parishes one holiday in every week. On that day no calls should be made on them, and none expected of them. So far as parish work is concerned it should be struck from the calender. In the year the clergyman will accomplish more work if it contains but 818 working days than if it contains the full complement of 865. And we not only de mand this for the clergy as their privilege, but we demand it of them as their duty. No man can work seven days in the week without violating the laws of God; and no man can violate the law of God with impunity, even if he is a clergyman. Settle upon the day-most ministers will take Monday; the wise ones will take Saturday. Lay aside all parochial cares; turn the key on the study; shut the books of theology. If you read, take useful books for your com-panions. But better yet—take mone at all. Go into the garden; go into the carpenter shop ; go into the woods; sleep; think as little as possible, meditate rather than think; let the mind lie fallow; dismiss sermons, studies, parish work or parish duties, and account every attempt on their part to obtrude on your chosen rest-day a temptation of Satan to be resisted. And you will be astonwith what freshness and vigor and mendisease. Further, the proper choice the work that had grown wearisome and preparation of food are entrusted will become an inspiration and a delight. EMIGRATION TO MANITOBA

We abridge the following hints to intending emigrants from the Manitoba Liberal, of January 19th

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We would advise those who have good farms and comfortable homes in Ontario to let " well enough" aloue; but to those who have not farms of their own, we would say that there is not to be found on the American continent a place where a man can, in such a short time, make for himself and family a comfortable home. The soil is good; and you can burn off the grass at once, and plough, and in the second year have a crop of wheat, of from 30 to 40 bushels to the acre. As there are no stumps to eradicate, and the land does not require manure for from 20 to 40 years, Manitoba is preferable to Ontario or the Western States. It offers especial inducements to good farmers, as it is destined to become one of the greatest grain-growing countries in the world. All the English portion of the farming community are well off, having grain, horses cattle, and money in the bank. We have previously advised those coming in, to bring cattle and horses with them, as farmers, being unwilling to sell; ask very high prices; but we are convinced that, owing to prairie-fires burning quantities of hay, cattle may be had at more reasonable rates next season. Although there are 6,000,000 acres of unoccupied land, considerable difficulty is sometimes experienced in getting suntably located, owing to the scarcity of wood and water, as most of the land on the Red and Assiniboina rivers is taken up; but there is yet plenty of land within ten miles of wood, and no cross fences are needed in Manitoba. A man requires to bring a team, plough, and waggon, which he can procure almost as cheap in St. Paul as in Ganada, if he comes that way, and should also have sufficient money to buy some cattle and to support him for one year. The best time to come is in May, so as to get some ploughing and fencing done, and a house erected, ready to put in a crop next spring.

The following is a careful estimate of the quantity and cost of provisions and other things necessary for a year, which a man and his wife, and, say, three children, would require to give them a fair start on a now homostead in Mani-

Six barrols of flour, at \$8—\$48; two barrels of beef, at \$18—\$86; thirty pounds of tea, at 750—\$22 50; halfbarrel of salt—\$2; one yoke of cattle, if he has no team, \$100; one cow, \$50; one plough, \$20; one harrow, \$10; one Red River cart, \$12; building a house, \$100. Total, \$400 50.

Patotoes, carrots, turnips, beets, cabbage, barley, oats, hay, etc., can be pro-cured the first season. It is unneces-sary to build a barn for several years.

To those who would be inclined to purchaso agricultural implements, here wo subjoin the prices, which we have obtained from manufacturers in this

Implements—Ploughs (wood), \$25; harrows, \$12 50; single harness, \$25; waggons (farm), \$100; Red River cart, \$12; buggies, \$125; bob sleighs, \$40; cutters, \$50. Live stock—Oxen, per pair, \$200; milch cows, \$50; sheep, \$7; working horses or ponies, \$100; young pig, say, \$2 50. Prices of lumber—Pine, \$50, shungles (codar), \$7 50.

A great deal has been said about the costliness of building in this country, but from the way the people have of economising labour and materials, we believe that houses can be creeted at about 25 per-cent in advance of Canada. Of course, the building will be by no means as substantial work; but still, filling up with the peculiar mud with which the country abounds, is a great help and saving in the cost.

The best places to settle are at the Boyne river, 20 miles from Pembina and 40 from Winnepeg; White Mud river, 20 miles west of Portage la Prairie: Stoney Mountain, 15 miles northwest of Winnipeg, on the road to the Lake of the woods.

AMERICAN THEOLOGY.

American theology, in its first phase, belongs to the Reference type, and is connected with Calvinism through the medium of English Puritanism. It was born in a powerful revival of religion, toward the middie of the last century. It may be dated from the profound and devout speculations of the pure and venerable Jonathan Edwards, and his successors, who manfully grappled with problems of Christian metaphysics. Since then, the immense growth of our country, and the recent importation of the vast treasures of European learning have vastly expanded our horizon, opened new avenues of thought and research, and stimulated the native zeal to original contributions in Biblical literature. We may say that all the intellectual and moral forces necessary for a new chapter in the history of sacred letters are already at work, or fast maturing among us. -Dr Schaff.

If a mother will stop and decide with-in herself what a "well-governed" child should be, she will save horself many & heartache, and perhaps a headache.

THE COMENG HOME.

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(From Hearth and Home.)

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at the thre-hold? The cross man is never pleased. His wife ofther speaks too loadly or not loadly enough: his slippers, not asserting themselves with due regard to right and left, are scelled as if they were suinate beings; and the chair in his way is treated as if, with its own four load, at had voluntarily and with malice alovethought placed itself in his path, and could acutely feel the spiteful kick with which he sends it out of the way. The stingy man's quick eye immedi

with which he sends it out of the way. The stingy man's quick eye immediably detects an extra light, which he extinguishes; and close the store dampers, to prevent the to-rapid consumption of fuel. The bright riston-bow which his wife has put on to culiven her poor, failed dress, is, perhaps noticed only to ask its cost; and if, when all have enton as well as they could with the consciousness that almost every mouthful was counted, there happens to be any food left upon the table, the extravagance of the cooking is coldly commented upon. How can such a man expect to full light, warmth, beauty

inmireds which at least immering degradation from the so-called "so-called gleas." Wife at home may beam like a bright star, verything may twinkle and murmer welcome," but if that wife listen in dread less the coming storm, and the ope that should much hers in foad truthfulness be bloared and sally, or cruel with the loop and discrace of a self-clouded much there will be weary and anxious linet in her face that the can not holp, and that will darken the cheeriest room.

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There is much in the way the house is entered. Let his man come in with cosmid the his wife's in brightness; bring little wished-for trifles the waiting one; put hat and coat in their proper place, and just as much inseing as the laws allows. These let him be ready to rome with the children, pay pleasant little attentions to the grown women, and be willing to take an extra stop or earry a burden to relieve overlaxed hands. Let him notice and speak of the little things that are done for his pleasure, and, above everything cles, but him be appurabled; Many a weary head would acke loss if its pain were noticed and regretted by a lowing hands.

Not always is the offert of speech or action necessary. Some men ean brighten with a mere glance the roan they enter. There is a joy-shedding grace in the way in which some has bands and fathere give themselves to the solace of an arm chair by the fire-side after c day of weariness. A any rate, I am sure, if the nam enters his house with the will to make its tumber happy, he will find the brightest halo of joy shouth bimself.

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TORONTO, FRIDAY, MARCH, S, 1872.

FURTHER TALK WITH PRESBY-TERIANS.

The letters from our various correspondents which we published last week to a great extent obviate any necessity for our again recurring to our work or the claims we have upon the support of Presbyterians. We are content to let that work answer for itself. At the same time there are a few points on which a remark or two may not be altogether inappropriate.

We have not a word to say in opposition to a monthly magazine, for which we know a good many are anxious. If such a periodical can be got up and vigorously conducted, we shall be glad. If it find adequate and enlightened support, we shall be still better pleased. But, even at the best, a monthly magazine can never, as things are at present, obviate the necessity of a weekly newspaper. Perhaps the feeling of many is that even the latter appears too seldom to discuss with sufficient freshness and force the current topics of the day. People now-a-days live very fast, and whether it be a good symptom or a bad, things must be taken as they are and treated accordingly. It is very evident, at any rate, that long before a monthly magazine can be brought to bear upon them, many subjects by no means unimportant are old and stale. Men have drifted away from them and cannot be persuaded to return. We shall accordingly be no rival to a monthly or quarterly of the right stamp. Such a periodical would be simply our complement and crown.

Then let us notice another point on nich we think some are inclined to be unreasonable, or-shall we say it ?simply inconsiderate. The price of the PRESBYTERIAN is objected to as too high, and other papers are referred to as of larger size and put at a lower figure. We have no word of depreciation for any of our contemporaries, nor do we cherish towards any of them a feeling of anything but honest and honourable rivalry. We are in antagonism to none. Our work does not interfere with theks, and our success does not involve in the slightest their injury. They cannot do what we propose: we may not be able to overtake what some of them at any rate successfully accomplish. But as far as the price goes, let our friendly objectors just think for a moment. The papers to which we are specially referred are of long standing. After many struggles they have established their position. Their advertising patronage is large, and is what they chiefly depend upon. They have daily editions which supply material for their weeklies, without any additional expense for composing. All this after being established twenty years and more. Is it reasonable then that we should be expected at once to start, without a fixed extensive circulation, without an advertising circle of supporters, and without the prestige which lengthened experience may be expected to give, and at once present as large and as cheap a sheet as our neighbours have reached after the efforts of a quarter of a century? The thing won't

tain, and we think we have deno this, giving way—as good feeling and interand in such a way as to give us a claim | course between the two countries preat least to the friendly consideration and honest support of the Presbyterians

We ask no bonus from either the

Church or State, though those interested in the success of railways, newspapers, sugar refineries, or cotton mills, are only too glad to give such in order to secure a fair start for enterprizes which in their estimation will be a public benefit. We wish to give full and adequate returns for all we receive, and if friends will but have patience, and will at the same time help reasonably to extend our circulation, secure for us a fair share of advertisements, and if we can print as well and as cheaply as others what they need to have printed, let us have a reasonable amount of such job work, that is all we ask. With such help and hearty co-operation in the way of sending news and miscollaneous contributions from those who handle the pen of a ready writer, we fully calculate on making a newspaper not altogether unworthy of the Presbyterians of Canada. If in spite of such generous assistance we fail, then let us go down and give place to others worthier and more enorgetic.

We close our talk about ourselves, our claims, and our aspirations. Now let us turn to the work of making these aspirations good.

PRESBYTERIANISM ASSAILED AND DEFENDED.

In the end of January last the Very Rev. Dean Stanley delivered, in Edinburgh, a course of four lectures on the History of the Church of Scotland. He lectured under the auspices of the Philosophical Institution, and attracted a large and influential audience. The theme is one deeply interesting to Scotchmen, and when handled by such a master of literary art, could not fail to have its own effect. Dr. Rainy, of the Free Church College, was asked to review the learned Dean's interpretation of Scottish Church History, which he did before crowded meetings in the Music Hall, in three lectures of great power and beauty. If Dean Stanley has succeeded in strengthening the hands of those in Scotland whose views agree with his own, we still may thank him for having called forth so able an apology for our own Presbyterianism as Dr. Rainy has given. We understand that the lectures are to appear in pamphlet form, and we may express the hope that one of our Canadian publishers will fayour us with an edition of our own. The power of argument is great; but the felicitousnessof expression, and the courteous and even pleasant manner in which severe but merited castigation is meted out to the intruder on Scottish history, is even more remarkable. In these lectures we have a much needed vindication of our democratic form of church government, and our religious peculiarities. No greater evidence of the success of Dr. Rainy can be given, than that the Edinburgh Scotsman has found it necessary to resort to virulent abuse and personalities, and to the old attempt of decrying evangelical religion as intolerant bigotry. We cannot give extracts now, but must rest satisfied with stating the general

drift of these lectures. Dr. Stanley tells us plainly that he is an Erastian of the Erastians; and true to this spirit, interprets Scottish Church history from his own point of view. He tells us that for the first three hundred years there were no bishops in Scotland, and that the fact that the evangelizers of the country were not bishops, had, to a certain degree prepared the way for the revolution of episcopacy, as it produced some features of religious character prevailing to-day. He then speaks of a second period, from Queen Margaret to the Reformation, during which the Anglo-Norman hierarchy had a place in Scotland, and when there was an arrangement which, but for political difficulties, might have allowed pres' ytery and prelacy to exist side by side in the same church, thus showing how " superficial, after all, were the divisions which separated them." The third period is that in which Presbyterianism was in the ascendant, and Episcopacy was proscribed and persecuted.

vail; and here the Dean tells us of the mission of Episcopacy in Scotland: not to subvert, but to help the State Church | spiritual realities therein revealed, even to "keep alive a sense of English toleration, English art, and English litera-

The Dean proceeds to give the char-

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temporal power concedid on a very large scale to a body which became, as it were, the second parliament of Scotland; the the distorted representation of a noble truth, namely, the indefeasible superiority or moral over material force, of conscience over power of right against might. 8. The littleness and minuteness of the points on which its religious divisions had taken place. The martyr spirit is praised only as the pure and heavenly rapture of mistaken men about trifles. The Dean goes on to describe moderatism in terms highly complimentary as the result of increasing culture, in the light of which more tribunal sentiments proscribed, and claims for it all that is good in the last two hundred years of Scottish history. While David Hume and Robert Burns are referred to as instances of Christian light and liberal sentiment. We have thus fully noticed the drift of the Dean's lectures that we may show clearly the bearing of the reply. Dr. Rainy most significantly says that the visit of the Dean to Scotland is intended to have its effect of the fiture. The Scottish vote had for some years been very powerful in parliament, and perhaps if the English establishment should be put on its trial that vote would again be of use in offense and defense, hence the strong desire to direct Scottish sentiment so as to save a national church. He charges the Dean with not understanding the history of Scotland, as from his mental diosyncrasy, while nothing picturesque in the physical or moral would escape his eye, he lacks the sympathitic appreciation of the deeper and the stronger currents of religious life and doctrinal controversy. Hence he makes little of the moral and religious principles which to Scotland are so dear. He corrects the misrepresentations as to the loving accord between Presbytery and Prelacy, and shows that the overthrow of the latter was the necessary result of its constant and insidious effort to destroy the former; and, further, states that Episcopacy is fated to bring other things in its train which logically end in Popery, so that in order to avoid that end Episcopacy had to be abolished. Dr. Rainy draws a most striking contrast between Presbyterianism in its organised life, bold and fearless liberty, and avowed dependence on its Living Head; and Episcopacy as forced upon Scotland, with its expulsion of good men and favouring of the lax and unscrupulous and its persistent deception, manœuvering and falsehood. Referring to minor points which we omit, Dr. Rainy shows how, among all the subdivisions of Presbyterianism, the Catholic unity of the Church was never lost sight of, nor was the narrowest and straitest Sect so bigotted as to make a point of Church government a condition of salvation, which, quoting from Episcopal authorities, he shows has been done by those who assert that schismatics are separated from the communion of the Invisible Bishop, and so from the whole Catholic Church in heaven and in earth." The independence of the Church and its supremacy in its own sphere are ably stated, as it is a society established for spiritual ends by Jesus Christ, and not by earthly powers; in sight of which principle alone the instructings of the Church can be understood. The charge of negativeness is next met, by showing how positive Presbyterian theology is, its only negation being "nature is not grace, nor grace nature." Much space is occupied by the discussion of moderatism, in its rise, through the present, of unspiritual men within the Church, and its growth by the advancing spirit and intelligence of the eighteenth century, when gradually men were tempted to seek to adapt the Church to the sen-

British American Bresbuterian. at the pace and in the style we had to a patriotic faunticism which repelled to wrest the Word of God or Ignore its fathers, they might be outified to rethose sentiments. Evangelical religion for any great clearness of intellectual ision. But when it is too evident that is also clearly set forth in its principles as first taking the word of God as its guide, and building up a Church on the great when these run counter to the opinions of individuals and nations. Hence its undying antagonism to moderatism.

We have said enough, perhaps, to direct the attention of our readers to these lectures of Dr. Rainy's. No one will peruse them without profit, and that not wholly in a controversial point of view, but quite as much from the fine reverent and earnest spirit that breathes of spiritual authority which was in fact in every part, showing a heart fully alive to the all important interests in-

PRESBYTERIAN SNOBBISM.

Some may think that the heading of this article is a misnomer, or a specimen that logicians call a contradiction in terms. Presbyterians, it will be said, may become bigots, enthusiasts, or fanatics, but surely never can come out as snobs. Yet it will be found that what the public now more expressively than politely calls snobbism is not by and means unknown among a certain class of Presbyterians on both sides of the Tweed. Snobbism is the result of some qualities of human nature which in peculiar circumstances come too powerfully into play. It is a moral phenomenon met with in all countries and among all classes of people. Even the gravity and self assertion of the Scottish character, and the presumed sterness of Presbyterianism, cannot prevent its development or stop its progress in certain quarters. Hence you will find the snob not only in all kinds of society, but also we are sorry to say, in all sorts of churches. In Scotlank, of late, a considerable number of lairds and others who belong, or wish to belong, to the "country gentry" have deserted the Presbyterian Church of their fathers and become Episcopalians. They know little or nothing of the abstract merits of Presbytery or Episcopacy, and can give no logical or theological reasons for the steps they have taken; only in their eyes Episcopacy is the genteelthing, and a passport into genteel society, while the Presbytery, besides being "vlugar," often plies them by its ministers with truths more plain than pleasant. Their conduct we grieve to say, is just a sort of religious snobbism. They belong to the fashionables, the self-seekers, or the tuft-hunters of society, and can add nothing to the religious life or energy of the Church to which they attach themselves.

But if there are snobs that leave the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, there are snobs in that Church who remain behind. You will find in the Northern Establishment at present, a considerable number of young ministers who in dress, language, and manners ape the fashionable English curate, who are well up in the slang of Oxford, who are half ashamed of Presbyterianism, and are as formal and llturgical in their services as they can venture to be. They ap. pear to be a set of shallow-brained snobs unworthy of their Chnrch and country. They have nothing of Knox or Chalmers in their composition, but much of Lee and his successor Wallace. This last Scottish "reformer," who ministers in that Church of the martyrs, the Greyfriars, Edingburgh, is as to preaching and ritual a thousand miles away from the Presbyterianism which he is bound to uphold. He and his congregation, consisting, it seems, largely of halfeducated youngmen, who are profoundly unconscious of their own ignorance and conceit, imitate Episcopacy with all their might, and claim to be in advance of their age, or leaders of modern refinement in the Presbyterian Church. Plain people have begun to call them a set of snobs, the minister, of course, being the greatest offender of all. Such a strong term is not applied unadvisedly. It should always be understood that Presbytery is Presbytery, and Episcopacy is Episcopacy; and that a Presbyterian minister is bound in common honesty and ordinary self-respect to be as true to his Church as an Episcopal clergyman is to his. But when we see a minister who has formally accepted the worship and government of a Presbyterian Church introducing liturgical forms, entertaing his people with instumental oratorio music, and in many other ways coquetting with a certain kind of fashionable Anglicanism, we can feel no respect for him whatever, but must set him down as a snob of the first water. Like the frog in the fable who imitated the ox, he bursts at last, and meets with more ridicule than com-But the human frailty of which we speak

is common among Scottish Presbyterians settled in England. Most of our readers know of many individual Presbyterians and Presbyterian families who, on coming to the South, have coolly gone over to the Episcopalians. Were it the result of examination or the force of conviction that carried these South Bible characters to admire or copy."stand to reason. We proposed to start This state of things is attributed chiefly timents and wishes of the nation, and Conformists away from the faith of their Rev. J. L. Harris.

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10y have been inspired by a love of fahion or gentcol-ity, the same charitable consideration can hardly be extended them, and they may be fairly said to have earned a name which is usually expressive of contempt. There are also many Presbyterians who, on sojourning for a season in England, habitually go to an Episcopal place of worship. A Presbyterian Church may be at hand, with its minister and members struggling manfully to uphold their principles and do good in their neighborhood; but these Presbyterian visitors Episcopise for the time, and go off with their English friends to a fashionable Episcopal church or chapel. This to say the least, is shabby conduct, and shows a want of the firm principle which should be the same both in Scotland and England, Scotch Presbyterians are well entitled to glory in their Presbyterianism, and should carry it courteously but firmly into any place and any society. It is a noble heritage which is committed to them, and it is a pity, or rather a shame, that they should ever act as if it were of little value, and might be parted with for a spoonful of flattery or a mess of pottage.

Among professed Presbyterians in England there are also occasional indications of a spirit which we cannot admire. It may be right for Presbyterian ministers and sessions to go a certain length in accommodating the services of the sanctuary to English tastes and usages; but Presbyterian principles and manliness alike revolt against anything like an over-imitation of the forms of Episcopal worship. The simplicity of Presbytorian worship, when conjoined, as it ever should be, with good taste and spirituality, is not entirely spiritual, but strongly attracts minds of the highest order, and often affects the heart more powerfully than any number even of imposing or decent forms. Let Scotch Presbyterians in England, guard against that deference to English tastes which is too often but a deference to English prejudices. We must have no more fashion or genteel-ity, or anything like Episcopising in our Presbyterian Churches. Let the spirit and the very name of snobbism be banished from all our congregations. Let us first be Christians, and then dare to be Presbyterians .- Weekly Review, (London.)

ACTS THAT TELL.

Are you a Christian? If so, improve every favourable opportunity to recommend the religion of Jesus to those with whom you associate. Are you doing this? How long have you lived by that unconverted neighbour without speaking to him about his soul? A whole year, perhaps five! If he should die suddenly, and in his sins, how would you feel when you come to stand at his coffinside? A word from you at one of the thousand opportunities you have had might have saved him. One invitation might have brought him to the Saviour, but alas! you never gave it.

How often have you passed by that group of idle boys without noticing them? Stop and speak to them. Invite them to the Sunday school. Take them by the hand and lead them there. Angels will rejoice at the sight. Speak a kind word to that sorrowing brother when you meet him; kind words can Cast a smile upon that weary wanderer. It may keep his heart from breaking. Scatter smiles as you go, sweet smiles; they are brighter than sunshine.

It is the small things that go to make a creat and grand life. The pious Dr. Bonar says, "Did a pious life consist of one or two holy decds - some signal specimens of noble doing, enduring or suffering-we might account for the failure, or reckon it small dishonour to turn back in such a conflict. But a holy life is made up of small things of the hour, and not the great things of the age. The avoidance of little evils, little inconsistencies, little weaknesses, little follies, little indiscretions, little indulgencies of self, little acts of indolence, or indecision, or slovenliness, or cowardice, little equivocations, or aberrations from high integrity, little bits of of covetousness and penuriousness, little exhibitions of worldliness and gayety, little indifferences to the feelings and wishes of others, little outbreaks of temper, selfishness, or vanity. The avoidance of such things as these goes far to make up at least the negative beauty of a holy life.

"And then attention to the little duties of the day and hour, in public transactions or private dealings, or family arrangements; to little words, and looks, and tones; little self-denials, and solf-restraints, and self-forgotfulness; little plans of kindness, and thoughtful considerations for others—there are the active developments of a holy and useful life, the divine mosiacs of which it is composed.

"And he who will acknowledge no life great, save that which is made up of great things, will find little in any

News of the Aveck.

CANADIAN.

The Prosbyterian and Congregational pulpits are vacant at Cobourg.

Authorised discount on American invoices until further notice, 9 per cent.

The Government has sold during the last month, Bank of Upper Canada bonds to the amount of \$20,000.

A New Brunswick paper says that the tenders for the railway building in Nova Scotia in numbers already exceed two hundred.

Colonel McKenzie, of the 78th Highlanders, is to receive one of the four good service pensions now at the disposal of the British Government.

The intelligence of the safe arrival of the McNab surveying party at Fort William will be A source of satisfaction to the country.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion of Canada for the month ended, 29th Feb., 1872: Royonue, \$1,521,709; Expenditure, \$771,842.

The people of Canada are invited by proclamation to observe the 15th April as a day of national thanksgiving for the receivery of the Prince of Wales.

A Napanee correspondent states that the Dunkin bill election contest for the township of Richmond, came off on Mondey and Tuesday, resulting in a majority of about 90 for the Dunkin bill.

Circulation of Provincial Notes, \$3,944,811; Dominion Notes, \$6,755,994; Fractional Notes, \$435,674; total, \$11,136,472. Debontures held \$7,200,000; total specie held \$3,891,012. Excess of circulation, \$45,459.

Rev. Dr. Fyfe and Rev. Dr. Ryerson are discussing the merits of the book by the latter on "Christian Morals." Dr. Ryerson has no right to force theology down the throats of those who do not believe in it. We trust the Ontario Government will remove the volume from the list of "Authorised School Books," leaving it optional with the public to buy it at the bookstores or to leave it alone.

The following Acts affecting Church property were passed at the recent session of the Legis-

To appoint trustees of certain lands in the town of Belloville, for the purposes of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, and to authorise the said trustees to borrow money on a portion thereof.—To enable the trustees of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland in Port Hope, to sell and convey certain land.

A few evenings ago, the Rev. Dr. Burns, Montreal, delivered an admirable lecture on "American Poets," in the lecture-room connected with his church. Opening with Long-fellow, the most popular of American poets, and an accomplished scholar; his writings were reviewed and their hearties, brought out in reviewed and their beauties brought out in choice extracts recited by the lecturer, special reference being at the same time made to the healthy moral tone pervading his lyrics. Mrs. Sigourney among women, writes of verse in America, and some charming poems by this lady were read. Poo was pronounced to be the most original of American poets; nevertheless, owing to intemperate habits, he died miserably in a public hospital. The warning to young men offered by Poe's life and death was enforced men offered by Poe's life and death was enforced on his audience by the doctor. Glancing at the humorous poetry in which the Americans delight; the writings of Oliver Wondell Holmes, the Tom Hood of America; of Josh Billings, and J. R. Lowell, author of the Biglow papers, supplied numerous amusing pieces for recitation by the lecturer. Some cloquent verses by Wm. Lloyd Garrison, poet and philanthropist, and leader of the agitation for the abolition of slavery, and by J. E. Whittier, denouncing slavery, formed the concluding portion of the lecture, which was received with much attention by an audience composed mainly of young men belonging to Cote Street Church Association, under whose auspices the lecture was delivered.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

York, England, is to have the largest railway station in that Kingdom, its cost being \$1,-

The Jury in the Tichborne case have informed the Court that they have heard sufficient evidence whereon to base their verdict.

Three more French men-of-war have been fitted out to cruise in the British Channel to guard against a Bonapartist expedition.

The new census shows the population of Greece to be a little less than a million and a The largest city is Athens with less than 46.000.

Wm. Lowther, Earl Lonsdale, formerly Postmaster-G-neral of Great Britain, and President of the Council, died on the 5th inst., in the 85th year of his age.

The German Government has notified the French Minister of Finance that it will accept the anticipatory payment of 410,000,000 francs of the war indemnity, with a discount of five

It is said that Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, while in Rome recently, on his way to Egypt, declared that if Franco made an attack upon Italy, the latter country would be defended by Germany.

London advices state that Mr. Tom Hughes will shortly move in the House of Commons an address to the Crown, praying that steps be taken by the Government to oblige Spain to fulfil her treaty obligations with regard to

The Catholic Directory for 1872 shows that in the ranks of the peerage of the three king-doms, the Roman Catholics can reckon one Duke (Norfolk), one Marquis (Bute), eight Earls, four Viscounts, twenty Barons, the list ending with Lord O'Hagan, the Lord Chancel-

UNITED STATES.

Alabama has now in operation six cotton fac-

Mr. Russell Gurney, of the British American Mixed Commission, says the New York Tribune, will leave this city on the 30th inst., for England, but intends to return in November, to complete the work of the Commission.

Pennsylvania has had another mine explosion his time admittedly resulting from the intro-duction of naked lamps into a mine that had been standing idle for a considerable time. Whether the miners neglected the use of safetyty lumps of their own accord, or whether the mine-owners neglected to supply them with so simple a protection, does not yet appear.

There would appear to be no depth of degradation and crime to which some persons will not descend when it involves a question of gain. Frank Young, a Brooklin butcher, is accused of having in his possession five calves (one of which had been already killed for meat), which had been inoculated for the purpose of obtaining vaccine. The case is to be investigated by the health of oers of New York.

Ecclesinstical.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.

The Presbytory of Paris held its regular meeting, on Tuesday last, 5th March, in Knox Church, Woodstock. There was a full attendance both of ministers and eiders.

The Rev. Mr. McQuarrie was elected Moderator for the ensuing twelve months. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Moderator, Mr. Robertson, of Paris, for his conduct in the chair, and his unremitting attention to the business of the Presbytery.

Answers were called for and given in from several of the kirk-sessions, in response to the circular usued by the Assembly's Committee on the State of Religion, and remitted to a special committee of Presbytery, consisting of Messra. Dunbar and Thomson, ministers, and Mr. Paterson, elder, to prepare a report to be transmitted to the Assembly. At a subsequent sederunt the committee presented the report, which was adopted. An interesting discussion on the state of religion within the bounds followed.

The Rev. Mr. Aull reported that he had, according to instructions of Presbytery, preached within Chaimers' Church, Woodstock, and thereafter moderated in a call for a minister to said church. He also laid on the table a unanimous call in favour of the Rev. John McTavish, Woodville, signed by 110 members and 229 adherents. Mr. Paterson was heard in support of the Presbytery sustaining the call. The necessary documents were also laid on the table to accompany the call, and a minute of the congregational meeting appointing the Rev. Mr. Cochrane, of Brantford, to prosecute the call at the Ontario Presbytery. Mr. Aull's conduct in moderating the call was sustained. The Presbytery then sustained the call to Mr. McTavish, and appointed Mr. Cochrane their representive to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of

Mr. Lowry intimated to the Presbytery his desire to be relieved from the further supply of Mount Pleasant Congregation. On motion duly seconded, Mr. Lowry was relieved from further supply of said pulpit, and a cordial vote of thanks given to Mr. Lowry for the faithful services rendered by him during the past two years. A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Cochrane and Lowry, ministers, and McLean and Russell, elders, to confer with the Mount Pleasant Congregation in reference to future supply. Mr. Cochrane was also appointed to preach in Mount Pleasant next Sabbath afternoon, and meet with the congregation.

The Presbytery next proceeded to consider the Remits sent down from the Assembly. In reference to the Remit on the subject of Alternates, it was moved by Mr. Farries, and seconded by Mr. Lowry, That the system of alternates be adopted by our Church courts. It was moved in amendment by Mr. McMullen, seconded by Mr. Inglis, That the system of alternates be not adopted. The motion and amendment having been put to the vote, the amendment was carried by a majority of one.

In reference to the remit on Instrumental Music, it was moved by Mr. Cochrane, seconded by Mr. Thomson: "The Presbytery approve simpliciter of the Interim Act of last General Assembly, leaving the question of Instrumental Music to the decision of Kirk sessions and congregations, under the usual Presbyterial supervision."

In amendment, it was moved by Mr. Lowry. seconded by Mr. J. Paterson, elder, "1. The Presbytery having considered the Assembly's remit on the subject of Instrumental Music, considers that the limited sanction given by the last Assembly to the use of instrumental music in the worship of God implies the propriety and expediency of such music being so used, and therefore cannot see the advantage of making any return to the remit. 2. The Presbytery cannot see the necessity for the use of instrumental music in the worship of God, nor the scriptural authority for such music in the worship of the Christian Church,"

On the vote being taken, the motion of Mr. Cochrane (leaving the question of Instrumental Music to Kirk sessions and congregations, under Presbyterial supervision), was carried over the amendment of Mr. Lowry, by a majority of 16

The congregations of Tilsonburgh and Culloden having requested the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call for a minister to said charge, the Presbytory agreed to their request, and appointed Mr. Wright, of Ingersell, to discharge the duty, at a date convenient to all parties, before next regular meeting of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery appointed the following as-Commissioners to the next meeting of the Gen-

Ministers-Messrs Hume, Cochrane, Robertson (Paris), McMullen, Lowry, Farres. Elders -Dr. Clarke, Paris; Messrs McLean and Turnbull, Brantford ; Marshall, Ayr ; Bent, Ingersoll; and Chambers, Woodstock.

The Treasurer, Mr. Robertson, of Paris, read a statement of the finances of the Presbytery, which was received; and Messrs Farries and Wright appointed to audit the same. The committee reported at a subsequent sederunt that the accounts were all correctly kept, and recommended an addition to the salary of the Presbytery Clerk, which was agreed to.

Mr. McQuarrie, minister, and Mr. P. Marshall, clder, were appointed on the Synod's Committee of Bills and Overtures. Mr. Farries, minister, and Dr. Clarke, elder, were appointed on the Assembly's Committee of Bills and Overtures. Rov. Mr. McLaren, of Ottawa, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

Mr. Robertson, of Paris, intimated that he had received a specimen consignment of Bibles, from the National Bible Society of Scotland. The distribution of said Billes was left in the atife them freezest proteinson out to when matter, who were also entrusted to bring in a report in reference to further action on the part | credit to these growing congregations and an of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery agreed to recommend the Builten American Preservenian, at present published in the interests of the Church, to the support of the members of the various congregations within the bounds.

The Presbytery then agreed to meet again in Chalmer's Church, Woodstock, on Tuesday, 0th of April, at one p.m.

> WM. COCHRANE, Presbytery Clerk.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

The sum of \$300 has been subscribed in three days, at Fort Garry, for the crection of a Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. R. Ure, the esteemed pastor of Knox Church, Goderich, has returned home after a somewhat extended tour in Scotland. The rev. gentleman is much the better of his

The members of the Presbyterian congregation, Cobourg, held a meeting last week with the view of giving a call to supply the pulpit vacant by the resignation of Rev. J. Laing, B.A.

The Congregations of Cheltenham and Mount Pleasant, under the pastoral care of the Rev. W. A. McKay, have let the contract for the building of a Manse. It is to be of brick, costing about \$2,000 and to be finished by next Oct. These congregations are contributing with a praise-worthy hiberality, both to the support of their own pastor and to the general schemes of the Church. Last year Mount Pleasant raised for home purposes \$23 and for Missions upwards of \$2 per family. This year there being unusual expenses, the amount already subscribed in both congregations average over 355 per family

PRESERVERY OF HAMILTON.-The Hamilton Presbytery, in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church, met on Tuesday, in Mc-Nab street church. The first business was a call from the Central Church to the Rev. John McCall, of Dundas. The call was signed by 425 members and 142 adherents, and the salary promised was \$2,400 and a free manse. The Presbytery sustained the call, and agreed to cite all parties to appear, for their interests, at a meeting to be held in Dundas on the 20th inst. Mr. Murray reported that the congregation of McNab street church had united in a unanimous call to the Rev. Mr. Fletcher, of Scarborough. The call was signed by 303 members and 94 adherents. The Presbytery sustained the call, and appointed Mr. Murray to act as commissioner to prosecute the call before the Toronto Presbytery. Mr. Blaikie's resignation of his charge at Ancaster was laid before the Presbytery.

PRESEATATIONS.

The Rov. Robert H. Warden of the Presbyterian Church, Bothwell, was last week, says the Advance, the recipient of a handsome present from his Bothwell congregation. The gift consisted of \$120 dollars accompanied with an address expressive of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the donors and their earnest prayers for his speedy restoration. A few days previously the rev. gentleman received an address and purse from the Station at Sutherland's Corners, in testimony of the respect and affection of the congregation there. We are glad to know that Mr. Warden is rapidly recovering from the effects of the severe accident he met with in the end of November, and expects to be able to resume his pulpit labours in the course of a few weeks.

SOIREES AND ANNIVERSARIES.

The annual missionary meeting of the Scaroro congregation was held last attendance was good. Earnest and appropriate addresses were delivered by the Rev. W. McKay, of Cheltenham, Rov. J. Dickie, of Berlin, and the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, pastor of the congregation. The collection for missionary purposes amounted to upwards of three hundred dollars (\$300). This is very creditable to the congregation, while they are at present contributing liberally towards the crection of a new church.

On Sabbath the 25th ult., the usual anniversary missionary sermon was preached in the C. P. Church, Glenmorris, in which the pastor clearly set forth the reflex good of giving from the words of our Lord, "give and it shall be given unto you." On the following evening the annual missionary meeting was held when after the opening exercise. Mr. Dunbar gave a brief outline of the various schemes of the Church. After which Mr. Bentley gave a very clear and comprehensive delineation of missions in general, which was listened to with marked attention. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of S. S. Children, not only to hear what was said but to allocate by their vote their mission gatherings for the past year.

The annual source given by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, Lakefield, came of on the evening of Tuesday, 20th ult. Tea was served in the Orange Hall, after which the people went to the Church. R. Stricklin, Esq., being called to the chair, interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. N. Clark, Pastor, Rev. H. McDonald, Rev. J. M. Royer, and Rev. W. Mitchell. The choir in connection with the church enlivened the proceeding with well selected pieces. The attendance was large; the church being well filled. The proceeds to be applied to Manse building, the contract of which was let for \$1,-900 to P. Baptie, Esq., his being the lowest tender, more than \$1700 of which is subscribed. It is expected that when the subscription list has passed through the two congregations it will cover the whole amount. Too much praise cannot be given the members of the building

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PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

A meeting of the congregation of Cooke's Church, Toronto, was held on W. dneeday evening, for the purpose later alia of considering the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church at its last meeting, on the subject of union with the Presbyterian Synod in connexion with the Church of Scotland. Rov. Mr. Gregg occupied the chair. The following resolution, moved by the Hon, George Brown, seconded by Mr. Wm. Wilson, older, was carried ananimously. hesolved, " That this congregation, while recognizing the advantages to be attained by a union between the Canada Presbyterian Church, the the Presbyterian Churc's of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Churches of the Maritime Provinces. and while desiring to see such a union accomplished ere many years clapse-yet cannot approve of the conditions attached to the proposed union as set forth under the head of Theological Education."

IMPORTANCE OF A CHURCH ORGAN.

Editor British American Presbyterian. DEAR Sin,-I trust your paper will meet the support it highly deserves. The articles are good, and of a kind calculated to awaken interest in the work of the Church. It has long been a disgrace to us that we never could have a public organ in the interest of the Canada Presbyterian Church. You paper meets the pressing want that we have often felt-a paper in which our distinctive views may be stated and religious and doctrinal subjects discussed. This is the only means of bringing such things under the notice of many of our people. While others are doing all they can, not merely in supporting their own views of truth, but in nndermining the convictions of others, I say we ought, of necessity, to have some means of placing clear and forcible arguments for the truth before our people.

Again, our paper will be the means of bringing under our notice the work and progress of the whole Church, and thus tend to develop a deeper interest in the hearts of the people for the prosperity of our Zion.

The Canada Presbyterian Church is destined to play a very important part on this continent. Some of our ministers hold the highest educational positions in the Province; and when our colleges are placed on a firmer basis than at present, with a firm grasp of apostolic truth, our Church will infuse a new religious life through all grades of society. As the Church expands, I hope your paper will keep pace with her, and that, ere long, it will stand among the leading papers of the day. The British AMBRICAN PRESERVERIAN will receive the hearty support of my congregation. You will find onclosed an order for two copies. In a few days a full list of subscribers will be sent.

LITERATUS. Cookstown, March 5th, 1872.

THE MAHOMETANS IN INDIA.

In view of the late disastrous events in India, and the rumors of a spread of discontent among the Mahometans, the following paragraph may be interesting as giving one of many clues to the cause of the discontent. It is taken from an article on Mahomet, taken from that excellent reportoire of current literature—the Eclectic Magazine:-

" Recent reports speak of a wide-spread discontent among the Mahometan inhabitants of India, a discontent founded on no other cause than that, under British rule, the Mahometan is placed on a perfect equality with men of all other creeds; whereas he deems it his inherent right to rule over men of all creeds. Such is indeed the inborn spirit of the Mahometan faith: a faith of which it is not an accident, but an essential principle, that it is to be spread by the sword, and can never, except under compulsion, sit down on an equality with other faiths. It may-within certain limits, it must—grant a contemptuous toleration to men of other religions; it can never willingly submit to accept toleration or equality at the hands of those whom it looks on as made to be either its victims, its subjects, or its converts."

MISCELLANEOUS.

General Crook has given notice to the In-dians that the time has been extended to the 15th of February, to come upon a reservation and be fed; failing to do so they will be regard-ed as hostile, and dealt with accordingly.

Our musical friends will be glad to see the beautifully executed portrait of the venerable Lowell Mason, now in his eighty-first year which is given in The Illustrated Christian Wreels of March 9th. It accompanies an interesting skotch of church music during the last fifty years. We gladly commend this paper to all our readers, knowing that nothing which can corrupt, either through the eye or the heart, will ever be found in its columns.

In reviewing the progress of the Free Church the Edinburgh Tresbyterian shows that an average of 12 congregations have been added every year since 1844. In that year there were 608 charges. In 1872 there were no fewer than 958. This increase is almost entirely due to Home Missionary effort. Of the 470 who signed the Protest and Deed of Demission, 215 are still living, though only 184 are still in the ser-vice of the home church. Many have done great and good service in other lands. In 1844 the Free Church had but on college with three chairs: now she has three colleges with fourteen chairs. All the Foreign Missionaries of the pre-Disruption Church joined the Free Church. in 1844 she had 15 labourers in India. Now she has 224. The whole amount collected since the Disruption is £9,323,393. Upwards of £300,000 of this aggregate are invested, and committee for their efforts to raise the required | yielding interest.

MY AIN COUNTREE.

I am far frae my hame, and I'm weary oftenwhiles

For the langed-for hame bringing, an' my Father's welcome smiles.

I'll ne'er be fa' content, until my cen de see The gowden gates o' heaven, an' my all cour-

The earth is fleeked wi' flowers, mony-tinted, fresh, an' gay : The birdies warble blithely, for my Father made

them see: But these eights an' these soun's will as nacthing be to me,

When I hear the songs of triumph in my air countree.

I've His gude word of promise, that some gladsome day the King

To His ain royal palace His pilgrims hame will bring ; Wi' een an' wi' hearts running owre we shall

The King in His beauty " an' our ain coun-

My sins have been mony, an' my sorrows had been sair,

But there they'll never vex me, nor be remembered mair; His bluid has made me white, Hes hand shall

When He brings me hame at last to my ain

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Liko a bairn to its mither, a wee birdie to its most.

I wad fain be gauging neo unto my Saviour's breast : For He gathers in His [bosom witless, worth-

less lambs like me, And carries them Himsel' to His ain countree.

He's faithfu' that has promised, He li surely come again;

He'll keep His tryst wi' me, at what hour I dinna kon,

But he bids me still to watch, an' ready aye to be, To gang at ony moment to my ain countree. So I am watching ayo an' singing o' my hame

as I wait. For the soun'ing o' His footfa' this side the gowden gate.

God gie His grace to ilk ane wha listens noo That we may a' gang in gladnes to our ain coun-

Literary Gotices.

BLACKWOOD, for January, is fully an average number. The most interesting paper in it is that descriptive of the loss of the Ningara, written by an officer of that now somewhat celebrated vessel. In spite of its absurd Toryism, Blackwood is always an acceptable visitor to those who wish a really good literary monthly, for though one of the oldest magazines, it is still, apart from its politics, one of the best.

THE EDINBURGH REVIEW, January, 1872, has no article which has a special interest for Canadian readers. There is a very kindly notice of John Wesley, suggested by "Tyerman's Life" of that great and good man. That such a notice of such a man should appear in the Edinburgh is itself one of the signs of the times. "Railway Organization in the late War" will find, we doubt not, a good many interested readers; and as "Irish University Education" is understood so far to shadow forth the policy of the British Ministry in reference to higher education in Ircland, it may on that account, if on no other, be looked upon as important.

BRITISH QUARTERLY REVIEW, for January, 1872. Since the North British was dropped, the Leonard-Scott Company has put among its review reprints the British Quarterly, so long and so ably conducted by the late Dr. Robert Vaughan. This review, which is so far to be looked on as the organ of the English Nonconformists, keeps up its original high character for ability, liberality and culture. It is especially valuable for its quarterly resume of contemporary literature, which is usually got up in a very careful, discriminating manner, and will help its readers considerably in keeping up, at any rate, some idea of what is going on in the world of letters, and also in determining what to read and what to avoid. The present number of this quarterly is a very excellent one. It has eight articles, all of a more or less interesting character, which will amply repay a careful perusal.

WESTMINSTER REVIEW, January 1872. The superior ability generally displayed by writers in the Westminster, is acknowledged on all hands, but the bitter hostility displayed in almost every number, to everything like evangelical religion makes it not a very desirable periodical to put into the hands of those whose religious opinions may still be only in the course of formation. Doubts are continually suggested, difficulties continually raised, an air of conscious superiority always affected which upon the whole may often leave far from a beneficial influence. At the same time, it is very evident that it is exceedingly desirable that all that such a class of writers have to say on religious subjects should be well considered, especially by those who are set as defenders of the faith once delivered to the Saints, and that therefore, for the latter at any rate, the Westminster cannot be dispensed with. A very "advanced liberal," as it claims to be, in religious matters. The Westminster is equally so on social and political questions, and in the latter will find a good many to sympathize with its views, who are honestly and earnestly opposed to its teaching in the region of Theology. In the current number there is on the whole less that the case. As in the case of the British Quarierty, the attention the Westminster to "Cotemporary given by the Westminster to "Coten Literature" is a very noticeable feature.

Sabbutu Schoz. Teneher.

HOW CAN ITNTEREST MY CLASS?

No teacher can expect a class to be interested in him until he is interested in that class. If he comes to Sundayschool because it is his duty to come, and take a particular class because he has been asked to take it, "verily, he has his roward;" his scholars are in the Sunday-school because it is their duty to attend, and they are in his class because they have been so assigned. No love is lost or gained between such scholars and teacher. He will be disappointed, indeed, who supposes that children are to give him affection and confidence on general principles, because he is their Sunday-school teacher, while he has no special love for them, nor is moved by a particular desire for their personal welfare. It is enough that he desires to do good to children generally, and would have all little ones to trust the blessed Saviour; until he loves Willie Brown personally, and with all his heart longs to lead Willie Brown to Jesus, he is not likely to be loved by Willie Brown, nor to have Willie Brown willingly take his hand and be led by him. Yet many Sunday-school teachers who wonder at their failure to interest their scholars, and are sure that the trouble is not their lack of love for children, have no affection for the individual members of their class, while and one proposed to take his box and they do not lack a certain love for hide it till he should beg the parder of children generally. They would love us all or make a suitable apology. He their scholars if those scholars were not just as they are; but while as they are and while unloved by their teacher. those scholars are not likely to be very loving toward their teacher. "The ungrateful little wrotches," said a lady teacher, in bitter complaint of her scholars; "they don't seem to have any idea how I love them." Until they are counted bottor than "ungrateful little wretches," children will not be very trustful and affectionate, whatever are their relations to those who wish them

his scholars, it is useless for him to try to interest them in any lesson in which he is himself not interested. He may have won his scholars' hearts, but he cannot transfer their affections to what he fails to love. Many a teacher who loves his scholars and is loved by them, fails to interest them in Bible truth. Loving their teacher, scholars will give their thoughts to whatever ne loves and asks them to love; but no tones of entreaty or command from him will induce them to examine and heed that for which he feels and shows no affection. No lawyer could hope to win a jury to sympathy with his client until he was himself in fullest sympathy with that client. The most effective advocates at the bar are always those who most thoroughly identify themselves with every cause they undertake. The first step of good lawyers in preparation for their argument before a jury, is to bring themselves to such a knowledge of their client's wrongs, and to such a tender interest in his needs as will possess them with an intense desire to ad their client, and make them truly eloquent in his behalf. So, to prepare himself to plead the cause of the Lord Jesus before his class, a teacher must come into sympathy with the Saviour, whom in a measure he re- tanguished by having a dark pith in the presents; and the truth and weight of middle. every word of our Lord's invitations or counsels which he reiterates should be and that of a mole are variegated by felt in the teacher's own mind and dark and light patches in irregular bands,

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When, therefore, a teacher asks the question, which is somany much asked: "How can I interest may closes?" let him consider if he loves personally each scholar of that class, and has a message to each scholar which he is interested in and longs to talk about. If he does not love the scholars personally, let him think of them one by one, as he prays for each by name in his closet, remem-bering that for that child the blood of the Son of God was shed, and now angels in heaven watch in loving interest as the child is plead with and instructed by him whom God has brought to be his teacher. If, on the other hand, the teacher does love each of his scholars and wonders that they whom he loves lack interest in the lesson he brings to them, let him study more prayerfully and intently that lesson himself, until he is so full of its precious meaning, and so possessed with the thought of its fitness to the scholars of his charge, that he will come to them with a glowing heart. and a burning tongue to tell them of that truth which is "able to make them wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Then, indeed, by the Divine blessing may he hope to winthose who love him to the truth which he loves and preaches lovingly.

As long as you make diffiking respectable, drinking customs will prevail, and the plough-share of death, drawn by terrible disasters, will go on turning up this whole continent from end to end, with the long, deep, awful furrow of drunkards' graves.

Our Yaung Loths.

CHRIST KNOOKING AT THE DOOR.

Bohold a stranger as the door! He gently knocks, has knock'd before, Has waited long—is waiting still; You treat no other friend so ill.

O, lovely attitude, To stands With molting heart and loaded hands!
O motobless kindness! and he shows This mutchless kindness to His foos.

But will He prove a friend indeed? Ho will; the very friend you need: The friend of sinners-yes. 's is Ho: With garments dyed ou Calvary.

Rise, Touch'd with gratitude divine; Turn out His enemy and thine, That soul-destroying moneter, Sin, And lot the heavenly Stranger in-Admit Him. ora His anger burn-His foot doparted, no'er roturn; Admit Him, or the hour's at hand You'll at His door rejected stand.

COALS OF FIRE.

Frank Black was the meanest boy I ever went to school with. But he was once effectually cured of showing any of it to his schoolmates, and I will tell you how it was. For some time many of his class had "cut" him; his mean ways having become quite unberable, and the crowning point of our indignation was reached one day when it was discovered he had a box from home, and contrary to the rules of etiquette of long standing in the school, was eating its contents on the sly.

That afternoon at the ball-ground "our room" held a solemn consulation went and found nothing was left but a few crumbs and cores of apples, and another consultation was held. "I'll fix it," said Bob Williams, the most generous of us all. "Take up a ten cent collection and we'll fill his box for him with goodies, and I'll pay you all back if it does'nt work well. We con-sented, and that night when Frank went to the chest where the box was, his look of amazement was amusing. A more awkward scene never took place, than after Bob made a neat speech, presenting it in the name of the class. Frank cropt into bed without a word, and we all followed his example. But the next morning he begged us to take the good things for ourselves, and the next box from home was offered in the same way. It is a good thing to see our own faults in contrast to others' good traits.

HAIR.

Under the magnifying-glass human hair presents the appearance of a tube of a light brown color, with lines running along each side, and wavy or zigzng line- across. The lines at the sides are the fibers which form the walls or outside of the hair, and the wavy lines are the edges of the various layers or coats of the surface, which as the hair gradually diminishes to a point must overlap each other. A hair is thus like the stem of a tree, having bark, fiber, and sometimes pith in the middle.

Hogs' bristles, besides being about three tunes larger than a man's hair, have much finer fibres. The wavy lines are much nearer together, which shows that the over lapping scales are thinner. There is no bark, and in the centre is a dark cavity passing up through it. The finer hairs of the horse and ass are like those of man, outside, but they are dis-

The hairs taken from the fur of a cat, heart, if he would have it effective with those to whom it is repeated by him. across their surface. The scales are strongly marked on both sides in the cat, but only on one side in the mole. The most remarkable in appearance are, however, the hairs of a bat, which have the outer scales so projecting that they look like a chain of trumpet-shaped flowers, each stuck into the mouth of the other .- Youth's Companion

A GOLDEN TEXT FOR BOYS.

A man of very pleasing address, but very dishonest in his practices, once-said to an honorable merchant "whose word was as good as his bond," "I would give fifty thousand dollars for your good name."

"Why so?" asked the other, in some emprise.

"Because I could make hundred thousand dollars out of it."

The honorable character which was at the bottom of the good name, he cared nothing for; it was only the reputation which he could turn to account in a money point of view, which he

But a good name could not be bought with silver; it, of all other possessions, must be fairly earned. When it is posthan a great sum of money. It is a capital any boy or girl can secure. Honesty must be its foundation, even to the smallest particulars. When an employer says. "That is a boy I can trust," he will alway find himself in demand, provided he joins with it industry. "The hand of the diligent maketh rich."

It seems hard at the time, may-be its firmest friends.

this consoloss daily round of work, while other boys are louinging about store stops or playing on the green. But the re-ward will come, if you are faithful. While the loungers are dragging out a misorable lifetime in privation and poverty, the hard-working boy-lives at his ease, respected and honored.

Remember this, boys, if you desire to make your way in the world. There is nothing that can serve your purpose like a name for honesty and industry, and you will nover acquire either if you are a lounger about the streets and a shirk at your business. Everybody suspects a lad who is often seen about saloon doors or tayern steps. It undermines a boy's character for honesty very rapidly to mix with the society he finds there, and such habits tend to anything but industrious ways.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and leving favour rather than silver and gold." Print that text on your heart, and carry it with you in all your walks and ways. If you are led to secure it, it will be worth far more than "fifty thousand dollars" to you. -Presbyterian

RUN FOR THE LILLY PAD.

"How many of you boys ever went fishing?" asked the minister. Instantly fifty boys' eyes sparkled,

and fifty boys hands were raised. "How many of you ever fished for pickerel?" continued the minister.

Up came most of the hands againlittle hands that, as the minister knew, had been nearly all guilty of taking what was not theirs; for they belonged to boys who were in a Reform School, and most of them for stealing, some little, and some much.

"Did you ever have any trouble to get the pickerel to bite?" asked the minister.

"Yes sir!" cried the boys.
"So have I," he replied. "I have
shed for pickerel a great many times: often in a certain pend behind my father's house, which was very clear and smooth, and covered with water lilies. These lilies were very beautiful, lying with their pure white petals and golden centres on their floating leaves; but I did not like to see them, for this reason: when I trailed my line with a fat little frog or a nice minnow on it, if I saw a pickerel swam round and round, looking at it, and working his mouth and gills, I knew that pretty soon he would jump up and snap at the tempting bait, and then I had him. If he once began to look, I was sure of him; but if, instead, he turned and swam off onder a lily-pad, as many a fish did, I knew I lost him, and there was no use skimming and dancing my line to that fish any longer.

Now boys, I want to tell you, when you see something on wish for that is not yours, or when you feel like saying a bad word, or going were you know you ought not to go, do not stop to look at or think of it, but just run for the lilypads."--. Apples of Gold.

UNKNOWN MINISTER'S SERMON.

Few men of greater parts than John Owen have adorned the records of the Independent churches. In turning lately over the memorials of his life, we met with the following incident, deserving to be recorded for its suggestions to many hearers of the Word, and its encouragement to some preachers. Mr. Owen was in a very melancholy condition of mind. He had been in that conlition several years. It happened on a Sunday, in London, he went to hear a celebrated preacher of his duy, Dr. Calamy. He and his cousin waited some time in the church, but Dr. Calamy did not come. His cousin would have per-suaded him to go out an I hear another famous preacher. But Mr. Owen was comfortably seated, and indisposed to take another walk. At last a country minister—a stranger to everybody—came in. His prayer was fervent; he took for his text the words, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith." The very words arrested Owenin attention. He was constrained to pray that the discourse might help him out of his sor-rowful condition. In a plain and familiar way, with arguments not new, but now strangely convincing, the unknown ancolebrated minister addressed himself directly to Owen's particular state. The doubts and fears of the youth were broken suddenly up. The peace which passeth understanding came in, and never left his heart. The happy and great usefulness of the great divine began with that hour.

Ir is reported that the French Ambassador to the Italian Government will hereafter reside at Rome, instead of Florence as heretofore. This amounts to a practical recognition by the French Government of Rome as the capital of United Italy. The power of the priesthood in France is strong, and it has heretofore been exercised in behalf of Napoleon, who was perhaps equally dependent upon the priesthood and the

Scientific and Aseini.

PAR-AOHE.

Put a little black pepper in some cotton, dip in sweet oil and insert in the car. This is one of the quickest remedies known.

Take a pint of common toft soap, and stir in air-slack lime that is of the consistency of glazier's putty. Make a loather thimble, fill it with this composition, and insert the fingers, and the oure is certain.

COLD.

Contrary to an old theory, a popular writer gives the following one how to manage a cold: Eat nothing but a piece of toast, drink freely of cold water, walk twice a day until you are in a gentle perspiration, and go to bed early,

A simple and successful treatment of diptheria may be found in the use of lemon juice. Gargle the throat freely with it, at the same time swallowing a portion so as to reach all the affected parts. A French physician claims that he saved his own life with this pleasant

BURNS.

A poultice of tea-leaves, applied to small burns and scalds affords immediate relief. The leaves are softened with hot water, and while quite warm applied upon cotten over the entire burnt surface. This application discolours and apparently tans the part, and removes the acute sensibility and tend-

SORE THROAT.

Everybody has a cure for this trouble, but simple remedies appear to be most effectual. Salt and water is used by many as a gargle, but a little alum and honey dissolved in sage tea is better. Others, a few drops of camphor on loaf sugar, which very often affords immediate relief. An application of cloths wrung out as often as they begin to cool has the most potency in removing inflammation.

Mr. Croker plausibly maintained that it was impossible to be a great man without being a good sleeper, his favorite examples being Napoleon, Pitt, and Wellington. He might have added Sir Walter Scott. Sir Henry Holland, the celebrated physician, says that when sleep is desired and reading resorted to, the sounct is the most effective soporitic, in whatever language it may be written. The Quarterly Review giver the preference to the epic in blank verse. Sydney Smith prescribed a sermon.

A NEW INVENTION.

Bottles with peculiar conical projections have been introduced in England, which are to be used for poisonous drugs and medicines. They are so distinctive as at once to be recognized even when laid hold off in the dark. This is an excellent idea, and if by common consent some peculiar pattern of bottle can le adopted in this country for poisonous articles, many lives will be saved. Labels are not always read, and some people have a careless way of using old bottles without thinking to change the label. After a little while the act is forgotten, and some one is poisoned under

SEASONING WOOD.

A writer in an English Journal informs us that a small piece of non-resinous wood can be seasoned perfectly by boiling four or five hours—the process taking the sap out of the wood, which shrinks nearly one-tenth in the operation. The same writer states that trees felled in full leaf in June or July, and allowed to lie until every leaf has fallen, will then be nearly dry, as the leaves will not drop off themselves until they have drawn up and exhausted nearly cll the sap off the tree. The time required is from a month to six weeks, according to the dryness or wetness of the weather. The floor of a mill laid with poplar so treated and cut up, and put in place in less than a month after the leaves fell, has never shown the slightest shrinkage.

HOUSE PLANTS.

The Boston Journal of Chemistry says: House plants ought to be st mulated gently once or twice a week. Rain always contains ammonia, which also abounds in all liquid manures. If von take an ounce of pulverized carbonate of ammonia, disolved in a gallon of water, it will make spring water even more stimulating to your plants than rain water. If you water your plants once in two weeks with guano water (one table spoonful to a pail of water.) they will grow more thrifty. Pulverized dove or lien-manure will answer a good purpose. Always keep the soil loose in your flower pots.

TO KEEF YEAST SWEET.

Boil half a cupful of hops in a pint of army. It was not strange that the water for fifteen minutes, strain the liThiers Government has been loath to door not onto two-thirds of a cup of take this ground, which taken by France, flour and a sponful of salt. After this must be regarded as a surrender of the is cool enough not to scald, add a little temporal power of the Papacy by one of good, sweet yeast, and set it in a warm place to rise. When it is light, pour it

into a glass bottle, vil it entirely full, cork tight, tie the cork down with a cloth, and set it away in a cool place where it will not freeze.

When you take out my yeast to use, all the bottle entirely full again, after the offerescence has subsided, with cold water or water in which a little flour has been scalded and cooled, tiedown the cork and set away as before. I use water half the time to fill up the bottle with, and tlour and water the other half.

When the bottle has been used from several times, and the yeast grows weak, boil a few more hops, pour the liquor hot on a little flour and salt; let it cool and add this to the yeast in the bottle, instead of adding cool water; when you open the bottle set it into a dish, for it will foam over; as the yeast grows weaker in the bottle by the addition of water, use a little more of it in mixing

The great secret is in keeping the bottle full and corked tight. There seems to be just enough air penetrating the cork to keep the yeast in good working order. I suppose potato yeast or any other kind of liquid yeast may be kept in the same way, but I have liked this kind too well to try any other.— Cor. N. Y. Tribunc.

HOUSE FURNISHING MINTS. Now let me say a word about carpets.

Pale ones I ignore; they do not exist for me. But the patterns and the colours even of the dark ones! What is to be done with a room whose carpet is grass-green, with large red spots or big flowers on it? What is to be done with any "cheerful" patterned carpet? Nothing—but to part with it to some member of that tribe whose armorial bearings are the Three Hats. Have we not seen the Royal Academy's walls defaced by artists who will place their sitters on some such carpet, and then paint the horror that they see? Has not that been a warning to us? It is a good test to apply to one's furniture as to one's dress? "Would it look well in a picture?" Reader, if you wish to buy modern carpets, buy some moss pattern, or something very dark and neat, else you will never make your drawing room other than a grief of heart to any cultivated person who may come into it. But my advice on the whole is, send away all your carpets, get a quantity of the common rough inatting for your rooms, and lay on it at intervals one of the rugs made by the Orientals. Turkish, Moorish, Indian, or African carpets, especially the antique make, will never fan to look right, for they are the most perfect in colour and design that can be procured. For curtains and coverings get whatever stuff you like. Chintz or volvet are always good. In patterns, be wary. Patterns suitable for a hanging are not always suitable for a chair seat. For instance, to be sitting on a bird or a butterfly is an unpleasant sensation; a vase of flowers on a curtain is absurd. Italian patterns are usually debased. Stout boys upon scarfs attached to boughs in an impossible manner-swans perched on twigs or plants that never could support their weight butterflies rather bigger than the storks beside them—are bad, because ridiculous; they hurt our sense of propriety, and worry the eye. Choose good patterns—common sense will guide you—and let your hangings be equal in tone with that of your walls. -St. Paul's Magazine.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

The Central Presbyterian sums up the benefits derived from the systematic contributions which have been secured in the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, by the agency of the "envelope system." It says :--

For three years it has been in operation, and at a recent congregational meeting, the trustees reported the church as free from debt; every obligagation had been met, and a contribution made at the stated time to each of the schemes of benevelence. The entire amount contributed was nearly \$9,000. During the last two years a spacious lecture-room had been built, which, with other improvements, had cost the church \$5,4000. This financial success was attributed by the trustees in great part to the envelope system of collections, which manred regularity and water, so refreshing to summer flower, faithfulness. While this last year has been so full of temporal blessings, other and richer have been received from the Lord, for the Holy Spirit has been present in his power and grace, and over eighty versons have been added to the membership, a very large proportion of whom have been gentlemen and heads of families, in the prime of life, bringing with them strength and activity for church work.

> Love, like light, transfigures what it looks upon. It has its own perspective, softening and blending rough outlines, and its own matchless colours to hide or to adoru.

In all ovils which admit a remedy, impatience should be avoided, because it wastes that time and attention in complaints which, if properly applied, would remove the cause.

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