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THE PRESBYTERIAN

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JOTTINGS FROM OLD SCOTIA. THE SOUTHWEST.

TO PENPONT, DUMFRIES AND ANWOTH.

We are going to spend a few days in a part of the country which, though out of the beaten track of travel and little frequented by tourists, cannot be called a terra incognita. It is the Land of Burns. It has memories for us too, of another kind; it is the Land of the Covenanters! The scenery through which we are carried by the Southwestern Railway is remarkable for its pastoral beauty, but its peculiar charm is in the associations which it recalls of by-gone days. In the one hundred and twenty miles, from Glasgow to Kircudbright there is scarcely a glen that has not been the scene of a Conventicle, and that has not afforded a hiding-place to some persecuted Presbyterian, or a hillside on which you may not find a martyr's grave to-day. But hurrying along at the rate of forty miles an hour, it is easy to conceive how one is affected by just a glimpse of these hills and dales. give the smaller places the go-by altogether, and halt but a moment at the principal towns. Here is what was, in the days of the Roman period, the village of Vanduara—the Paisley that now is, with portions of its Abbey Church still in good repair, after six and a half centuries of exposure to the battle and the breeze. The Paisley, noted for its shawls, perhaps even more so now-a-days for its thread, having the largest and most magnificent manufactory of that article in the world. The Paisley that has sent out more settlers to Canada than perhaps any other town of its size in Scotland. Ministers, Professors, Principals have come to us from Paisley. How much the literary world owes to it, Dr. Burns of Montreal tells us in the Life of his father, where we find that, to say nothing of himself, the tion in which they disowned their King,

illustrious John Witherspoon, Dr. Robert Watt, the Poets Tannahill and Motherwell and the renowned Christopher North were all "Paisley bodies." From the same authority we observe the ancient motto of the town to be almost identical with that of the City of St. Mungo. Paisley flourish by the preaching of thy word."

Kilmarnock is our next stopping place. We ought to be better "posted," but really the name suggests nothing classic positively nothing but the peculiarly umbrageous blue bonnet topped with a scarlet tuft that everywhere marks its wearer, a Lowland Scot. Why did'nt we stop at Auchinleck? Was it not in this parish, at Airsmoss, that Richard Cameron, from whom the "Cameronians" take their name, and Donald Cargill, the outed minister of the Barony Church, Glasgow, at the head of a desperate band of hunted heroes fought for dear life, and the dearer Covenant, and where Cameron was killed in answer to his prayer—" Lord take the ripe and spare the green!" Though we cannot see that flat grave-stone on the moss, we can recall the pathetic lines of the Muirkirk shepherd:

"In a dream of the night I was wafted away To the Moorland of mist where the Martyrs lay, Where Cameron's sword and his Bible were seen Engraved on the stone where the heather grows green."

And to fly past Sanguhar thus, what Sanguhar, the birth-place of a shame! Dr. Andrew Thompson of St. George's, Edinburgh, and of Dr. Cook of Quebec, and his predecessor, Dr. Harkness, and of Dr. McMorine and other respected and familiar names; Sanquhar, the memorable! where some two hundred years ago, one and twenty Covenanters, armed with drawn swords, marched up to the market cross and posted the famous declaraand all who were against them, as they had done to them. Bigots, forsooth! But for such men, where had been Presbyterianism to-day?

We are going to Penpont, in Dumfrieshire, in response to an invitation from the parish minister, the Rev. Andrew Paton, known to most of my readers as the assistant minister of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, for five years, from 1864 to 1869. Alighting at the station of Thornhill, I found an omnibus in waiting, which set me down at the gate of one of the sweetest manses in Scotland, just at "the gloamin'." I have a distinct recollection of that avenue, shaded with rodedendrons and laurels and bay-trees; of the large, well-finished, elegantly furnished manse; of the entrance porch, covered with its beautiful evergreen creeper; of the stately new Gothic Church close by, with its tall stone steeple; of the view from the sloping terrace in front, with the River Scarr winding round the wide amphitheatre of hills, rolling its swollen tributary flood towards the Nith; and, notably, of yonder "bonnie" Maxwelton braes, "where early fa's the dew." The quiet beauty of the scene is not to be for-Nor do I forget the warm grasp of the minister's hand, nor those eyes lighted up with friendly recognition. How we talke !!—regardless of the sma' hours of dear old Sectia, of "dear Norman," of Canada and Canadians, and of Rome, too, where my friend had spent the past winter as chaplain. Next morning we made an early call on the neighbouring minister, Mr. Jardine, of Kier, who has also a lovely Altogether, the parish manse, a mile off. and its surroundings are attractive beyond most of the rural parishes of Scotland. It is twelve miles long, the whole population being about 1,350. The parish church is well supported, having 250 communicants. The stipend is "seventeen chalders," which being interpreted, means about \$1,500 of our money. The Presbytery of Penpont comprises ten parishes, all save one under the patronage of the Duke of Buccleuch. The ministers are nearly all young men,

swearing by High Heaven to do to him | quent friendly intercourse with one another, and I may as well say here, what I feel bound to say before I close, that the young Ministers of the Church of Scotland are nobly doing her work, and that the thing that used to be called "moderatism" is not to be found amongst them.

The lion of Dumfrieshire is Drumlanrig Castle, in this immediate vicinity. It is the principal seat of the Duke of Buccleuch. and one of the noblest residences in Scot-The castle is two hundred years old, a huge square pile of Norman architecture, surmounted by turrets, domes and mina-It is approached by a broad avenue, lined with grand old trees, and surrounded by a park of 2,000 acres of green sward, in which herds of polled Angus cattle and wild West Highlanders roam at will among pheasants and partridges and other game, as tame as barn-door fowls. The number of people employed on the estate is in keeping with ducal rank and wealth. Here is the chief gardener's Elizabethan villa; there, the factor's mansion, the architect's house, the gamekeeper's lodge. Yonder, is a cluster of workshops and the humbler dwellings of the labourers, detachments of whom are seen mowing broad passages through the pastures, where noble ladies may walk without wetting their delicate feet with dew, or drive in their barouche, or ride on horseback as it shall please them to do. Everywhere preparations are being pushed on for the daily expected return of "the family" from London. Just fancy the time and money that must be expended every time the Ducal retinue comes to spend a couple of months in Scotland—and that is once a year! For months, perhaps, the Castle resounds with the clatter of artificers' hammers. Carpets are relaid, hangings re-hung, old pictures are uncovered, old wainscoating re-polished, the launs are shaven-everything, outdoors and in, put into apple-pie order. special train must be engaged for these seven or eight souls, accompanied by their seventy retainers-butlers, bakers, coachmen, lady's maids, cooks, grooms, valets; what not? Added to these, the permanent who maintain an esprit du corps by fre- staff at the castle, and, say, two score of some idea of Drumlanrig Castle, not in the Church of Grayfriars, presumably on the olden time, but in the year of grace 1872. site of the old Abbey Church, where the We had seer the kitchen gardens and con-servatories en passant with amazement; Here it was that ten thousand mourners from the highest pinnacle of the castle we followed the remains of Robbie Burns to now look down upon the flower gardens. his grave in the churchyard of St. The mathematical precision of the lines, Michael's, where a beautiful mausoleum the artistic arrangement of colours, the is erected to his memory. In the centre extent and variety, are for the moment of the churchyard there stands a massive entrancing, but how soon it becomes a re- | Martyrs' Monument, near to which I oblief to turn in the opposite direction, where served, under a canvas awning, one who, vou would never tire of gazing on Nature's from his age and occupation, vividly rehandiwork—the everlasting hills and the called the picture of Sir Walter Scott's Nith's living stream, leaping over its rocky Old Mortality—diligently retouching the bed and dancing through shaggy dells! epitaphs on the tomb-stones. The Church The rooms of the castle are mostly small, of St Michael's is large, and its interior with low ceilings and stuffy air It has its fittings elaborate and tasteful. chapel and its Episcopal chaplain, at the Mr. Burnet, of Martintown, for some same time that His Grace is the patron of 'time assistant minister of this charge, and some thirty-five parish churches. It seems whose name is not yet forgotten in Duma pity that he does not follow the example fries, will no doubt recognize this singular of his Sovereign during his short residence inscription, which I copied from an old in Scotland by attending the National slab in the gallery of the church: Church. Nevertheless, he is a most liberal patron and supporter of the Kirk, and is held in high esteem. The Sabbath day was spent at Penpont, where I learned that Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, had a few weeks previously preached and assisted When God on sinners' head the Deluge laved; And the by virtue of this art of ours day was spent at Penpont, where I learned that Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, had a few weeks previously preached and assisted Where God, the vast creation's framer, dwelt. Mr. Paton at the Communion. I need! scarcely add that his visit was highly appreciated by both the minister and the people of all denominations who flocked to hear him.

visitors, old and young, and you have of St. Michael's, and the splendid new.

When on the cursed tree His blest head he bowed His blood the shattered works of God together glued."

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good!" The train that was to take me I had been led to form very modest hence was three-quarters of an hour bcexpectations in regard to the town of hind time. As I paled to and fro on the Dumfries, and was agreeably disappointed. platform of the station, which seems I never expect again to receive greater planted in the middle of an extensive and kindness from strangers than I met with well kept nursery garden, with flower at the hands of two of its ministers to beds running down to the very rails, I whom I bore a line of introduction—the passed and repassed many times a thought-Rev. Mr. Barclay, of St Michael's, and ful looking man of small stature, who Mr. Weir, of Grayfriars. The town itself | valked rapidly up and down, looked at is interesting, presenting a singular com- hobody, and spoke to nobody. I scanned bination of things old and new, There is him closely, and while inwardly trying to the old square tower standing in the middle take his mental measure, he seemed to of the High street, and the handsome new expand, until it sometow flashed upon me county buildings, in castellated style, both that it might be the greatest of modern unique of their kind. The old foot-bridge Scottish preachers, Dr. Caird, whom once, built in the 13th century, to cross which many years ago, I had seen in the pulpit you ascend a flight of stairs, and the sym- of Glasgow Cathedral. Is it he? I venmetrical new one. The venerable Church tured to ask the question, found that it

was, and, having made myself known to him, there immediately began such a frank and unreserved conversation about matters ecclesiastical on that side of the Atlantic, and on this, as made me wish that the shadow on the dial might be brought ten degrees backward. But no such miracle He was particular in his enoccurred. quiries respecting some of our Canadian ministers—"his boys," as he called them who had attended his Divinity lectures in Glasgow University. He named them, every one, and was evidently, as naturally, gratified with the assurance that I was enabled to give him with all sincerity, that they were, without exception, men of whom any church might well be proud.

Much more might be said about this brief visit to Dumfries, but that I feel sensible of having already unduly appropriated valuable space in these columns, and I must hasten to a close. 6:30 p.m. when we reached Kircudbright, a straggling town pleasantly situated at the head of an arm of the Solway Frith, or rather when we did not reach it, for the railway depot is at a considerable distance. But we could see a number of church steeples, and a huge pile of ivy-covered ruins, and old church-yard—truly "a little spot of a beautiful large modern eastle, as it hallowed ground"-not now used for seemed, though, alas! it was only the Gaol: sepulture, but sacredly preserved. How and, in the bay, a fleet of sailing vessels, beautiful the ruined chapel in the middle decked out with flags in honour of some of it, that centuries ago resounded the local event, lying at anchor, ungrace- eloquence of Samuel Rutherford, now fully, in the red mud, waiting for the crumbling to dust beneath its dark green moving of the waters, which rush in here | drapery! and all around those lettered with the rising tide at race-horse speed, tomb-stones. It is twelve miles from this to Gatchouse son, At the end of a longish day's, journey it is rather a dreary drive over these bleak, bare, rocky hills. Yet, had one time and opportunity for inquiry, they found in Britain. coachman in travelling by stage, but this story:-Jehn was a man of monosyllables—the least communicative of any man I ever met. Who was barbarously shot to death in the It must have been nine o'clock when we Paroch of Tongland, at the command of drew up at the door of the village inn. Grier of Lag, Anno 1685.

It was aglow with lights—a genuine old country inn, with its smiling landlord, white-aproned barmaid, clean sanded floor, and a blazing fire in the parlour. two miles yet to Anwoth, and the daylight is gone. I hired a gig, and we set out through the woods, as it seemed, certainly through thick darkness, and reached the singularly beautiful and hospitable manse about the time of "the evening sacrifice." This, then, is the much loved home of which I had heard years ago from a dear friend, now in "the better country," whose precious dust rests with us on the other side of the sea, in the beautiful cemeterv of Mount Royal, "until the time of of all things," and this restitution minister, her father. the early morning how pleasant it was to go forth into this peaceful valley, shut in by wooded hills, far from the din and bustle of the great outer world, the air loaded with the fragrance of the fir and spruce, and made vocal with the melody of the "lavrock" and mavis. Here and there a few peasants' cottages, each with its tidy croft of ground. On this side the kirka decent modern structure—yonder, the In the words of John Wil-

"How beautiful those graves and fair, That, lying round this house of prayer, Sleep in the shadow of its grace."

Most of the inscriptions are very legible. would doubtless be well repaid, for on top Some are curious enough, others most of some of those hills are the largest and touching. One, close to the chapel, is most perfect remains of ancient Roman specially interesting. It is the Martyr's encampments. or rather citadels, to be grave, which many have travelled weary Usually one gets miles to see, and that has been bedewed a good deal of information from your with many a tear. Thus it tells its own

"Here lyes John Bell, of Whitesyde,

"This monument shall tell posterity That blessed Bell of Whitesyde here doth ly, Who at command of bloody Lag was shot: A murther strange which should not be forgot. Douglas of Morton did him quarters give; Yet cruel Lag would not let him survive. This martyr sought some time to recommend His soul to God, before his days did end. The tyrant said, 'What, devil! ye've pray'd

This long seven year on mountain and in cleuch;' So instantly caused him with other four Be shot to death upon Kirkconnel Moor. So thus did end the lives of these dear sants, For their adhering to the Covenants."

My kind host, the Rev. Thomas Johnstone, father-in-law of the worthy minister of St. Mar 's Church, Montreal, in the fullness of his heart, would have taken me to every Parish in the Presbytery, but we had only time to visit one of the brethren—the Rev. Mr. Jack, a man of noble presence, the minister of the neighbouring Parish of Girthon, who reminded me of John Bunyan's Mr. Greatheart. sooner had we reached the Manse than he would have us to the top of a lofty eminence, "Disdow Hill," if I mistake not, whence we should have the finest view in all Galloway. Through corn fields, and over stone dykes, away up among the heather and the broom, we went, following our leader. What a panorama was spread out before us! To the south, the Solway Frith. Westward, the Wigton heights, that had witnessed the cruel martyrdom of poor old Margaret McLaughlan and young Margaret Wilson in the memorable year 1685, when they were tied to stakes in the tideway and drowned, for no greater crime than that of unflinching adherence to their Presbyterian To the north, rising tier above tier, are the Hills of Galloway. Down yonder road, in sight of the English mountains, once tramped Robbie Burns, on his way from Dumfries to Gatchouse, conning over and giving shape to his immortal ballad, "Scots wha hae wi Wallace bled!" On that opposite "Boreland Hill" there is a very handsome granite obelisk to the memory of Rutherford, the minister of Anwoth from 1627 to 1639, when he was appointed Professor of Divilow, at a turn in the road leading to Auwoth (day), and then to the Queen out of his

manse, see that low stone cottage! it was the only "public" in this part of the country, and there it was that bloody Lag and Clavers and their troopers were wont to rendezvous and revel, plotting every conceivable kind of cruelty against our suffering ancestors. Their names to this day are as familiar through the whole of Nithsdale, Galloway and Annandale as in the times in which they lived, and they will be handed down from generation to generation, execuated and despised to the end of time.

After a fashion, I have now carried my readers over the length and breadth of the land, and endeavoured as best I could to describe the impressions left on my own If I have succeeded to any extent in interesting others I shall be thankful. For every idle and inconsiderate word I ask forgiveness. If I have looked, for the most part, on the brighter side of things, call it a weakness, and pity me. " With all thy others reverse the picture. faults I love thee stid," OLD Scotia-FAREWELL!

SCOTLAND.

THE QUEEN AND THE SCOTCH COMMUNION SERVICE.

A Crathic correspondent of the Dundee Advertisor writes:-

Her Majesty, the Countess of Errol. the Hon. Mary Pitt, and the Hon. Flora Macdonald occupied the royal pew in Crathic Church on Sunday. At the commencement of the Communion service Her Majesty and the above named ladies left the royal pew, walked down stairs, and entered Dr. Taylor's seat, which was covered as a Communion Table, and partook of the elements of the Lord's Supper. Dr. Robertson, seing ruling elder of the church, attended on Her Majesty and party, the Queen handing him her token along with the other ladies. Dr. Taylor, the minister of Crathie, took a piece of the bread, broke it, handed a piece first to nity at St. Andrew's. Down in that hol- the Rev. Mr. Cowan (his assistant for the hand, and then handed her the cup. Mr. I is likely to become an important town. It Sahl also partook of the Sacrament at the lies in a fine agricultural country, and the second table, and several others of the charge is in every way a most desirable one. party from Balmoral also communicated. Her Majesty kept her seat until the two verses of the 103rd Psalm were sung, after have decided to purchase an organ for Dr. Taylor had addressed the communi- their church, and the ladies have taken in cants, and then left the church for the hand to collect the needful funds. castle.

Our Own Church.

At the ordinary meeting of the Pres-BYTERY OF TORONTO, held on the 21st October, there was an average attendance of members and a large amount of business transacted. Mr. Laing's report of his labours in the newly erected charge of New LOWELL was read and approved. ag eed to supply fortnightly services to the congregation of Arthur, and to dispense 4th ultimo, said "yea" to the remit on the Communion to the vacant congregation union, Mr. Wilson dissenting from the at Caledon. holding the usual annual missionary meet- mously, and the third by a majority of six ings. The Presbytery then took up the remit to four. There was a good spirit manifrom the Synod, anent the Basis of Union. fested throughout the discussion, at the It was agreed to consider the Resolutions close of which arrangements were made appended to the Basis separately. After for holding the usual missionary meetconsiderable discussion the Basis was ings in adopted by a majority of eight to one-The Clerk of the PRESBYTERY OF VICfour members declining to vote. Court agreed to defer the consideration been taken upon the union remit, but that of the resolutions till the next regular in four of the Congregations of the bounds meeting, on the third Tuesday of January. it has been assented to unanimously, these Six sessions and congregations have sent being all that have taken up the matter. in returns favourable to union,

his resignation of the charge of BAYFIELD lilton. and, owing to the new line of railway, it settlement.

Who will volunteer to mount the breach? The Congregation of NORTH DORCHESTER Rev. Evan McColl continues to supply East Oxford with stated services. GODERICH correspondent informs us that the branch congregation of Smith's Hill continues to prosper. Service is held every Sabbath afternoon in the new church, which, though opened less than a year ago, is now filled to overflowing. membership has doubled. The debt will be paid off by the New Year, and a powerful calinet organ now renders material assistance in the service of praise.

THE PRESBYTERY OF PERTH, on the Arrangements were made for first section; the second was carried unanithe several The TORIA reports that no action has as yet

THE PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON at its THE PRESENTERY OF LONDON has not last meeting agreed to the Synod's remit yet taken up the remit. The Clerk, how-unanimously. On the evening of the 12th ever, reports that the following congrega- ult., the Rev. Matthew W. McLean, M.A., tions within the bounds have made returns of Port Hope, was inducted by this Presand voted "YEA" on all submitted : East bytery into the charge of St. Andrew's Williams, Parkhill, Goderich and Kippen. Church, Belleville, vacant by the trans-The Rev. Hamilton Gibson has tendered lation of Rev. J. C. Smith, M.A., to Ham-Principal Snodgrass presided, and AND VARNA. The Rev. William Bell conducted divine service. The minister retires from NORTH EASTHOPE, and from was addressed by Professor Mowat, and the active duties of the ministry on the the congregation by Rev. P. S. Livingfirst of January next. A promising field stone, B. A., Pittsburgh. Mr. McLean of labour to a minister who can preach in received a hearty welcome from the mem-Gaelic is still open in GLENCOE AND bers of his new charge, and we confidently DUNWICH. Glencoe is a rising village, expect good results from this harmonious

fulfilment of appointments to preach in ion. Every member of the Presbytery seems to have had a share of this work assigned to One member, it appeared, had not fulfilled his engagement, assigning as a to the door, and who are both able and not a sufficient excuse, and against this Dalhousie Mills, a congregation that has and would be, were our people all more with the temporalities. earnest and sincere in their desires for the At the meeting of THE PRESBYTERY prosperity of the dear Saviour's cause and OF MONTREAL, held on the 4th Novemport of his missionary labours at Indian deration of the remit on union till the 19th LANDS and other places, stating that by of the same month, and, in the meantime, the aid of God's Holy Spirit, a great instructed Kirk-sessions that had not aland good work had been going on, and 'ready done so to consider the remit at their that a large number had been brought to earliest convenience, to take steps to asown Christ and rejoice in His grace. The certain the views of the congregations they Clerk stated that the whole of the Cate- severally represent, and to report to Preschist's salary would be made up by the bytery their own opinions and the opinions people to whom he had ministered with so of said congregations thereupon to the much acceptance, and that, in addition to next ordinary meeting on the third day of the stipulated amount, one hundred and February. The Rev. W. C. Clarke placed thirty dollars had been presented to him in the Clerk's hands his resignation of the on behalf of all the various churches in the 'charge of Ormstown, on the ground of an neighbourhood. The Presbytery expressed 'appointment from the Synod's committee their great gratification at the success of to proceed to Manitoba as a missionary, their missionary's labours, and directed when it was agreed to cite his congregathe Clerk to give him a certificate in com-tion to appear before the Presbytery in mendation of his diligence and zeal. The their own interest, on the 19th. The Rev. consideration of the Synod's remit on F. P Sym, of Beauharnois, having received union was deferred until the adjourned a call from the Congregation of Clifton, it meeting on the 2nd inst. It is a matter was further agreed to take the necessary

The quarterly meeting of the PRESBY-1 intimate knowledge of the localities, we TERY OF GLENGARY was held at Cornwall can vouch for it that more inviting fields on the 5th ultimo, with a good attendance | for earnest and faithful ministers of the of members. Reports were made of the Gospel are not to be found in the Domin-The former congregation has a magvacancies during the past three months, nificent church, seated for nearly a thousand people, a good manse and glebe, and, what is more important, a number of adherents more than enough to fill the church reason that his travelling expenses had willing to contribute liberally to the sup-not been prepaid. The Presbytery, on port of ordinances. The same may be motion to that effect, decided that this was said regarding the spirit of the people of the member protested, and appealed to the always been noted for its liberality as well Synod for reasons to be given in in due as its staunch adherence to the Kirk. Our The missionary meetings were re- prayer is that the Lord may speedily send ported to have been held throughout the labourers to those fields already white unto bounds with varying success, the attend- the harvest. Returns have been made ance in the eastern sections—with the from the Session and Congregation of exception of Indian Lands-having been Finch in regard to the union remit: the rather discouraging. In the western former agreeing unanimously and the latdivision there was a rather better repre- ter by a majority, to the first two sections sentation of the congregations, but still of the Basis, but both reporting negatively lamentably short of what it should be, on the last section, namely, that dealing

Mr. McEachern gave in a re- ber, the Court agreed to postpone consiof deep regret to notice that the large and steps for facilitating his translation. After important Congregations of Lochiel and which arrangements were made to ordain Dalhousie Mills are still vacant. With an Mr. David W. Morison, a probationer

Ministry.

At the adjourned meeting of the Court, - held on the 19th ultimo, the Rev. W. C. Clarke's demission of the charge of Ormstown was accepted, and appointments were made for declaring the pulpit vacant, and giving fortnightly supply until the next meeting of Presbytery, not, however, until the rev. gentleman had received from his brethren of the Presbytery their most earnest assurances of regret at parting with him, of their abiding interest in his future welfare, and their prayer for his abundant success as an ambassador for Christ in the wide and interesting field of tabour whither The Synod's remit on union was then taken up. It was moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Clarke, that the Presbytery return year to each and all of the articles under consideration. moved by Rev. Gavin Lang, seconded by Mr. Simpson,

"That legislation of a permissive character be obtained with regard to all rights of church property, including the Temporalities Fund, before the terms of union are finally adjusted, and that a respectful representation be made to the Synod to take adequate legal advice previous to such application to Parliament, as to the relations in which the church is placed to the Temporalities Fund.

The mover of the original motion explained that there is no intention to consummate the union before legislation shall have been secured, and that, no doubt, the Presbytery would agree to accept on one or other of these days the occasion the first portion of Mr. Lang's motion. was very generally observed, and gave rise The discussion. which in the evening, and continued to a late, where the minister of St. Andrew's Church, manner read and approved, with this consummation of union," Mr. Lang disand Mr. Lang's motion were postponed present. The sum of \$336, it is added,

within the bounds, to the office of the | till the next ordinary meeting in February.

In accordance with previous arrangements, the Presbytery proceeded, during the session, to the ordination of Mr. D. W. Morison to the office of the Holy Ministry. A large assembly had gathered in St. Paul's Church to witness the ceremony, which proved to be a solemn and most interesting one. The preliminary exercises were conducted by Mr. Laing, assistant minister of St. Paul's. Mr. Doudiet, as Moderator, preached and presided. Jenkins offered the consecration prayer. After the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, the Rev. Gavin Lang addressed the newly ordained minister in affectionate and appropriate terms. It may be added that the examining committee expressed themselves in the highest degree satisfied with Mr. Morison's literary and theological attainments, and that the Presbytery cardially received into their number one who has already given good proof of his zeal and fitness for the work of the ministry.

It is to be hoped that the embarrassment occasioned in some districts of the country by a Proclamation emanating from the Government of Outario, substituting the 6th of November as a day of public thanksgiving for the 16th of October--the day that had been unanimously agreed upon by the leading Protestant Churches —will not be repeated in the future. is satisfactory, however, to know that occupied the to some interesting exchanges of Christian whole of the afternoon session, was resumed courtesy, as, for example, at STRATFORD, hour, when the first article of the Basis the Rev. T. M. Wilkins, invited the memwas read clause by clause and unanimously | bers of his congregation to unite with him The second section—" the ac- in worshipping with their brethren of the companying resolutions "-was in like Canada Presbyterian Church, who observed the earlier day, in accordance with addendum to the 4th clause: "that this the injunction of their Synod, while his legislation shall be sought prior to the own congregation met for their thanksgiving service on the later day, at which sented from the wording of the first time both session and congregation voted clause, regarding modes of worship. The unanimously in favor of the union remit; consideration of the third article, relating when it was also agreed to by the session to the disposal of the Temporalities Fund, to sanction the use of the organ for the was contributed at the same time as a thank-offering, to be applied to the liquidation of the debt of the church. At Kingston, again, a union meeting appears to have been held on one of the thanksgiving days, in the Brock street church, of which the Rev. Andrew Gray is minister, when the Rev. Professor Ferguson preached the sermon, after which a goodly collection was taken up for the poor of the city. In this connection, too, it is with pleasure we hear of the minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, taking part at the opening services of a new Methodist church in that city.

We are glad to have the opportunity of welcoming the Rev. John Fairlie and Mrs. Fairlie to Canada. Mr. Fairlie, who has been acting for a short time successfully as assistant to the Rev. Mr. Grey, in the large and populous parish of Dunbarton, was appointed last summer by the Colonial Committee to be a missionary in the Province of Ontario, to which office he was ordained by the said Presbytery. He arrived at Quebec on the 3rd ult., and at once passed up to Kingston. We have no doubt that a minister of his attainments will soon find a sphere of usefulness in the sister Province.

The good people of McNAB and Hor-TON on a recent occasion generously and thoughtfully presented their minister with an "assistant" in the shape of a fine horse -an indispensible auxiliary, as we all know, towards the efficient discharge of pastoral work in a wide spread rural parish such as It is comforting to be able to add that, while this they did, they had not forgotten previously to overpay promised stipend by upwards of one hundred dol-We further learn that the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, OSNA-BRUCK, have presented Mrs. John Tulloch with a beautiful and useful gift, in acknowledgement of her long-continued, voluntary, and very efficient services in leading the psalmody of that church. The presentation consists of an illustrated copy of Matthew Henry's Commentary, in three volumes, superbly bound—the finest edition of this valuable standard work that

sion, we might be tempted in this councetion to throw out a hiut or two applicable to those members of our Church generally who are endowed by nature with the gift . Sometimes, as we think of the of song. large sums of money annually expended in remunerating choirs and precentors, we feel disposed to ask, wherefore this waste? Why should not the service of praise in all our congregations be led by volunteers? While pointing the finger with holy horror to the "praying machines" of the Chinese, let us beware that in the matter of " praise " they turn not round on us with the "tu quoque" argument.

It is with profound regret we notice that among the passengers who perished by the burning of the ill-fated "Bavarian" on Lake Ontario, on the night of the fifth of last month, was Miss Ireland, a daughter of Mr. William Ireland, the City Chamberlain of Kingston, and Secretary-treasurer of Queen's College. We know that we express the feelings of all our readers in tendering the bereaved family the assurance of our deepest sympathy in the peculiarly trying calamity that has befallen them. And with like regret we record the death of Barbara Peden, wife of the Rev. James McCaul, minister of St. Andrew's Church, Three Rivers, who departed this life on the 7th ult., in the thirty-third year of her age.

THE REV. FRANCIS NICOL died at his residence in Toronto, at midnight, on the 30th of October. Of him it may be said truly, in the largest and best sense of the term, "he was a good man." Better than any encomium of ours, we are enabled, through the kindness of a friend, to reproduce a few sentences from the concluding portion of a sermon, preached by the Rev. D. J. Macdonell, of Toronto, containing a tribute, at once merited and graceful, to the memory of the deceased. The words of the text were from Phillippians, i. 21: "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

edition of this valuable standard work that and week has passed since some of us followed we have seen. Did it not seem a digrest to the house appointed for all living the mortal

remains of the Rev. Francis Nicol. I think it | al.' A marked feature of his spiritual life was congregation, a few words should be spoken from this pulpit to express our thankfulness, and that of the Church, for his life and his death, as from active work.

"After having spent several years of his minis-

many warmly attached friends remember him with affection and gratitude to this day, Mr. time he cherished the hope of being able to return to the work that he loved, and wrote to the people among whom he had laboured, expressing his hope to break the Bread of Life to them again, he was soon convinced that this hope was vain, and that he must henceforth severe the Master not by active work, but by patient waiting. And he did wait patiently. At first the feeling came across him at times, which I suppose troubles more or less the feeling that he was useless, that he could do nothing. But no one ever heard him murmur. nothing. But no one ever heard him murmur. nothing. But no one ever heard him murmur.

I have nothing to complain of, and a great deal to be thankful for, were words frequently on his lips. God has been very kind to me. Rev. S. Halley, sent out by the Colonial To him to live had been 'Christ,' while Committee as assistant to the Rev. Dr. bodily vigour lasted, and so it was in the days of weakness and weariness. Though not brilliant or eloquent, he was faithful in doing the entered on his duties. The Rev. Mr. Galbraith, also from Scotland, has been higher process that can be bestowed on the creating of the colonial and the creating of the colonial content of the col

men who go to the remoter Heathen world.

fi ing that, as God's providence cast his lot for his love of hymns. Before disease had enfeebled the last years of his life within the bounds of my his mind, he committed to memory a large number of hymns that he might be cheered by them when mind and body should be weakened. One of the last acts in which he showed any conwell as our sorrow that he was so soon removed | sciousness was the attempt to repeat a favourite hymn, 'Jerusalem the Golden, after one who sat by his bedside on the last Sunday evening of try in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, where his life. The lips moved, though the voice could utter no sound.

"To him ' to die ' was 'gain.' He was only Nicol removed to one of our most important 50 years of age. We are apt to think that 'to charges in Western Canada—that of London, abide in the flesh' was 'more needful' for us— Ont, where he ministered for ten years. Health for the Church. We are apt to say, why are the failing, he resigned his charge, and spent a few best men taken away when the Church needs months in New Brunswick. He then returned their services so much? A partial answer, at to Ontario, and to the Presbytery of Toronto, in least, is, because the Lord has need of them elsewhich he laboured most faithfully as a missionary where. Doubtless, our departed brother has on the staff of the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, as long as the state of his health permitted him. More than two years ago he was laid aside by paralysis, and though for a selfishness, Christliness! Can we wonder that time he churched the home of being able to retime he cherished the hope of being able to re. selfishness and worldliness should be rife among

higher praise that can be bestowed on the cr- appointed to St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, vant of God? A man of rare humility and un- N. B. Rev. Mr. Neish, for some years obtrusiveness, he never pushed himself into N. B. Rev. Mr. Neish, for some years notice. Single-minded and self-denying, he assistant in St. Andrew's Church, Glasnever allowed the thought of worldly advance- gow, has been received by the Presbytery ment, or even of the advantage of his family, to of Hollifax, and is likely to get a call from stand in the way of duty to the Master. The guestion he asked was not, where shall I get the Musquodoboit. It is rumoured that the best living? but, where shall I do most good? Rev. George Coull, lately from the Old Where is my work for Christ most needed? Country, will receive a call from New Perhaps in the sight of Him who judges not by Glasgow. Pugwash has secured the Rev. of Christ in humble labour in the back town- Mr. Sutherland as their minister. We ships of Canada as in the noble work done by heartily congratulate the Church in these A ripe scholar, and a man of broad and tole- Provinces on those important accessions to rant views- 'broad' in the best sense-his in- their numbers and working power. The fluence was felt and appreciated by his breth- Rev. D. McRae, on the eve of his deren. To him, perhaps more than to any other single man, we are indelted for the growth of parture, for a short time, to old Secotia, the taste for hymns in our church. At g.eat was presented by his people with a hand-pains, and at an immense cost of time and personal labour, he prepared the first collection of hymns authorized by our Synod, and which has since been superieded by the 'Scottish Hymn's and gives great satisfaction to the congregation. It was built by our enterprising sermon, and the rest into the bargain! In fellow-townsman, Warren, of Montreal. Advance, it must be: otherwise, how We are glad to hear that it has not blown shall we pay our printer, our landlord, the any one out of the congregation.

The Schemes.

THE PRESBYTERIAN.—This number completes our twenty-sixth volume. To be in the fashion, we ought to take an annual full length view of ourselves in the looking-glass at this time of the year, and join : in with the universal Journalistic chorus. "this is unquestionably the leading paper } in the Dominion." The difficulty is to see ourselves " as others see us." certain that our aim has been right; but that we may have erred in judgment in respect to some things is altogether likely. We are conscious of defects, too, which it will be our aim to remedy, and that is all we have got to say about the editorial department.

What about our CIRCULATION for 1874? WE have not yet quite reached the goal we have kept in view from the commencement, namely, that a copy of The Presbyterian should find its way into the family of every adherent of the Church. But, then, we have great reason to be thankful that, with a nominal constituency of eleven thousand six hundred families, our present circulation is in the neighbourhood of nine thousand. We earnestly and respectfully solicit a continuance of that consideration and kindly co-operation that has served us so well in the past.

As to Terms. No one can ask for better terms. The price will remain as it is. Quarter of a dollar for a volume of 304 pages! If this volume had nothing else than the five sermons that are published in it, surely it should be accounted wor he the money. Five cents for each

sermon, and the rest into the bargain! IN ADVANCE, it must be: otherwise, how shall we pay our printer, our landlord, the City Fathers? No "DEAD HEADS" for 1874: but we shall be happy to supply clergymen of all denominations at cur club rates, 25 cents per annum. The ordinary rate to single subscribers is sixty cents.

Whatever alterations are contemplated in any quarter with regard to the extension of circulation, or otherwise, as the ease may be, should be made known to us by the 15th of this month. Unless notified to the contrary, we shall continue to dispatch the *Presbyterian* to the same ad dresses and in like numbers as during the present year. We should like to hear "in a certain way" from just a very few of our esteemed friends who, in the multitude of business, have allowed "the litt'e matter of the *Presbyterian*" for 1873 to lie over.

It is well that our friends who are kind enough to furnish us with information should remember that we cannot guarantee the insertion of any communication that reaches us after the 15th of the month.

THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

—We are requested to remind ministers and office-bearers that the annual collection for this important and popular fund is appointed to be taken in all the churches on the first Sabbath of January. In due time the Chairman of the Board, the Rev. R. Campbell, will issue his annual circular, which, we trust, will receive prompt attention. In the meanwhile, let those who hold the purse strings "make ready."

MANITORA MISSION.

At a meeting of the Committee on the Mission, held in Toronto on the 22nd October, the following resolution was adopted:—

"The Committee having heard the re-

port of Mr. Carmichael and the Convener Notes about Ordhans.—Inte esting indicating the desirableness of appointing exercises, written both in Tamil and an additional missionary to Manitoba, and in English, have been received from to appoint a second missionary. And Christina and Helen, (Ottawa,) Minnie, W. C. Clarke, at the annual salary, for swers to questions on Bible History, the present, of \$1,000."

delay to his field of labour. The duty of to any children of the same ages at any the Church, then, is plain. We shall need of our day or Sunday-schools. Indeed, nearly twice as much money as we got the children of our Sunday-schools will last year. If the sixty Congregations hav- require to see to it that their young ing ministers that did not contribute last protegees in India do not far surpass year will do their part, and if the fifty that them in extent and accuracy of Scripture did contribute will somewhat increase knowledge especially. The Home Secretheir liberality, there will be no difficulty tary justly remarks that such tokens of in meeting our obligations.

sion?

D. J. MACDONNELL, Convener.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Dr. George Bell began his course of lectures a Science and Revelation last week. This on Science and Revelation last week. course is intended to be for the special benefit trial, and is already seeking to make of theological students.

The matriculation examinations in Theology have resulted in the following award of scholar-

First Fear-Dominion, \$60-William A. Lang, B.A., Almonte,

Second Fear.—Letter Mexorial, \$50-Mal-colm McGillivray, B.A., Collingwood, and John L. Stuart, B.A., Toronto, equal—continued from last session.: Coloxial Committee (2), \$50,

James Cormack, B.A., Kingston.
Third Year—Colonial Committee (5), \$60. Robert John Craig, B.A., Kingston; (3) \$55, Alexander H. Cameron, New Glasgow, Nova Scotin; (4) \$50, John J. Cameron, M.A., Dal. College, Georgetown, Prince Edward Island.

At the annual meeting of the Missionary Society of Queen's College, the following were elected officers for the coming year:-

President-Mr. A. H. Cameron. Vice-President-Mr. J. L. Stuart, B.A. Recording Secretary-Mr. W. A. Lang, B.A., Corresponding Secretary-Mr. R. J. Craig, B.A. Treasurer-Mr. A. Macgillivray, Commune-Messis, J. J. Cameron, D. Mac-

eachern, Jas. Craig, and T. Cumberland.

having regard to the instructions of the several of the Calcutta Orphans, viz, Synod as to such an appointment, resolve Jessic Vancouver (Vancouver's Island), further, the committee authorize the Con- (Kingston), and Seta, (supported by Miss vener to offer said appointment to the Rev. MacLeod). The exercises include ansecular history, arithmetic, grammar and Mr. Clarke is ready to proceed without geography, and would be most creditable progress are most encouraging, both to Will those congregations that make their those who labour on the spot, and to those apportionment of monies collected for the who, at a distance, seek to strengthen Schemes about the end of the year, re- their hands. One of the Sunday-schools member the immediate wants of this mis-, has had the sad intelligence that the orphan supported by it has, in consequence of becoming afflicted with the terrible disease of leprosy, been obliged to be removed to a leper hospital. this is, of course, a sad affliction to the poor child, it is gratifying to hear that she has, with Christian fortitude, risen to the known to her companions in suffering the Saviour she has herself learned to know and love. It may be God's will in sending this trial to her for doubtless gracious purposes, to make her a successful missionary for Him in the new and sad circumstances in which she is placed, and her young fliends will not forget to pray that in so heavy an affliction, her consolation, also, may abound by Christ. In our next number we hope to publish several short and interesting ietters from our Indian orphans.

Miscellaneous.

AN SEANADH.

Chaidh iomradh a dheanamh cheana anns a' chuairtear so air aonachadh na-h-Eaglaise d'am buin sinn fein, agus nan

Eaglaisean eile ann a' Canada 'tha 'cumail 'ruinn fein, air an nasgadh r'a cheile. suas beachdan, 'us abhaistean 'us creidimh bhitheadh againn gun teagamh air bith a tha co-ionnan. Rainig an duthaich anns Englais chomasach, eudmhor agus bhearam bheil sinn a' tuineachadh, sealbh ard tach. Bhitheadh, mar so, aig a chuiann an storas, an comas agus ann am far-bhrionn mhor de'r luchd duthcha aig suingeachd. Cha'n-eil ach uine ghoirid am bheil speis do bheachdan 's eachraidh o'n chaidh na roinnean a tha 'nis 'a giulan 'na h-Eaglaise Albannaich, aobhar eiréachan ainm Canada, 'cheangail gu dluth agus 'dail a bhi taingeil agus toilichte. gu diongmhalta r'a cheile. Tha Canada dh' thig gu brath am anns an dean sinn aig an am so anabarrach farsuing; oir tha dichuimhne air an Eaglais onarach agus è 'ruigheachd thairis air mor roinn Ame- aosmhor anns do chaidh 'ur-n-athraichean rica gu leir-bho aon chuan stuadhach gu an laithean gu suilbhireach agus gu stolda. cuan leathainn eile. Tha sluagh lion- Is è cuis ghreadhnach agus ghasda bhimhor a' tighinn a nall thar a' chuan, agus theas ann, an trath às uirrainn do luchd a' taghadh doibh fein ionadan comhnuidh aiteachaidh na tìre anns gach cearna bhi seasmhach ann an iomadh cearna de'n smuainteachadh gu bheil Eaglais laidir, duthaich. Ann am farsuingeachd mhor chomasach agus dhealasach air a planntach Chanada, tha beartas gun aireamh, air adh ann an duthaich, a' giulan ainm a tha chor 's gu'm faod sinn an dochas laidir 'taitneach, agus a' cumail suas gu dileas a altrum, gu ruig sinn anns na bliadhnachan cairdeas ri Eaglais na-h-Alba. Tha na a tha air thoiseach oirrn, soirbheachadh daoine a's airde cliu 'us ainm an Albainn maith agus inbhe ard urramach. Mu ro thoilichte gu bheil aobhar an aonabhitheas ar luchd-duthcha dileas doibh fein 'chuidh an Canada' tighinn air aghaidh le 's d'an duthaich; agus mu chumas Dia 'na ceum co fabharach. fhreasdail grasmhor, cogadh 'us plaigh 'us Chuir an Seanadh cheana 'dhi'onnsuidh tubaist uainn, faodaidh sinn a bhi'g am- gach Cleir 'us Seisean 'us Coimhthional haire ri aite measail, fabharach a chosnadh anns an Eaglais againn, cuis chudthroduinn fein 'am measg Chinneach na talm- mach an aonachaidh. hainn. Buinidh è do gach Eaglais Chriosduidh anns an tir, a bhi dealasach agus durachdach aig an am so, a chum gu bi eagal us onoir an Tighearna daonnan a' faotainn aoidheachd mar is coir ann an cridheachan an-t-sluaigh gu leir. iomadh dearbhadh muladach againn nar linn 's 'nar latha fein, air cia co bochd. truagh 'us mearachdach 's a tha sonas 'us soirbheachadh saoghalta annta fein as eugmhais graidh 'us seirbhis sholaimte an Tighearna. Tha è gu cinnteach araon ceart agus ciatach gu bitheadh speis romhor agus ro-bhlath aig gach neach do'n duthaich anns an d'rugadh à agus anns Tha daoine pongail, dileas agus foghainam bheil è' caitheamh a laithean. Tha è teach a' gabhail curaim d'en chuis so. Ma gun teagamh freagarrach gu bitheadh dh'fheoidte, 'nuair a chruinnicheas an Eaglais Chriosda, cia air bithainm leis an Scanadh ann an Ottawa an ath bhliadhna ainmichear i, a' de anamh spairn laidir gu'n teid crìoch air chor eiginn a chur air agus a' nochdadh dealas eudmhor a chun, a chuspair mhor so-aonachadh nan Eaglaigu bi i connasach gu leoir air an obair a sean ann an Canada. Bitheamaid a' bhuineasgu dligheach dhi, a' choimhlionadh tabhairt fardaich do'n dochas gu'n gu meamuach agus gu durachdach. Nam gleidhear suas cairdeas blath, agus nach bitheadh na-h-Eaglaisean ann an Canada bi againn iartuis air 'bith ach so: Gu

Bithidh mar so cothrom aig gach ball 's an Eaglais a bheachd agus a chomhairle 'thoirt seachad. Do bhrigh, mata, gu bheil an duthaich so' nis ann an staid co gealltanach agus co maith; thig do gach neach aig am bheil gradh do'n-t-Slanuighear bheannuichte, bhí steidheachadh aire air a' chuis so gu leir, agus a bhi 'g iarruidh comhnadh an a pioraid naoimh, a chum gu bi 'n ni sin a tha chum leas siorruidh an-t-sluaigh air a dheanamh. Na bitheadh eagal no sgath air aon neach mu dheibhinn cud 'us gradh ar ministeirean airson Eaglais ar-n-athraichoan, agus deadh ainm ar-n-Eaglais feintha 'g aideachadh nan aona bheachdan bi Eaglais Iosa Criosda, freumhachadh

agus a' fas gu laidir agus gu fallain: a' | cher felt that he wished to draw them still frasadh beannachdan air an tir gu-hiomlan, agus a' tabhairt geile d' a urnuigh
ein: "Agus cha-n-'eil mi guidhe air an sonsan a mhain, ach mar an ceudna airson an
muinntir sin a chreideas annamsa troimh
day, and spend a few moments in special am focalsan. Chum gu'm bi iad uile nan prayer over it. It was agreed to and aon: chum mar a ta Thusa, Athair, done. The other boys soon found it out, annamsa, agus mise annadsa, gum bi and wanted to enter into the arrangement iadsan mar an ceudna 'nan aon annainne; also. So they met in the room of one of chum gu'n creid an Saoghal gu'n do chuir the number, and while their teacher did Thusa uait mi."

A TEACHER'S STORY.

story to a Sunday-school not long since revival began in which the whole five which is worthy of being told to a still (were converted, with many of their comlarger audience. That he is modest we panions? It was even so. We will not know, because he has often before refused attempt to tell how useful and devoted to speak to the Sunday school, believing these young disciples became as they grew that a speaker should never take up the up to manhood, but we are assured that time of the teachers unless he has some what brought the circumstances back forthing supremely important to say. This cibly to the teacher's mind was a recent is the story, and we are sure it contains a invitation to attend a meeting at which

the school were he has been teacher ever dained to preach the Gospel of peace.-For six months he was without a E.caminer and Chronicle. regular class, but taught every Sunday. being one of that kind of men upon whom a Superintendent is always so glad to rely | No words in the Apostles' Creed have a sweetas a substitute for absent teachers—aler sound than those which we have put at the ways present and "always prepared." He head of these lines. They express a faith which was finally given a class of boys, to whom ence, the burial of animosities among brethren. his interest nor his influence over them. there; we should be and may be one here.

These arrangements were faithfully car- of Canterbary, who represented the Episcopai Church; Dr. Angus, of the Baptist Church; ried out for some time, and then the tea- Bishop de Schweinitz, of the Moravian Church;

the same in his far-off home, read the Bible and prayed for God's blessing upon its teaching.

Would you believe it ?—that other boys in the school found out, and wished to We heard a very modest man tell a join them; and did so-and that soon a lesson for every Sunday school teacher: jone of those five boys—the one he took Ten or twelve years ago he came into into his confidence most—was to be or-

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS.

he soon become greatly attached. But one and their anticipation here on earth of their unity Sunday five of them told him that they in the life everlasting. For, if the saints by were to leave home that week for a distant whose names we too often call our little seeks are in harmons above why cannot we their boarding school. Determined not to lose disciples, be one here on earth? We shall be one

he arranged that all should commit the Out of respect to our Baptist brethren, the lesson to memory every week, and send together the ordinance which expresses the him their regular contributions to the communion of saints; but it were too much to missionary fund of the class. They also expect that the Sabbath on which so many of agreed to pray regularly—for themselves that they might became Christians—for more remarkable service been celebrated in this him and for the Sunday school. He pro-mised to write to one of them every week. byterian church, on a Sabbath afternoon. The mised to write to one of them every week, entire building was filled to its utmost capacity so that each one should receive a letter once with devout communicants, and the services in five weeks

Dr. Prochet, Waldensian of Italy: and Mr. Shes- sympathy and generosity, help him to rehadri, the Brahmin convert of the Free Church Mission in India.

It is but two weeks, we believe, since the Churchman-which probably better represents the ordinary churchmanship of its denomination than any other paper-presented an argument showing why the Episcopal body in this country must keep aloof from the Evangelical Alliance. The substance of it was that ours is the Church, and that the Church is sufficient of itself to express all the Christian sentiments of its members. We are glad that Bishop Bedell and President Potterhave taken a broader view of church-fellowship, as ind cated by their part in the meetings of the Alliance: but their rebuke has not a tithe of the emphatic force of the action ! of one of the highest dignitaries of the Anglican Church who comes with a letter of broad fellowship from his intimate friend, the primate of England, and who took a leading part in celebrating the communion in a Presbyterian church sitting in ordinary attire among those whomtoo many of his communion in this country look upon only as schismatics.—N. Y. Independent.

LET YOUR WIFE KNOW.

It is a custom too common with the men of the world to keep their families in utter ignorance of the situation of their business. The wife knows nothing, has not even an idea of the amount of her husband's fortune. whether it is to be counted by hundreds or thousands. What can a woman kept in such ignorance learn? She spends, as a matter of course, all he gives her to spend, with the full confidence that when that is gone, and she asks for it, he will give her more.

go with a bold, unblushing face and demand show a hearty interest, the case is still worse. her wages: but a wife can demand nothing. CHAISTIAN UNION. her claim is only for bare necessity, and generous men, on that account, are too! indulgent, too fearful of letting a wife know the exact state of their finances: "Tis all GIFT OF HALF A MILLION OF MONEY wrong.

Husband and wife have a mutual interest a wife, who is plunging her husband deep. Church of Scotland. er and deeper into debt from ignorance. The general objects contemplated, and would, if she knew his embarrassments, be the spirit by which the donor has been acthe first to save, and with true womanly tuated, may be gathered from the intro-

instate his fallen fortunes.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Seventy years or more of glorious experience with the Sunday-school has closely endeared it to the Christian community. It has done so much in times past, it has been such a precious thelp-meet to the family, such an efficient tender to the Church, that it is now universally held in the warmest affection. The outlook, too, is cheering. Never before has there been so much zeal and enthusiastic activity manifested by the friends of the Sabbath-school in its behalf, as at present. Pastors, teachers, people are waking up to an appreciation of its worth. Fairly established during the half century gone by, it now enters upon its period of growth and Hence the present suggests multitude of questions Having done so much already, cannot the Sabbath-school do far more Is it occupying its widest field? Has the extent of its influence been reached? Cannot the measure of its usefulness be multiplied many fold? Is its power all developed? Questions like these come up to-day. To make the Sabbathschool better and better is the duty of the hour and of the future. Whoever contributes towards this end will be doing an incalculable service for the Muster. Cherish and build up the Sanday-school!

If a school languishes, whose fault is it? Perhaps the teachers'; possibly the scholars'. But indirectly the blame lies as often with the Church itself, its grown-up members. Unless they take an active, hearty interest in their Sabbath-school, they have no right to expect it to thrive. It is here that parents especially fail to recognize their responsibility. Many never cheer the school with their occasional presence not even at the concerts: and what is more discouraging, or sadder, than to find some quite indifferent to their children's progress in the If an unmarried woman works, she may lessons from which alone they may get their knowledge of the Bible? When pastors do not

BAIRD TRUST.

TO THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

We are authorized to state that Mr. every woman should know the exact state James Baird of Auchmedden has paid of her husband's finances, understand his over to a body of trustees—to be called plans, and aid him. if possible, with her " The Baird Trust"-the sum of five huncounsels, and then these terrible catas— dred thousand pounds, to be applied for trophes would not so often happen. Many religious purposes in connection with the

ductory words of the trust-deed. Baird states that he "feels deeply impressed with the extent to which spiritual destitution prevails among the poor and working population of Scotland; and being satisfied that this proceeds in a great measure from the want of properly organised and endowed territorial work, and considering also that there appears to be a tendency to a departure from the truth, and to an exclusion of religion in the teaching of the young, and that the means available by law are insufficient to provide for the faithful preaching and teaching of the Word of God; and being satisfied that under existing circumstances. the evils aforesaid cannot properly be met, nor the objects before mentioned, attained, without the aid of private benevolence and additional organisation and fresh influences," he consequently founds the present and support of Christian work; and also trust.

all of a religious character, and for the aid turned to good account. of institutions having the promotion of If the trust is judiciously administered, such purposes in view; my grand object we are safe in predicting that Mr. Baird's being to assist in providing the means of gift will prove as useful as it is beyond meeting, or at least, as far as possible, proglement question munificent. moting the mitigation of spiritual destitu-

trustees should be guided.

Such is the general purport of the deed! under which this important gift is to be: administered. which pervade the Scheme may be briefly James Baird is one of seven brothers, and

Mr. stated to be these:—That if the work of the Church is to be effectually done, it must be territorial and endowed; that it shall be an important part of the duty of the trustees to ascertain the efficiency of existing agencies; and that the expenditure of the fund on such agencies shall depend on their ascertained usefulness.

The deed proceeds on the assumption that the ends contemplated are not being sufficiently attained by existing means and agencies; that the required work might be more effectually done, and that increased efforts are called for to meet the exigencies of the case. What Mr. Baird specially contemplates in the reform and extension of existing organisations, and the bringing into play of "fresh influences" tending to evoke throughout Scotland an increasing liberality in the promotion an increasing carnestness and activity in After providing for the endowment of carrying it on. The stipulations in the the "Baird Lectureship," lately founded deed requiring evidence that faithful work for the illustration and defence of the is done, wherever the funds of the trust vital truths of religion, and for the pro-lare expended, will have the effect (as it motion of Christian knowledge and Christit is Mr. Baird's intention they should) of tian work, Mr. Baird directs that the leading the promoters of Christian organitrust-fund is to be expended "for the sup sations to contribute more readily, and port of objects and purposes in connection with more satisfaction, by giving them with the Established Church of Scotland, reason to expect that their gifts will be

To this statement it is unnecessary to tion among the population of Scotland, ladd more than that, truly magnificent as through efforts for securing the godly up- | Mr. Baird's gift is, it is after all only one bringing of the young, the establishing of of many proofs which he has given of his parochial pastoral work, and the stimulat- warm attachment to the Church of Scoting of ministers and all agencies of the land, which has already received numerous Church of Scotland to sustained devoted- tokens of his liberality. A liberality so ness in the work of carrying the Gospel truly Christian and generous is its own to the homes and hearts of all."

In carrying out these objects, Mr. Baird of ours could not deepen the impression indicates in detail the considerations and which the simple announcement itself is principles by which the decire that the consideration and which the simple announcement itself is principles by which he desires that the calculated to make throughout the Church. 1—Church of Scotland Record.

> From an interesting article in the Lon-The essential principles don Daily Telegraph we learn that Mr.

a leading member of the Colossal firm so | nation has led to these statements married, well known as the owners of the Gartsherrie Iron Works which probably constitute the largest manufactory of iron in the world. The unprecedented success of this of whose connections is well remembered firm seems to be largely due to the ingenuity and perseverance of the father of these seven brethren.—A Lanarkshire farmer who was fortunate in making the discovery that the seams of "blackband," up to that time accounted worthless, were in reality rich in iron. Following up this discovery, which may be said to have revolutionized the iron trade, with Scottish shrewdness, leases and purchases were made of extensive tracts of the iron-bearing regions, while the working of the metal devolved upon his sons, who took their several places in an "unlimited liability" company of seven brothers.

Some of them had formed an acquaintance with mining, and they lived half their time under ground. Others more familiar with furnace work, managed that department, and panted under terrible temperatures; there was a place for each, and al had their places; while one was needed to Gartsherrie firm stood first and highest. deal with the world without, to treat with

landowners, and the gentleman whose do- gave all.

in middle life, Miss Lockhart, a sister of . the representative of Lanarkshire in Parliament, a member of an old family, one from his alliance with the Abbotsford family. One of the grand-daughters of the Lanarkshire farmer, and the gentle minded matron who preferred her two-storied home to any mansion, is now an Ulster Peeress having married the representative of the Knox family, who claim their descent from the great Scotch Reformer, while one of their grandsons married, a few weeks since, the daughter of an old Devonshire family, who would not barter their ancient baron. etcy for a coronet.

The Bairds of Gart-herrie have often acted in a generous and hearty spirit to their numerous workmen, even in periods of difference and dispute; they have promoted education at and around their works. and the splendld University buildings that crown the Kelvin, at Glasgow.were erected by the generosity of the Glasgew merchants, among whose subscriptions the

And so on many other occasions that merchants as the others had to treat with might be named the "seven brothers" the workmen; to "finance," as the ar. have come to the front, setting a noble exrengement of payments and the collection ample, and leading others to join in works of means is termed in Glasgow; and a of philanthropy. And all this is just as it great share of this heavy work devolved on should be. The wonder is, or ought to be, Mr. James Baird, for which he was natu- not that Mr. Baird has given so much, but rally perhaps the better qualified of the that so small a proportion of this world's riches. which after all "perish in the The seven brothers all became extensive using"-find their way back to Him who

Our Sanctum.

say that more than the orthodox modicum of whiskey toddy was made use of on the occasion. It seems to have been a well ordered feast, followed by the usual amount of "toast drinking," with a special bumper in honour of "the Clergy," couched in terms evidently intended to conciliate Episcopalians, for it included "the Bishop and clergy of the Diocese, with ministers of other deno ninations." The Rev. Hugh Stowell scandal that has been raised, we feel embolden-

Some time ago an induction took place at Brown, who was expected to second the reply—Bootle, England, and was followed, in accordance with ancient use and wont, by the inevitable "Presbytery dinner." No one pretends to communicated his wrant to the bosoms of his

ed to protest against the custom of associating such religious solemnities with public festivities of this description. There is a fitness in things; and occasions of this kind we submit, with all due deference, are more honoured by the breach than the observance of even so old a custom: Not that we object to ministerial social intercourse, for we believe there is far too little of it. It is the quasi official imprimatur given in the market place to practices that are preached down in the pulpit that is to be deprecuted, and that leads us to wish for the reform, in the old land, of a conventional usage which, we are happy to think, has already become nearly obsolete in this new country.

The Rev. William Knight, of St. Enoch's, Dundee, is no longer a minister of the Free Church, and his large congregation have unauimously resolved to withdraw along with him from that body. The Edinburgh Courier is responsible for the rumour that some of the leading office-bearers of his congregation are inquiring as to the steps necessary to be taken in order that formal application may be made for the admission of Mr. Knight and the congregation into the Established Church. It takes two to make a bargain, however, and it is quite possible that with the experience the Church of Scotland has gained in connection with very recent proceedings in one of its own Presbyteries, such an application would be entertained with extreme hesitation, or, at least, caution. In the interests of liberal ideas and free thought, it is to be regretted that the minority of the Presbytery of Dundee had not been content to dissent from the finding of the Court to abandon further proceedings, in view of Mr. Knight's explanations and retractions, without holding over him in terrorem an interminable persecution of "appeals" to the superior courts. As it is, the Church has i lost a very clever minister and one of its most influential congregations, while it has laid itself open, even in the estimation of many of its own members, to the charge of a "narrowness" in its polity which is inconsistent with the intellectual progress of the age. Says the Dundee Advertiser, -"It cannot but have a most injurious influence if it be declared that there is no place in the Christian Ministry for any one who attempts to reconcile modern science with Christian revelation, and that any such attempt will subject him to the alienation, the isolation, and the mental suffering which have been inflicted upon the minister of Free St. Enoch's. The loss of such a congregation is not inconsiderable even to so large a body as that Church, for it has a significance not indicated either in numbers or in wealth. It signifies that the indiscretion of a | minority of zealots may at any time cause irreparable injury, inspite of the remonstrances of a 1 wiser, more prudent, and far-seeing majority."

A notable event—an unnatural outgrowth of the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in New York—has transpired, which cannot fail to be a

"he can no longer exercise his office in those churches in his diocese which are Ritualistic in their tendency and practice," and he now wishes to clear his soul of of all complicity in such "I leave the Communion," he adds, "in which I have laboured in the sacred ministry for over twenty-eight years, and transfer my work and office to another sphere, having an earnest hope and confidence that a basis for the union of all Evangelical Christendom can be found in a communion that shall retain, or restore, a primative episcopacy and a pure scriptural liturgy, with a fidelity to the doctrine of justification by faith only—a position toward which the Old Catholics in Europe are rapidly tending." Henry Ward Beecher thinks that Bishop Cummins is labouring under a strong delusion. trust," says the Christian Union, "that in his altered position the Bishop will find relief of conscience and room for usefulness; but we fear that the Episcopal Church will be neither more peaceful nor more evangelical for his departure, and that his particular. Church of the future' is a chimera.

LITERATURE.

NOVA SCOTIA, IN ITS HISTORICAL, MERCANTILE, AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, by DUNCAN CAMP-BELL, of Halifax, N.S. John Lovell, Montreal, pp. 548-We congratulate the author on the completion of his magnum opus, which, while it does credit to his head and heart, shows a thorough appreciation of his subject and a judicious treatment of it. From the authentic narratives of Haliburton and Murdoch, the author has succeeded in the somewhat difficult task of giving a comprehensive and at the same time a condensed and interesting account of the early history of the Colony, Its subsequent progress is minutely traced down to the year 1867, when, though "convinced against its w'll," it became an integral part of the Dominion of Canada. The negotiations that preceded this eventful consummation, and the protests and appeals for " better terms" that followed, are set forth at large, in a way that will make the book a standard work of reference for future historians. pages are pleasantly enlivened with biographical sketches and anecdotes, though in a few instances we could have wished for the sake of continuity that the change of subject had been less abrupt. We are glad to make the acquaintance in those pages of men whose names deserve to go down to posterity, such as John Young, the father of Sir John, the present accomplished Chief Justice of the Province—who, under the soubriquet of "Agricola," and with the ability of a Junius, first roused the attention of the country to the importance of its agricultural interests and the best means of advancing them, and it is pleasant to be reminded of those whose names are more familiar, such as Judge Haliburton (Sam Slick), old Samuel Archibald, of Truro, matter of gen, ral regret. We refer to the with- Joseph Howe, and a number of others. The drawal from its episcopate and membership of concluding chapters, though unavoidably crowd-Right Rev. Dr. Cummins, hitherto Assist- ed into small type, are, perhaps, the most ant Bishop of Kentucky. Amongst the reasons valuable part of the whole work, comprising as assigned, we find Bishop Cummin: stating that they do a vast amount of information respecting

without much painstaking research. We should have liked a chapter exclusively devoted to the ecclesiastical history of the Province, the materials for which will never be so easily obtained as now, but we must be content with the individual notices scattered through the book. trust Mr. Campbell's patriotic labours will meet. with a hearty reception at the hands of the public.

EDUCATION AND LIFE: An Address delivered at the opening of the 32nd session of Queen's College at Kingston, by John Watson, M.A., Professor of Logic and Ethics. This thoughtful and scholarly essay has for its theme a subject of wide application and ever increasing interest, namely, the value of a liberal education to every citizen. Arguing from the broad assumption that "the prosperity of every country is of miracles, tongues, &c., but is strongly measurable by the collective wisdom of its people," it is conclusively shown that the advances of modern civilization are the result of applied scientific knowledge, and that its further about £30,000, and looks like a Roman progress demand; a more general diffusion of Catholic cathedral. Professor Watson combats the prelearning. valent idea that only professional men have need for a classical education, and claims that an exclusively technical training does not meet the wants of the age. "As a matter of fact," he says, "this is inevitably hostile to wide and liberal views. What is needed is an education other than practical life supplies, which, by raising the mind above purely personal or class interests, and by fixing it upon more impersonal subjects, will generate a love of all that is fitted to elevate mankind and hasten on the progress of humanity." The Professor sees no immediate prospect of that intellectual millenium when all classes of the community shall participate in the benefits of a liberal as well as a technical education, but he gives excellent reasons for believing that we should keep that ideal always before us. We greatly err in supposing that the standard of education that seemed sufficient for last century is adequate to meet the intellectual requirements of this, and it is simply absurd to decry learning for the reason that some men have got on tolerably well in the world who could not write their own names. This lecture is calculated to do much good, and we hope that it will be extensively circulated.

A new Star has appeared in the western horizon, the Queen's College Journal. It is not intended for the enlightenment of them asses (printer's error for the masses) who know nothing about problems and theorems, and conic sections, and objective and subjective certainties, but for the mutual comfort and edification of those who have together crossed the "pons assinorum." We trust it will not be like the November meteors, which dazzle and disappear, but rather like the morning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The second number is better read than the first, and therefore reads better.

LITERATURE AND DOGMA; An Inaugural Lecture, by the Rev William McLaren, on the oc-

the industrial and mineral resources of the casion of his induction as Professor of Systematic Province which could not have been collected Theology in Knox College, Toronto. This is a Theology in Knox College, Toronto. very able essay, and deals out most formidable blows to Matthew Arnold and other disciples of the modern school of culture, with their nebulous assumptions and indefinite subtle scepticismmere bags of wind are these would-be leaders of We thought in Professor McLaren's hands.

> There are now some thirty churches of Irvingites in England, some fifty in Germany, one in Paris, six in Scotland and two in Ireland. Not a few wealthy English families belong to the communion. The Duke of Northumberland adheres to It not only holds to the continuance inclined to ritualism. Its principal church in London is in Gordon Square, and cost

Poetry.

NOT KNOWING.

I k now not what will befall; God hangs a mist over my eyes,

And before each step of my onward path, He makes new scenes to rise.

And every joy He sends me, comes as a new and glad surprise.

I see not a step before me as I tread the days of the year;

But the past is still in God's keeping; the future His mercy will clear;

And what looks dark in the distance, may brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future has less bitter tban I think.

The Lord will sweeten the waters before I stoop to drink ;

Or if Marah must be Marah, He will stand beside the brink.

It may be, He has waiting for the coming of my feet

Some gift of such rare blessedness, some joy so strangely sweet,

That my lips can only tremble with the thanks I cannot speak.

O, 'restful, blissful, ignorance,' 'Tis better not to know,

It keeps me quiet in these arms that will not let me go,

And hushes my soul to rest on the bosom that loves me so!

So I go on not knowing! I would not if I might! | I would rather walk with God in the dark than

go alone in the light! I'd rather walk with Him by faith, than walk alone by sight!

My heart shrinks back from trials which the future may disclose,

Yet I never had a sorrow but what the dear Lord chose,

So I send the coming tears back, with the whispered words, He Knows.

NOT EXOUGH OF CHRIST IN THE SERMON.

A minister in one of our large cities had prepared and preached, as he supposed, a most convincing sermon for the special benefit of an influential member of his congregation, who was well known to be of an infidel turn of mind.

The sinner listened unmoved to the wellturned sentences and the earnest appeals; his heart was unaffected. On his return from church he saw a tear trembling in the eye of his little daughter, whom he tenderly loved, and he enquired the cause. The child informed him that she was thinking of what her Sabbath school teacher had told her of Jesus Christ.

"And what did she tell you of Jesus

Christ, my child?"

"Why, she said he came down from heaven and died for poor me!" and in a moment the tears gushed from eyes which had looked upon the beauties of only seven summers, as in the simplicity of childhood she added, "Father, should I not love One who has so loved me?"

The proud heart of the infidel was touched. What the eloquent plea of his minister would not accomplish, the tender sentence of his child had done, and he retired to give vent to his own feelings in a silent but patient prayer. That evening found him at the praying circle, where, with brokenness of spirit, he asked the prayers of God's people. When he came to relate his Christian experience, he gave this incident, and closed the narration by saying, "Under God I owe my conversion to a little child, who first convinced me by her artless simplicity that I ought to love One who has so loved me."

The minister, on returning from this meeting, took his sermon and read it over carefully, and said to his family and tohimself: "There is not enough of Jesus Christ in this discourse." — Christian Treasury.

THE LORDS SUPPER.

How simple, how impressive, was the way In which the Master Jesus, summing up The Paschal service, made the bread and cup Show forth the dawning of a better day. That bread and wine will ever more convey To those who sit with him in humble faith The memory of His sacrificial death, The glory of His table far away. Let not the craft of any priest obscure The ordinance which Christ hath made so plain; The presence of the risen Lord was sure When they beheld him breaking bread again: Not His own body, which had seen the grave, But simple bread and wine was what He gave.

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