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NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Now is the time to subscribe for the PRESBYTERIAN. We shall mail to all who now send in \$2 a copy of the PRESBYTERIAN from this time to the end of 1874.

THE PROGRESS OF CHURCH BUILDING IN ENGLAND.

At a late meeting in England on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a church, the Hon. H. Childers stated he had ascertained that at the beginning of the century only three churches were built throughout all the bounds of the Church of England every year.

NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES.

From all accounts the late New Year's Festivities have passed off very quietly and with far less drunkenness than usual. The public mind and conscience are being slowly but surely educated in reference to the absurd and erroneous drinking customs of the day.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

The General Election for the Dominion comes on in the course of a few weeks. It is to be hoped that both parties will remember what they have said in condemnation of all kinds of electoral corruption and act accordingly.

bribery, treating, and intimidation at elections as they would look upon petty larceny or getting money under false pretences, and a great advancement will have been made to the desired result.

PULPIT PLAGIARISM.

We are not aware that pulpit plagiarism is very common in Canada. We have no doubt, however, that there is more or less of it, and that sometimes it is very barefaced. Perhaps those professed hamlets in the way of "Skeletons," "Sketches," and so forth tend greatly toward the habit being formed and afterwards to its becoming second nature.

See Simpson's sermon on "Quot Beecher on..."

We do not pretend that this is exact, but it does not overstate the patch-work character of the sermon as it was preached in our hearing, for the most part giving no credit to the men mentioned in the text.

He arrests growth. Nothing sooner stays mental development than the habit of dependence upon others for the form of presenting truth. This is seen in the quick growth and early stop of "sketch" preachers. These miserable compilations, "British Sketches," "Pulpit Assistant," "The Homilist," &c., &c., have dwarfed many a young man of great promise.

Consider the danger of detection. It is ever present. Enemies are about; captious critics are ready to make their mocking exposure; and conscientious friends are there, who will not consent to be party to deception.

THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND TEMPERANCE. By a resolution passed at the last general assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church it was agreed that an annual sermon be preached, by all the ministers of the body, on the subject of Temperance.

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We earnestly call upon the members of our Church to give their attention to this matter. The expenditure upon these drinks is enormous. According to Mr. Hoyle it was during the year 1872 for the United Kingdom £181,601,490, or an average per head for England and Wales of £4 10s. 5d., and for Ireland £2 3s. 2d.

Such an appeal is surely appropriate to the members of Canadian Presbyterian Churches as well as to Irish.

We urge our subscribers to renew promptly. Comparatively few have done so yet.

The names of new subscribers are coming in pretty freely; but we fear our figure—THREE THOUSAND—will not be reached this month.

Says the Cornwall Gazette:—

We are glad to be able to report that the Bazaar, in aid of the Manse Fund of the C. P. Church in this town, eventuated in a success—about \$450 having been obtained towards that object.

Ministers and Churches.

On New Year's Eve, the members of Chalmers Church Choir, Guelph, presented Mr. H. K. Maitland with a valuable gold watch as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his labors as their leader.

A very successful soiree was held in St. Andrew's Church, Winterbourne, on the 25th December. The church was crowded to excess. Addresses were delivered by J. Bowman, Esq., M.P., the Rev. Messrs. Cookman, Berlin, Mullen, Ferguson, and J. B. Muir, of Galt.

The Rev. Wm. Lochhead, minister of the C. P. Church, Perth, Falls, was "surprised" last week by a visit from a number of his congregation, who presented him with a cutter and other articles to the value of \$90.

A lecture was delivered in Knox Church, Scarborough, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, on Friday, January, 2nd, by Prof. McLaren, of Toronto. Subject, "Man and his dwelling place."

Lately a number of the members of Knox Church, Perth, called upon their pastor, Rev. G. Munro, M.A., and presented that gentleman and his partner in life with a number of valuable and useful articles, including two robes (wolf and buffalo), a costly set of furs and a handsome cutter, amounting in the aggregate to \$100.

The Hamilton Times says:—G. W. Jones, the patent agent who perpetrated the miserable confidence hoax on the Rev. William Johnson, has turned up. He wants Mr. Johnson not to prosecute.

A large and interesting assemblage of the members and friends of the congregation of North Brant met on Christmas Eve in the new church, to signalize in a social and kindly way the recent opening.

At the close of the Festival held in Ayr on Christmas day, the congregation of Knox Church testified tangibly their esteem for their pastor by presenting him with a complete winter conveyance—horse, cutter, harness, robes, blankets, etc.,—in short, everything requisite to complete the rig.

The Orangeville Advertiser says:—We take the following notice of the Rev. A. Carriek, who was lately ordained pastor of the Canada Presbyterian Church here from the Glasgow Daily Mail:—The friends of Mr. Carriek in and about Glasgow will be glad to learn that about the middle of last month he was ordained as pastor over a promising congregation in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

We understand that at the opening of the new Presbyterian Church in the village of Clayton, last Lord's day, was a decided success. The Rev. Mr. Stuart, of Pakenham, conducted the morning and evening services. A soiree was held on Monday evening, at which very interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Bennet, Raney, and Stewart.

The first anniversary of the opening of the Presbyterian Church, Cookstown, was celebrated by sermons on Saturday, 28th December, and a soiree and social on New Year's day. The sermons on Sabbath were preached, in the morning, by Dr. J. Bruce Fraser, of Toronto, and in the evening by the Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M.A., the pastor of the church.

The opening services in connection with Rev. A. McFaul's new church, Charleston during the past week were of a very interesting character. The soiree held on New Year's was a great success. Both church and basement were crowded with a very respectable assembly.

The congregation at Chacleton, in connection with the C. P. Church, opened their new church for Divine worship on Sabbath the 28th ult. The dedicatory services were conducted by the Rev. A. Topp, D.D., in the morning and evening, and in the afternoon by the Rev. Prof. McLaren, of Knox College.

Mr. Jenkins, the author of "Gius' Baby," is almost ready with his story of West-Indian life, "Inchnee and Dillo."

West End Mission Sabbath School, Hamilton.

A soiree was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., in connexion with the formal opening of this school. The attendance was so large that many seats had to be improvised...

Enquiry anent the Union.

DEAR SIR,—I have to confess, perhaps to the shame of it, that I have not been in the habit of praising the very voluminous correspondence upon Union, that has, for so long a time back, so largely filled the columns of the PRESBYTERIAN.

I confess to being not a little startled when I found it to convey what the proverbial Irishman would call "a broad hint" of "disruption," if the expression of the "Headship" does not find a place in the Basis of Union.

This, I repeat, is how things appear to me. That they appear to you differently is of course manifest from the mere word "disruption." Nothing but the last peril of principle would, I have no doubt, prevail upon you even to whisper a word fraught with consequences so serious to the body of Christ.

Yours truly, JOHN McALPINE.

Widdow, Jan., 1874.

Book Notices.

An exchange writes our sentiments as follows:—"The January Aline comes to us with eleven fine illustrations and a pleasant table of literary contents, showing no abatement in the pictorial and typographical attractiveness of this excellent journal of art.

On Tuesday, the 20th ult., a deputation from the congregation of St. Louis de Gonzague and Valleyfield, with representations from the Bible Classes at both these places, waited on their pastor, the Rev. Alexander Young, and presented him with a horse, a set of silver-mounted harness, a sleigh, buffalo robes, and whip.

Presentation.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. Sir,—As you have been giving publicity through your columns of late to a good many presentations on the part of congregations to their pastors and their wives, allow me to ask you for a small space for the notice of one of which I had the pleasure of being an eye witness, on the evening before Christmas.

Opposition to Union a Practical Violation of Christ's Perogative as King.

Editor BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. Sir,—The controversy upon the Union question is engaging the attention of not a few, although I am persuaded that the majority of those who are satisfied as regards the ultimate results are not such as rush easily into point.

I must confess to a liking to the right loyaling of the so in opposition to Union in its present form. I feel persuaded of their earnestness, as I am satisfied of their integrity and disinterestedness, as well as their determination to assert and maintain in the face of all consequences that might accrue to themselves, the doctrines of the Headship of Christ and His right to be recognised as King of nations.

or recalcitrant stroke wounding the very point at issue.

We will not ask the question, as often put, who among us denies the doctrine in question, or who says that Christ is not King of nations, as well as King of saints? But it is replied, that certain parties, while making such assertions in words, are in their deeds denying them,—that the denunciations of said parties are not to be read in the sense of affirmations made under the light of the present day, but in the light of the day in which they were drawn up.

Everywhere we find the Lord in His word, and by His providence asserting and declaring His right to be Lord over all, but where do we find, even by implication, that same Lord insisting upon our declaration of His right to that title? He demands a loyal obedience to His authority and rule; but is not His part as King, rather than ours as subjects, or even officers, to take His prerogative out of His own hand, and declare for Him what we believe, as a true and veritable King He is able to do for Himself?

Moreover, let us observe further that the case before us is not the case of two hostile armies in battle array, who utter each over against the other, their respective battle cry. But it is the case of two sections of the same great army, seeking to unite their forces in one great whole.

But, further, there is another thought that strikes me, that while the Lord has no where other than as above indicated, insisted upon any declaration on our part, or action other than to obey for the time the duty which the present moment demands, He has made one request, the most tender, and of the deepest possible concern to the Lord Himself, and to His Church, both through Him, and for their own sake, and that of the world, and which we are by such a line of conduct standing in the way of.

flon, do brethren, aliko loving the same blessed Lord, not discern the difference between a doctrine that lies within the range of our action and duty, and another that is plainly a matter in the Lord's keeping.

I shall not, Mr. Editor, elaborate more. Yours, &c., ROBERT SCOTT.

MANITOBA.

MEMBERS FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. PREPARATIONS are being made for observing the week of prayer.

ELDERS have lately been elected in the Portage group of stations.

BURNSIDE, a new settlement, has lately decided to build a church.

HEADINGS lately presented Rev. S. Donaldson with a purse containing over \$43, on transference to Springfield and Sunnyside, a new group of stations.

DR. CHAM, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, arrived in Winnipeg on the 15th inst.

OUR strongest rural congregations will be much hampered this year, on account of the total failure of the crops, resulting from the visitation of the grasshoppers.

WINNIPEG LADIES' School is doing an excellent work in the Church. The new Lady Principal is doing her work admirably. The school is gaining in members, in influence and in efficiency every day.

KNOX CHURCH, Winnipeg, has just completed its third addition in less than two years. The present addition has cost \$500. Three elders were ordained in this congregation a fortnight ago.

PALESTINE region, containing 100 Presbyterians, is unsupplied, and the Presbytery can do nothing for them on account of the scarcity of laborers. A house is built in which a minister may reside.

THE settlers of Sunnyside, a new station begun since the General Assembly, agreed a week ago to erect a Presbyterian Church. They decided on a "concrete" building, as they have plenty of gravel in the vicinity.

KNOX CHURCH, Winnipeg, adopted the Basis of Union *simpliciter*, and the Resolutions, except the last, in which they propose to substitute "Presbyterian Church of Canada," in place of "Presbyterian Church of British North America."

THE initial meeting for the organization of the Manitoba Branch Bible Society was held on Dec. 2nd, in Knox Church, Winnipeg. The meeting was a large one. All the Protestants of the county were represented. The collection was \$45, and the number of members enrolled 77.

MANITOBA COLLEGE Written Examinations for Fall Term closed this week. The number of students on the Roll has reached nearly 80 this Session. The organization of the College is now complete, and the present is by far the most successful session in its three years' existence.

Presbytery of Chatham.

This Presbytery met in Adelaide Street Church, Chatham, on Tuesday 29th Dec., 1873. There was a fair attendance of members. Mr. J. Gray, of Windsor, was elected Moderator for the ensuing six months. Arrangements were made to bring the Buxton congregation, if possible, up to the minimum required by the Assembly's new regulations, for supplemented charges.

Further action was taken about the failure of the Detroit congregation to contribute to the Church's schemes during the past two years. The congregation of Wallaceburg was separated from Dover and united to Dresden. The Presbytery Fund for 1874 was allocated among the congregations within the bounds. Mr. Chiniquy was heard at length explanatory of a matter affecting himself, the full consideration of which was delayed till next regular meeting of Presbytery.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS IN JANUARY, 1874. Deputation I.—Rovs. Messrs. Walker, Waddell, Warden, McLaughlan, Milligan, and Gray.—Detroit, Monday 19th, Milligan, McLaughlan, Gray; Wellington St., Monday 19th, Waddell, Warden, Walker; Dover, Tuesday 20th, Waddell, Warden, Walker; Amherstburg, Wednesday 21st, Warden, Gray; Windsor, Thursday 22nd, Warden, Gray, Milligan; St. Anne's, Friday, 23rd, Warden; Chicao, Monday 26th, Warden; Elmira; Monday, 26th, Minister supplying.

Deputation II.—McCull, King, Forrest, McLaughlan, and Becket.—Caledonia, Monday, 19th, McCull, King, Forrest; Adelaide St., Tuesday, 20th, McCull, King, Forrest, and McLaughlan; Thameville, Wednesday, 21st, King, McLaughlan, Becket; Bthany, Thursday, 22nd, King, McLaughlan, Becket; Toronto, Friday, 23rd, King, McLaughlan, Becket.

Deputation III. King, McLaughlan, and Warden.—Dawn, Monday, 20th, King, McLaughlan; Florence, Tuesday, 27th, King, McLaughlan; Sutherland's Corners, Wednesday, 28th, King, McLaughlan, Warden; Bothwell, Thursday, 29th, King, McLaughlan, Warden.

Exchanges, on Sabbath 25th, Warden, Chicago; McLaughlan, Bothwell; King, Dresden.

IN FEBRUARY, 1874.

Deputation I.—Rovs. Messrs. Gray and Smith.—Dresden, Monday, 23rd, Gray, Smith, Sombra Village, Tuesday, 24th, Gray, Smith, Black Creek, Wednesday, 25th, Gray, Smith; Red's Settlement, Thursday, 26th, Gray, Smith; Wallaceburg, Friday, 27th, Gray, Smith.

Deputation II.—Becket, Milligan, King, and Forrest.—Buxton, Monday, 23rd, Becket, Milligan, King; Tilbury E., Tuesday, 24th, Becket, Milligan, King, Forrest; Tilbury W., Wed., 25th, Becket, Milligan, King, Forrest; Mersea, Thursday, 26th, Becket, Milligan, King, Forrest; Maudstone, Friday, 27th, Becket, Milligan, King, Forrest.

Deputation III.—McCull, Waddell, and Currie.—Blenheim, Monday, 23rd, McCull, Waddell, Currie; Haggart's, Tuesday, 24th, McCull, Waddell, Currie; Ridge, Wednesday, 25th, McCull, Waddell, Currie; Duart, Thursday, 26th, McCull, Waddell, Currie; Ridgetown, Friday, 27th, McCull, Waddell, Currie.

Exchanges, Sabbath, 29th, Becket, Windsor; Gray, Thameville; Currie, Blenheim; Waddell, Ridgetown.

All missionary meetings to commence at 7 o'clock, unless otherwise arranged by deputations.

MARRIED.

On Tues. 4th ult. at the residence of Mr. Bro. Bunge, Hamilton, by the Rev. William McKay, B. A., Mr. John Johnson, of Cambouford, to Miss Mary Robertson, of Baltimore.

At Uxbridge, on New Year's Day, by the Rev. James Douglas, of Cobourg, assisted by the Rev. P. Pattison, M. A., of Windsor, Elizabeth, third daughter of Joseph Gould, Esq., to Rev. E. Cockburn, M. A. of Uxbridge.

DIED.

In the township of Wawanosh, County of Huron on the 30th December, after a brief illness, Mr. James Ratcliff formerly of the township of Whittby aged 55 years.

New Advertisements.

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OUR CANVASS.

The Rev. Mr. Milne, in resigning his position as General Agent for this Journal says: "My idea is that the circulation could be greatly increased..."

In view of Mr. Milne's experience, would it not be well for our ministers to aid us in securing for the PRESBYTERIAN a more extended circulation...

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KINGSTON.—Adjourned meeting in Napanos on 2nd December, at 7 p.m. Next meeting in Belleville, on second Tuesday of April, 1874, at 7 p.m.
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