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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters and articles intended for the next issue should be in the hands of the Editor not later than Tuesday morning.

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THE PREMIUM PHOTOGRAPH.

We have not yet exhausted the stock of photographs on hand, and shall continue sending them out in the order in which we receive subscriptions until further notice.

HOME MISSIONS.

We would carefully call the attention of our readers to the letter of Dr. Coolbrant regarding the present state of the Home Mission Fund.

FUNERAL AND MOURNING CUSTOMS.

We are glad to see that the extravagances and absurdities of the funeral and mourning customs of the country are at length having attention drawn to them.

A most serious aspect of all this, also, is the expense connected with it to the living. It would not be so much if this extravagance of woe fell only upon those who can afford it, although even then it would be reprehensible.

To effect a reform in this matter, let the rich set an example of simplicity, let the ministers inculcate true ideas upon the subject, and especially let them firmly set their face against, and utterly refuse to lend themselves to bestowing of gloves, trimming of hats, wearing of costly mournings, decorating with sashes, and all such senseless paraphernalia of sorrow that have no connection whatever with the reality.

THE 'CANADIAN INDEPENDENT' AND THE BROOKLYN COUNCIL.

We are pleased to observe that our strictures upon the Brooklyn Advisory Council have had the desired effect upon our esteemed cotemporary the Canadian Independent.

What we did say was to this purpose. Had the Beecher case occurred in the Presbyterian Church, it would have been settled long ago, and simply because of its well known method of discipline.

bytery would have done, or at least attempted. As a contrast to this we remarked that under the Congregational system, this scandal was left to itself, it was allowed to grow as it listed; there was not an ecclesiastical voice raised, if possible, to stop it ere it reached its present form.

Our cotemporary shows the most charming innocence when he interprets our words that a sentence would have been reached long ago, as meaning that Mr. Beecher would have been convicted long ago.

We have an unbounded admiration for the Congregational denomination. The Presbyterian Church has benefited largely by her influence and example.

ENGLISH PARISH CHURCHYARDS.

We lately noticed in this paper the coercion brought to bear upon Conservative members of the Imperial Parliament, to vote against the bill to allow dissenters to be buried in the parish churchyards without also having the service of the State Church performed at the grave.

"That the parish churchyards of England and Wales having been by the common law of England appropriated to the use of the entire body of the parishioners, it is just and right, while making proper provision for the maintenance of order and decency, to permit interments in such churchyards either without any burial services, or with burial services other than those of the Church of England, and performed by persons other than the ministers of that Church."

To unsophisticated people born or brought up on this side of the Atlantic, it will appear strange and in the highest degree intolerable, that any Church should claim and insist upon the sole right of burying in the churchyards, which are national property, persons who not only never belonged to her communion, but to whom and to whose friends her whole practice and even doctrine may be most repulsive.

for the Church to conciliate the affections of the people, to preserve a hateful monopoly, and perpetuate her existence. It speaks volumes for the law-abiding character and forbearance of the English people that they have not taken the law into their own hand in this matter, and deeded a moribund Church.

This question excited the liveliest interest throughout the Kingdom and in the House of Commons. On the evening it was debated and at the division, there were 527 members present.

The doctrine of the divine right of kings, in England at least, is now happily forever exploded. There has been found, however, one bishop to proclaim a doctrine of divine right even more offensive, the doctrine of the divine right of the Church of England as established by law under Henry VIII., her founder and head, to the parish churchyards of England, and to withhold justice from them to whom it is due.

"The Bishops and clergy and parish priests of England are not the owners of the churchyards. They are only the trustees of them under God, who is their proprietor, and they cannot, without breach of trust, and without being guilty of a heinous offence in His sight, take away from God a single foot of a churchyard for the purpose of giving a share in it for public funeral services to persons who read asunder His Church by schism, which is condemned by Him in His holy Word as a deadly sin.

The Bishop of Lincoln must be a most worthy son of the Church. We hope he will continue to fight out the battles of this privileged fraternity on this line. A few more bishops like him and a few more letters like this, with the help of those schismatical dissenters, and the speedy destruction of one more of the outworks of the establishment will be complete, only to advance to another, and another, until the citadel itself shall be stormed and taken.

We have to thank the efficient Treasurer of Chalmer's Church, Kingston, for the annual report for the past year. Pews are not rented in this church. The requisite funds are raised by the envelope system.

We have on our desk the annual reports of a number of congregations. They will all be noticed in due time. The report of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., pastor, gives evidence of continued prosperity.

KNOX COLLEGE.

CLOSE OF SESSION.

On Wednesday of last week, notwithstanding the exceedingly disagreeable state of the weather, the spacious Convocation Hall of the new College was filled by a select audience to listen to the closing lectures. The Rev. Principal Caven was accompanied to the platform by Principal Snodgrass of Queen's College, Kingston; Professors Gregg and McLaren, Dr. Topp and Prondfoot, Rev. J. M. King, M.A., Rev. J. G. Robb, B.A., and Rev. T. Warrope of Guelph.

The report submitted to the Senate, which was glanced at by Principal Caven, contained the particulars of interest, that during the session just closed there were seventy-two resident students in the college, which was greater than the average number of any previous year, and had filled up the space which it was thought would not be required for a long time to come.

Principal Caven read the following names of the winners of scholarship and prizes in the theological department.

FIRST YEAR.

- Bayne Scholarship—\$50, for proficiency in Hebrew at entrance examination; F. R. Beattie, B.A. Gillies—\$40, for systematic theology; closing examination; D. C. Mackenzie. Goldie—\$40, for exegetics; closing examination; T. Colter. Dunbar—\$40, for apologetics; closing examination; John Johnson. Gillies—\$40, for church history; closing examination; John Wilkie, B.A. Heron—\$40, for Biblical criticism; closing examination; Joseph McCoy, B.A. Hamilton Barsary—\$30, for best average examination; Alex. Leslie, B.A. Heron—Biblical history \$40; closing examination; J. B. Hamilton, M.A.

SECOND YEAR.

- Alexander scholarship—\$50, for general proficiency; R. P. McKay, B.A. Bonar—\$40, for church history, Robert Fowle. Loghrin—\$50, systematic theology, Alex. Nicol. Alexander—\$50, for exegetics, F. Ballantyne, B.A. Esann—Biblical history, John Geddes and H. McKay.

THIRD YEAR.

- Fisher scholarship—\$50, systematic theology, Colin Fletcher, M.A. Fisher—\$50, exegetics, A. M. Hamilton, M.A. Central Ch.—General proficiency, Walter Amos. Esann—\$50 Biblical Ch. History, Stuart Achieson.

SECOND AND THIRD YEARS.

- Boyd scholarship—\$40, for homiletics, A. C. Moron. Smith—\$50, "Essay on the Love of God as manifested in redemption." Alex. Henderson.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD YEARS.

- Clark prize—"Lang's Commentary," M. A. Wilson, M.A. Galbraith prize—(Lang's Com.) Walter Amos.

Scholarship of \$40—Proficiency in Gaelic language, A. F. McKenzie.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

- Governor-General's Silver Medal—For best examination in classics for third year, W. K. McCulloch. Governor-General's Bronze Medal—best examination in classics, second year, James Russ.

Ladies' Foreign Mission.

The following has been handed us for publication by the Secretary, Mrs. T. Ewart:

At a meeting of ladies held in Toronto on 17th Feb., and called at the request of the Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That at this meeting cordially approving of the propriety of forming a Woman's Foreign Mission Society, resolve to do so, and appoint the following Committee to draft a Constitution and by-laws, and to report at an adjourned meeting, to be held at the call of the said Committee; also, to suggest names for a Committee for the Society."

The Committee then appointed met, and took these several matters into consideration, and finally agreed on a Constitution, By-Laws and Committee, all of which were adopted at a subsequent general meeting, held on the 21st ult. The following is the result:

- President: Mrs. W. McLaren.—Vice-Presidents: Mrs. McMurrich, Mrs. W. Gregg, Mrs. W. Reid, Miss Haight.—Recording Secretary: Mrs. Tho. Ewart.—Foreign Secretary: Mrs. Harvie.—Home Secretary: Miss Topp.—Treasurer: Mrs. J. M. King.—Committee: Mrs. Topp, Mrs. D. J. Macdonnell, Mrs. J. G. Robb, Mrs. Mortimer Clarke, Mrs. Frank Stewart, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. John McCracken, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Hugh Miller, Mrs. McMurphy, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Duncan Clark, Mrs. Fenton, Mrs. R. Wallace, Mrs. John Patterson, Mrs. J. M. Cameron, Mrs. Wm. Alexander, Mrs. R. D. Fraser, Mrs. Mathews, Miss Isabella Brown, Miss Jennings, Miss Alexander.

