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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE following are unavoidably held over this week. A letter from Rev. J. Hastie, Lindsay, the late Rev. John Paterson, Revision of the New Testament, and several items of Ministers and Churches.

A SUCCESSFUL entertainment was held on New Year's night by the Molesworth Sabbath School, realizing \$28 after clearing all expenses. The proceeds will be applied to the library of the school.

THE relation between temperance and wise political economy is illustrated in the fact that in Greeley, Colorado, where no liquor is allowed, there is no police force in a population of 3,000, and in two years only \$7 were called for out of the poor fund.

A SUBSCRIBER to the PRESBYTERIAN, who was compelled by the "hard times" to leave Canada for the United States, in renewing his subscription for 1879, writes as follows: "I would not willingly do without the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN. I never see its clear, honest looking face without feeling happier; nor do I ever read its calm sensible editorials and carefully selected clippings but to be wiser and I trust better." We hope our too partial friend may find himself in comfortable circumstances in the large city where his lot is now cast.

THE New Presbyterian Church, Norwood, was dedicated to divine worship on Sabbath last. The opening service was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. T. F. Forthingham, the sermon being preached by the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto. There was service again in the afternoon, when the Rev. A. Bell, of Peterboro', officiated. At the evening service the pulpit was again ably filled by the Rev. Mr. Macdonnell. There were about 700 hundred people present at each service. The collections were large. The church is a handsome structure of white brick and is an ornament to the village.

A LONDON paper gives an interesting statement of the important work accomplished by Mr. Spurgeon's church in various directions. The Pastors' College has trained and sent forth upwards of 400 young men, many of whom occupy positions of prominence in the Baptist churches. In addition to the 100 students now in the college, nearly 300 young men receive free instruction in the evening classes, and about 2,000 children are taught in the Sunday and other schools. Eighty colporteurs are employed in circulating religious literature; the Almshouses furnish a home to 17

aged women, and the Stockwell Orphanage cares for about 250 fatherless boys.

THE "United Presbyterian," of Pittsburg, Pa., comes to us in a new and becoming dress, as well as in an improved form. It is now folded into sixteen pages, stitched and trimmed, making our contemporary one of the neatest, as it has always been one of the best conducted journals on our list of exchanges. The N.Y. "Christian Intelligencer" recently entered on its fiftieth year. Like the "Christian Guardian" of this city, the "Intelligencer" exhibits no signs of old age, but promises to be as vigorous and as useful during the next half century upon which it has entered as it was in the earlier years of its existence.

THE London "Record," in announcing the death of the Princess Alice, says, "We are enabled to state, on the authority of those who had the opportunity of conversing with the Princess very recently, that whatever temptation might in former years have beguiled Her Royal Highness to admire the writings of Strauss, the author of the infidel 'Life of Christ,' a complete change had passed over her mind. At first that terrible calamity, which deprived her of her little son seemed to have produced only 'the sorrow of the world that worketh death,' but gradually it became, by God's mercy, the means of leading her to think, so that she finally came to seek and find peace in a firm faith in Jesus Christ, revealed in the Scriptures of truth as the only Saviour for sinners."

PRESIDING over a meeting of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, held at Wimborne, the Earl of Shaftesbury referred to the number of persons who by Ritualistic teaching had become perverts to Rome. He did not care so much for them as for those who remained behind. He believed that neither the present nor any future House of Commons would pass any measure to enforce ecclesiastical authority. They might, however, rely upon it that there was a great movement in the country, even among the Conservatives, to get rid of the Establishment altogether, and allow the different parties in the Church to settle their feuds amongst themselves. The teaching disseminated from the Church of England pulpits was far from Protestant.

THE proprietor of a theatre in Philadelphia advertised a "full dress rehearsal" for Sabbath, December 22nd, and accordingly, on that day gave a performance of some sort to a crowd composed of the lowest classes of the inhabitants, plentifully supplying the visitors with liquor at the bar, and creating a scene of gross disorder. The next day, the Mayor, who does not seem to be one of the "invertebrate," had the proprietor of the theatre arrested and bound over to answer to the charges of "keeping a disorderly house, giving a public performance on Sunday, and selling liquor on Sunday." He was released on bail, which has since been forfeited by his non-appearance at court. It is understood that the Mayor's prompt action will be quite sufficient to relieve Philadelphia of this particular sort of Sabbath desecration.

MR. C. J. BRYDGES, in addressing an Anglican missionary meeting in Montreal recently, said: he didn't know how it was that the Church of England was the least liberal of all the Christian churches. There was one Presbyterian congregation in this city—that of Erskine Church, with an attendance of about

900 all told, including babies in arms—which in addition to paying its minister handsomely and all other claims against it, raised \$3,500 last year for missionary purposes, or nearly as much as the three wealthiest Anglican Church congregations in this city—those of Christ Church Cathedral, St. James the Apostle and St. George's—which would aggregate about three thousand souls.

THE following subscriptions to the Students' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal are thankfully acknowledged. Gillies Hill, per J. A. Anderson, \$4.25; Salem Church, Elderslie, per J. A. Anderson, \$10.65; Enniskillen & Riversdale, per J. F. McLaren, \$9.00; J. T. Donald, \$5.88; Ladies of Valcartier, per R. Hyde \$11.00; East Hawkesbury, per J. Matheson, \$6.75; Ottawa, per W. H. Geddes, \$4.50; D. McLean Kintyre, \$2.00; Cantley & Portland, per A. Anderson, \$8.50; Farnham Centre, per V. Knechtel, \$9.00; Massawippi & Richby, per M. H. Scott, \$15.00; M. D. M. Blakey, \$5.00; Chas. McLean, \$5.00; Rev. J. Fleck, \$5.00; Rev. R. D. Frazer, \$2.00; Jas. Bennett, \$5.00; Rev. D. H. McLennan, \$5.00; W. H. Geddes, \$8.00; Rev. J. Wellwood, \$2.00; J. W. Penman, \$4.00; P. R. Ross, \$3.00.—G. D. BAYNE, Treasurer.

ONE reason for the apparent indifference of Russia to the progress of the British arms in Afghanistan may be that the Czar has not yet done with Turkey, and does not wish to place himself under the necessity of contending with England at two widely-distant points at the same time. Another reason may be that he has his hands full enough in quieting the internal disorders of his own empire. The late extensive political outbreak among the students of the Russian Universities was but a slight eruption of the pent up fires which have long slumbered under the political strata of that empire, and which, though under another name, are only one form of that socialistic spirit which threatens to wrap the whole European continent in the flames of anarchy. It is believed by many observers of European politics that the sudden patching up of the Treaty of Berlin was owing to the danger arising from the prevalence of this spirit in most of the countries represented by the high contracting powers.

THE fourth session of the Ontario Legislative Assembly was opened by the Lieutenant Governor on Thursday, 9th inst. The speech does not present a very heavy outline of work, but doubtless other measures will crop up as the session proceeds. The questions of the Ontario boundary, and of the division of the public debts and assets, have been settled during the recess. These were matters of great importance to the Province, and they have been decided in favour of the contention of the Ontario Government. Reference is made to the commercial depression; to the growing trade with Europe in live stock and dairy products; to the appointment of the Governor-General; and to the successful Exhibit of Ontario at the Paris Exhibition, which has already increased some exportations. Attention is called to the subjects of municipal assessment, local exemptions, and sanitary laws. Measures will be introduced to improve the proceedings at election trials and the adjustment of the voters' lists; to extend the right of voting for school trustees; to simplify the laws relating to juries; and to assist municipalities, by the purchase of their debentures, to continue the work of draining.