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Notes of the Week.

MISS REDGRAVE, in the memoir of her father, the late Richard Redgrave, R.A., says he testified to Wilkie's success in catching the likeness of Edward Irving when he studied the Regent Square prophet for the figure of the Reformer in "John Knox rebuking Mary Queen of Scots," the most vigorous of his dramatic designs.

DR. JOHN BROWN, of Bedford, speaking at the opening luncheon of Westgate Congregational Church, Peterborough, said a parishioner had recently returned from Mentone, and gave \$250 as a thankoffering for having escaped the earthquake. "Ah!" said Dr. Brown, "I have a number of friends I should like to send to Mentone, for I am sure nothing but an earthquake would move them to give me such a donation!"

THE new Hebrew lexicon based on Gesenius on which Professors Francis Brown and Briggs, of New York, are busily engaged along with Professor Driver, of Oxford, will, judging by the first part, be so completely re-edited as to be practically a new book. In nearly all words every passage is referred to, so that the dictionary will be a concordance as well. The derivations and all comparative lexicography are entirely reworked in the light of Assyriology.

At the recent sittings of the Commission of Assembly in Victoria considerable discussion took place relative to the New Hebrides Mission, well known to the religious world through the interesting autobiography of Dr. Paton. Important suggestions regarding future operations in these islands were submitted by Mr. A. Harper, and approved. The staff of missionaries should be limited to twenty, the new mission steamer for pioneering purposes should be placed under the control of the New Hebrides Synod, the English language should be made, as much as possible, the basis of future instruction.

THE decision of the House of Lords that the funds of the Moravians are not liable to income tax in respect of their application coming within the term "charitable" of the act of 1842 will rule for the future all such cases as that of the Baird trust, whose income was declared in 1888 by the Scottish Court of Session to be subject to income tax. The majority of the Lords have laid down that the word "charitable" is not to be limited to cases of relief of physical wants, as the Scottish court has been doing, but is also to embrace provision for moral and intellectual culture.

A BI-WEEKLY paper has been started in Paris, *Franc et Russe*, which advocates an alliance with the orthodox Church on the basis of a Gallican Church not subjected to the Vatican. Father Hyacinthe has also taken a new step in the direction of an independent French Catholic Church. He is circulating a petition asking Parliament to revise the concordat of 1801, which by the Vatican decrees of 1870 has been practically annulled. His programme includes the rejection of papal infallibility and all doctrines dependent thereon, election of the bishops by the clergy and people, liberty to read the Scriptures, communion in both kinds, permission for the priests to marry and freedom and moral suasion in confession.

THE ceremony of unveiling a bust of Carlyle in the "hall of heroes" at Abbey Craig, Stirling, says the *Christian Leader*, was highly interesting. Carlyle has fittingly found a place besides such Scottish heroes as Bruce, Buchanan, Chalmers, Scott and Burns. There was a peculiar fitness in the selection of Professor Masson as the chief spokesman on the occasion, for the relationship between Carlyle and Masson was of the closest nature. His oration was eloquent and sincere, and fitted to alter some popular current notions regarding the style and temperament of Carlyle. The gift comes from a donor who prefers to remain unknown, but who was represented on the occasion by Mr. William Martin, vice-president of the Ruskin Society of Glasgow.

A GERMAN lady, Frau Staatsrath von Eisenhart, has just published a little volume, containing recollections of talks which she and her husband had with Dr. Dollinger in the "englischen Garten" at Munich between the years 1878 and 1890. She says that Dollinger's attitude towards Protestantism, especially towards the Reformers, became much changed towards the end of his life. He said that he sincerely regretted having tried to darken the character of Luther, and added: "I should write very differently now, for old age has taught me to appreciate the views of others." Speaking of Melancthon, he said: "He was a most able and most lovable man." On another occasion he warmly praised the leaders of French Protestantism in the seventeenth century, and condemned the religious policy of Louis XIV.

THE death of James Russell Lowell was announced last week. He was the son of Charles Lowell, D.D., a Congregational minister in Boston, where he was born in 1819. The poet studied at Harvard, and after graduating entered the legal profession, which he soon abandoned for literature. After contributing to several journals and magazines, he was appointed first editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*. He was professor of Modern Languages in Harvard University. He was appointed Minister to Spain by President Hayes and was afterwards transferred to London, where he was much appreciated in social and literary circles. He was an earnest supporter of the anti-slavery movement, with which he was identified until the great wrong was wiped out in blood. The first and best series of the "Biglow Papers," which appeared in 1846-8, was devoted to the advancement of the cause he had at heart. The second series was published while the war was in progress. His prolific pen added a number of works to the permanent literature of his country. His painful and lingering illness that ended in death was borne with singular patience and resignation.

FROM all quarters applications for space at the forthcoming great Industrial Fair to be held at Toronto from the 7th to the 19th of September are being sent in by every mail. It is now an assured fact that Canada's Great Fair will this fall outrival any of its predecessors. Never before were there so many entries from the United States, and on no former occasion has such widespread interest been manifested in its success. Notwithstanding the fact that new buildings have been erected and old ones enlarged during the past summer, sufficient entries have been received to almost fill them. Even Great Britain is beginning to realize that it pays to bring its manufactures before the people of Canada, as at no place can they be seen by so many, and several of the leading manufacturers of England have applied for space during the past couple or three weeks at this Exhibition. The railway and steamboat companies have this year notified the Association of their intention to give extremely low rates during its progress. A new line of railway into the grounds will enable exhibitors of live stock on both the great railways to unload within a few yards of the stock sheds. It is wonderful the success that has attended this really great enterprise since its inception fourteen years ago, but it may readily be accounted for by anyone who will take

the trouble to examine the prize list. No less than four-fifths of the many thousands of dollars distributed annually go to the farmer and stock-raiser, and while no other industry is slighted, this greatest one receives the lion's share, and justly so. The farming community appreciate this, and by their presence at Canada's great gathering every year endorse the action of the Association. While the farmer visiting the Exhibition cannot turn in any direction without seeing something to instruct him, he finds more than that. No pains have been spared to interest and amuse visitors every minute of the day. Manager Thayer, of Boston, a man whose reputation in his particular line is continental, has this year added his vast experience in assisting to make the amusements eclipse anything that has ever preceded them. Then again the scientist, the mechanic and the artist will find in the various departments something of special value to them. When it is remembered that over a quarter of a million people from all parts of Canada and the adjoining States visited the Toronto Fair last year, one can readily form an opinion of its gigantic proportions and its importance and value to the country at large.

FROM the Principal of Upper Canada College we learn that the following masters will have charge of the various departments of the College: W. S. Jackson, B.A., first classical master and "dean of residence." Mr. Jackson has had extensive experience in the schools both of Canada and of England. He was educated at the famous "Rugby School," and is a graduate of London University (England), and also a first classical scholarship man of Toronto University. He has been a master in the College for upwards of fifteen years and is an accomplished scholar and a good all-round cricketer. A. A. Macdonald, B.A., son of the late Senator Macdonald, of this city, is the second classical master. He was "head boy" of the College for 1886, the winner of the Prince of Wales scholarship, and the Modern Language scholarship at his matriculation examination into Toronto University. He was a first-class honour man in two departments—Classics and Moderns—all through his university course, and he has just completed a year of attendance at the German universities. The department of Mathematics will be taught by G. B. Sparling, M.A., first mathematical master, and D. Hull, B.A., second mathematical master. Mr. Sparling has taught in the College for upwards of sixteen years with great success, the boys in his department invariably doing well at the University and other examinations. Mr. Hull is also a specialist in his department, ranking first in the department of Mathematics at his graduation at Toronto University, and he has proved himself a most efficient master of the subjects of his department. In the department of Modern Languages the teaching power is also very strong. The first Modern Language master is A. H. Young, B.A., "head boy" of the College for 1882, Prince of Wales scholar, Modern Language scholarship man, and General Proficiency scholar for that year. He was the winner of other prizes and scholarships in his course at Toronto University. S. B. Leacock, B.A., who graduated last June in Toronto University, at the head of his year in the department of Modern Languages, was "head boy" of the College in 1887, and the winner of the first General Proficiency scholarship, he subsequently won other scholarships, and he is a most enthusiastic and successful teacher. The Science department will continue to be under the able direction of A. Y. Scott, B.A. (Toronto), M.D. (Trinity), who is also dean of the College of Pharmacy for Ontario. The Commercial department will be taught by G. W. Johnson, a member of the Society of Chartered Accountants, and a teacher of large experience. The department of Physical Culture will be under the direction of Professor Halfpenny. Vocal music will be taught by W. Elliot Haslam and Mr. Percy Mitchell. Instrumental music by Theodore Marten, Mr. Mitchell and others. The department of Drawing will be taught by R. Holmes, an undergraduate of Toronto University and a member of the Ontario Society of Artists. Two assistant house masters are to be appointed at an early date.