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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

EVANSTON, Ill., twelve miles from Chicago, has no grog-shops. The charter of North-western University which has its seat there, denies to such institutions a foot hold within four miles. There is an irrepressible conflict, or there ought to be, between colleges and rum-holes.

THE Wentworth County Sunday School Convention was held in Ancaster, on January 30th and 31st. The attendance was not very large, but the spirit manifested and the work done were good. We notice that addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. Edgar, D. B. Chisholm, A. J. Mackenzie, Revs. Dr. Stewart, R. J. Laidlaw, J. Griffith and others.

In a note received by us this week from the Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M.A., dated Richmond, Va., 5th Feb., it is stated that "there is in progress here (there) a very large religious meeting. It had its origin in the observance of the Week of Prayer, and has been held daily ever since from five to six p.m. One of the largest churches in the city is crowded. All (Episcopalians included) the Protestant ministers take part. Already there has been an ingathering of souls, the token, as it is believed, of a magnificent harvest."

EDWARDS County, Illinois, has not licensed a liquor saloon for twenty-five years. And what is the result? The clerk of the Circuit court testifies that during those twenty-five years the jail has not averaged one occupant a year; that this county has sent but one person to the penitentiary, and he got drunk at a licensed saloon in an adjoining county, and killed his wife; that the county has only an annual average of three or four persons to support; that its taxes are thirty-two per cent. less than in license-granting counties, and that the quarrels are so few that the Circuit court completes its work usually in a week.

THE annual missionary meeting of West Church, Toronto, was held on Wednesday evening, 5th inst. It was reported that the sum of \$269.04 was raised for the schemes of the Church, which was distributed as follows. Home Missions, \$95; Foreign Missions, \$55; Knox College, \$50; French Evangelization, \$40; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$24.90; General Assembly Fund, \$4.14; (\$17.59 had previously been paid to the Presbytery and Synod Fund.) This was \$62 in advance of the previous year, which, considering the depression in business and the circumstances of the great body of people, is encouraging. Admirable addresses were then delivered on Home and Foreign

Missions by the Rev. R. P. McKay and Rev. Prof. McLaren.

A PUBLIC meeting of the Philosophical and Literary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was held on the evening of Friday last in the College Library Hall, and was a decided success. In addition to several pieces by the College choir, there was a reading by Mr. T. Nelson, an essay on "English Wit" by Mr. J. F. McLaren, and a debate on the question "Is extemporaneous preaching the best?" The subject was ably argued by Messrs. J. A. Anderson, B.A., and G. D. Bayne on the affirmative, and Messrs. M. D. M. Blakely, B.A., and D. Currie on the negative. After a short address by the Rev. Principal Macvicar, who presided, a most successful meeting was brought to a close by the benediction.

MR. McCOLLUM sends the following correction: "My attention has just been called to an error in my article published January 3rd, which was probably made by myself in the haste of copying. Rev. Samuel Sessions did not write "In the township of Erin, there was not a professor of religion," but "In a neighbourhood in the township of Erin," etc. At the date referred to (1834) and for some time before, Rev. Duncan McMillan had several members in Erin connected with his church in West Caledon, and many of the settlers of the township were Highlanders who were communicants before they left Scotland. Mr. Sessions, too, had preaching stations in other parts of the township than the neighbourhood referred to. This correction is made in justice to Mr. Sessions, and "in vindication of the truth of history."

THE Owen Sound "Tribune" says: "We learn that a call from the Woodville congregation in favour of the Rev. James Cameron, of Chatsworth, has been sustained by the Lindsay Presbytery, and is now in his hands. The call is signed by over 450 members and adherents of the congregation. The salary promised is one thousand dollars per annum, with a comfortable manse and a large glebe attached. This congregation has made several attempts to get Mr. Cameron settled among them. We shall be extremely sorry should they succeed in getting him away from our midst, for North Grey can ill afford to lose a man of such extended influence as Mr. Cameron exerts in every good cause." It is for Mr. Cameron and the Presbytery of Owen Sound to decide, but the large and important congregation of Woodville would form a good centre for the exercise of his ability and influence.

SOME of those modern philanthropists, whose benevolence and unscrupulousness are perhaps equally prominent, recently set on foot a great lottery scheme for the relief of the ruined shareholders of the City of Glasgow Bank. The error was pointed out from the pulpit and in the press, and great was the indignation in some quarters against those obstructionists who objected to the doing of evil that good might come. The promoters of the scheme felt themselves so hardly pressed by the opposition that they bethought themselves of making sure of their legal standing, and for that purpose they consulted the Crown Agent. The reply of that functionary convinced them that, in the eye of the law, their scheme was in no way different from a common lottery, and as such illegal, so the wonderful scheme was reluctantly abandoned. *Moral.* The moral law is infinitely better than the civil law,

but for all that, the civil law is sometimes exceedingly useful.

WHILE refraining from expressing an opinion upon the coming moderatorship, it is with sincere pleasure we acknowledge the compliment that has been paid to our esteemed fellow-townsmen, the Rev. Dr. Reid, by the Presbytery of Montreal in nominating him as a candidate for the chair of the Assembly. Every one knows that the Dr. would make a capital moderator, as he has already served in that capacity in his section of the Church before the union, while there is no minister in the Church more distinguished by his knowledge of legal lore, and his practical acquaintance with forms of procedure, or with the general working of Presbyterian machinery. But whatever may be the result of this nomination, it is in our view a mark of the high esteem in which Dr. Reid is held by the Church at large, that one of the prominent presbyteries should thus do him honour. Dr. Reid has served the Church nobly and well during his lengthened and distinguished career, and it is a prayer in which all will join, that, whatever may be the honours in store for him, he will be long spared to give the Church he so dearly loves the benefit of his wise counsels and of his valuable experience.

THE Brantford "Expositor" has found the following item in the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian": "Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener of the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, is on a visit to England and Scotland. Preaching in St. Andrew's Church, London, he made some remarks regarding the Home Mission work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada." On this startling piece of news the "Expositor" comments as follows: "Our respected townsman has the reputation of being somewhat ubiquitous in his movements, but as he has, with but few exceptions, supplied his own pulpit since last September, we must question the correctness of our contemporary. The difficulty is, however, explained by the fact, that recently he preached in St. Andrew's, London, Ont. As, however, Dr. Cochrane has been urged by his congregation and medical adviser, to cross the Atlantic this summer for rest and change of scene, our contemporary may only be anticipating, with characteristic enterprise, his probable visit to the great metropolis."

THE annual missionary meeting of the St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, was held on Wednesday evening of last week in the lecture room, the Rev. J. M. King in the chair. After devotional exercises the report was read by Mr. William Kerr, from which it appears that the aggregate contributions of the congregation, Sabbath school and Mission Board for the schemes of the Church amounted during the year to \$2,545.12. Of this sum \$870 were appropriated to Home Missions, \$369.56 to Foreign Missions, \$330 to the ordinary revenue of Knox College, \$450 to the Debt Fund of the College, and \$110 to the Scholarship Fund, \$93.10 to French Evangelization, \$20 to Manitoba College, \$141 to the Church Extension Association in this city, \$51.70 to the Ministers' Widows' Fund, and to the Assembly and Presbytery Fund \$45.25. The adoption of the report was moved by Rev. Wm. Inglis, and seconded by Dr. Caven. The meeting was afterwards addressed by Dr. Gregg on the subject of Collegiate Education, and by the Rev. Mr. McGillivray on the Home Mission Work of the Church.