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TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Nothing of any consequence has been done at Ottawa during the week. The various Departmental reports show that the country is in a very prosperous condition.

The agitation for the overthrow of the Scottish and English Established Churches seems to be continually gathering strength.

In Scotland, the people are all busy electing their School Boards, and getting their new Education Law into full working order.

The Ministerial crisis in England still continues. Mr. Disraeli has definitely declared that he does not see his way to forming a Ministry.

The rejection of the Prohibition Bill on the ground of its being in the power of the Local Legislature to meddle with such a subject, has led the Total Abstiners to agitate the whole subject only the more earnestly...

The Local Parliament still continues its sittings. Censure and recrimination is the order of the day. The proprieties of debate are little thought of...

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

We are always glad to chronicle the success of any enterprise that is calculated to benefit the general community, and therefore feel pleased to notice the progress made by the Christian young men of Toronto...

There are some other very active and successful associations of a similar description scattered over the country. Every well-wisher of his country must desire that the numbers of these Institutions may be continually increased...

A GREAT ABUSE.

The friends of Denominational Colleges have often pointed to the States as affording the most convincing proof of the necessity of such institutions. There, they have cried, are people entrained by an Established Church...

Knowledge, even of Gospel truth, is emptiness, unless love, practically exercised towards God and man, accompany it.

It is the proper office of faith to believe what thou seest not, and the reward of faith to see what thou hast believed.

TAXATION OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

Professor Leone Levi, England, has prepared a pamphlet setting forth the amount of taxation in the United Kingdom which falls upon the "working men."

Ministers and Churches.

The Rev. George Gilfillan, of Dundee, is busy with a life of the late Dr. William Anderson, of Glasgow.

DEATHS OF PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS.—Some rather prominent Presbyterian clergymen in Scotland have died lately.

The annual Missionary meeting of the C. P. Church, Cookstown, was held on the 27th January. The Rev. G. Burnfield, (Pastor), occupied the chair.

On Thursday evening, the 6th inst., a number of the members and adherents of the Canada Presbyterian Church, in the village of Nobleton and vicinity, proceeded to the residence of their pastor, the Rev. James Adams.

To admit the righteousness of man, he it ever so little, into the title deed of heaven, is to admit a flaw into the security.

When the time shall come that your eye-strings shall break, and your face wax pale, your breath grow cold, and this house of clay shall totter, and your one foot shall be over the boundary in eternity, it will be your comfort and joy that you gave your name to Christ.

KNOX COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The seventeenth public meeting of this Society was held last evening in the basement of Knox Church. There was a large audience, demonstrating the favourable consideration given to the exercises of the society.

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS MIS-SONARY SOCIETY.

A meeting of this Society was held in the College, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., to consider and determine the fields to be taken up during the summer.

BARRIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SOIREE.

The fifth annual soiree of the Barrie Presbyterian Church was held on the evening of February the 13th. The attendance was very good, the weather being favorable.

WESTON.

LECTURE ON "HUGH MILLER."

For a long time the C. P. Church, here, was in a very lifeless condition, but now it seems to be waking up to its duty.

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Ecclesiastical.

PRESBYTERY OF ONTARIO.

This Presbytery met at Prince Albert on 4th March, and although the state of the roads prevented several members being present, there was a pretty fair meeting, and a large amount of business was transacted.