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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

WE congratulate Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, on the degree of D.D., conferred on him by the University of Glasgow. Dr. Grant is a distinguished graduate of Glasgow, and his *alma mater* has wisely exercised her power in this honouring the popular Principal of Queen's. Long may Dr. Grant live to bear this deserved distinction.

THE Cardinals ordered by the present Pope to examine the Prussian laws at which the late Pope took so much umbrage, have made a report which it is said makes easy the restoration of amiable relations between Germany and the Vatican. They consider the laws so vigorously condemned by Pius as having been misinterpreted. No doubt true; but what of the infallibility of the interpreter?

LADIES' FRENCH EVANGELIZATION SOCIETY.—The Ladies' French Evangelization Society thankfully acknowledges the receipt of ten dollars from Mrs. Wm. Murray, Cote St. Antoine; five dollars from Miss Norval, Montreal; and twelve dollars and fifty cents from friends in North Georgetown, Quebec, per Miss B. McD. Muir. Additional contributions earnestly solicited. These should be addressed to Miss H. M. Gordon, care of Joseph MacKay, Esq., 1059 Sherbrooke Street, Montreal.

THE New York "Times" of the 3rd inst. published eleven columns of carefully prepared reports regarding the growing crops in twenty-nine States and one Territory. The uniform testimony is that the harvest will be unequalled in the country's history, unless some calamity should visit the land. So much for our neighbors. As far as we can learn, the reports for Canada are equally encouraging. At this season of the year the grass and fall wheat were never so far advanced; and the spring crops all look exceedingly well. Altogether the prospects for an abundant harvest were never more promising than they are now.

THE daily papers have been publishing a great deal during the week about the Communists. Those who are known as leaders among this class of people assert that they now number between two and three hundred thousand in the United States. It is also represented in some quarters that they are armed and drill regularly, and they are boasting that they will revolutionize the existing order of things ere long. The greatest amount of noise of this sort comes from Chicago and

San Francisco, although something of the same kind of spirit is reported as prevailing in the coal mining regions in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and at other points where large numbers of foreign laborers are employed.

At the Provincial Synod of Dumfries, which met at Dumfries on the 16th ult., Dr. Snodgrass, of Canonbie, was unanimously and cordially elected Moderator. Among those present were Rev. Dr. Riddell, Lochmaben, the first Principal of Queen's University; Rev. A. Paton, of Penpont, formerly assistant minister of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal; Rev. W. M. Black, of Anworth, formerly minister of St. Mark's Church, Montreal, present as a corresponding member from the Synod of Galloway; and Rev. J. M. Inglis, of Sanguhar, son of Dr. Inglis, ex-Principal of Prince of Wales' College, Prince Edward Island. It is rather singular that so many formerly resident in Canada should be members of the same Synod, and especially that two of them should be ex-Principals of Queen's University.

THE anniversary meeting of the Upper Canada Tract Society was held in Elm Street Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, 7th inst.—Rev. Dean Grasset, D.D., in the chair. The meeting having been opened with reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. John Potts, the annual report was read by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, and the following resolutions were adopted. (1) Moved by Rev. E. H. Dewar, seconded by Hon. V. C. Blake, "That the report, of which an abstract has been read, be adopted, and printed for circulation under the direction of the Board; and that the following gentlemen be office-bearers of the Society for the ensuing year: President, Very Rev. H. J. Grasset, D.D., Dean of Toronto; Vice-Presidents, (in order of appointment) Hon. J. McMurrich, Hon. W. McMaster, A. T. McCord, Esq., Rev. E. Wood, D.D., W. Osborne, Esq., Rev. W. Reid, D.D., Lieut.-Col. Haultain, Rev. L. Taylor, D.D., Rev. Alex. Topp, D.D., Right Rev. Dr. Hellmuth, Bishop of Huron, Daniel Wilson, LL.D., Rev. W. Stewart, D.D.; Treasurer, Hon. J. McMurrich; Joint Secretaries, J. K. Macdonald, Esq., and Rev. J. A. R. Dickson; Directors, all Ministers of the Gospel who are members of the Society, Messrs. A. Christie, James Brown, S. Rogers, E. J. Palmer, John Gillespie, C. A. Morse, H. E. Clarke, J. C. Copp, W. R. Brock, W. H. Howland, Robert Sears, sen., Arch. McMurchy, M.A." (2) Moved by Rev. Joshua Denovan, seconded by J. Gillespie, Esq., "That in view of the encroachments of Romanism, the activity of the advocates of 'Free-Thought' (so-called), and the circulation of demoralizing literature, this meeting believes it to be the solemn duty of every Christian man and woman to aid in counteracting these evil influences, by systematic personal effort in the circulation of religious publications specially adapted to meet the requirements of the times." (3) Moved by Rev. Samuel Lyle, seconded by H. E. Clarke, Esq., "That the good work done by the Upper Canada Religious Tract Society, and other kindred societies, calls for devout gratitude to God, who alone giveth the increase, and is a great encouragement to enlarged activity, and the entire consecration of all workers in this department of service." (4) "That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to the Rev. J. Potts and the officers of this church, for the use of the building, and that thanks be also tendered to the Choir for their valued services at this anniversary."

THE thirty-eighth anniversary of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, King street, Toronto, on Wednesday evening 8th inst. In the absence of the President (Hon. G. W. Allan) the chair was taken by Rev. W. Reid, D.D. The meeting was opened with reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, B.D. The Report was adopted on motion of the Permanent Secretary (Robert Baldwin, Esq.), seconded by Jas. Brown, Esq., after which the following resolutions were successively spoken to and passed: (1) Moved by J. J. Woodhouse, Esq., seconded by Jas. Foster, Esq., "That thanks be given to the Officers, Committees, and Collectors, of the various Branches throughout the country, to whose zeal and energy the Society is so much indebted, and that the following gentlemen be Officers and Directors for the ensuing year: President, Hon. G. W. Allan; Vice-Presidents, Revs. Dean Grasset, D.D.; E. Wood, D.D.; M. Willis, D.D.; LL.D.; Alex. Sanson; Anson Green, D.D.; J. H. Robinson; E. Ryerson, D.D., LL.D.; T. S. Ellerley; R. A. Fyfe, D.D.; Principal Snodgrass; J. G. Manly; W. Cocker, D.D.; W. M. Punshon, M.A., LL.D.; W. Ormiston, D.D.; J. Hellmuth, D.D.; President Nelles, D.D.; Lachlin Taylor, D.D.; W. Jeffers, D.D.; W. Reid D.D.; John Potts, Alex. Topp, D.D.; R. V. Rogers, M.A.; John Gemley; Professor Gregg, M.A.; Professor McLaren; Hon. W. McMaster; Hon. O. Mowat; Hon. J. McMurrich; Hon. V. C. Blake; Messrs. W. A. Baldwin; G. Buckland; John Macdonald, M.P.; Daniel Wilson, LL.D.; A. T. McCord; W. Osborne; M. Sweetman; George Hague; Treasurer, Hon. W. McMaster; Honorary Secretaries, J. G. Hodgins, Esq., LL.D., Rev. J. M. Cameron; Minute Secretary, A. Christie, Esq.; Permanent Secretary, Robert Baldwin, Esq.; Directors, Dr. C. B. Hall, Col. Moffat, Dr. W. B. Geikie, Messrs. James Brown, G. L. Beardmore, J. K. Macdonald, Al. Ratray, Warring Kennedy, John Gillespie, S. Rogers, F. G. Callender, Herbert Mortimer, R. W. Laird, George Lugsdin, John Harvie, W. H. Howland, W. Gooderham, jr.; N. W. Hoyles, S. R. Briggs, Edward Bach." (2) Moved by J. W. Dawson, Esq., LL.D., Principal of McGill College, Montreal, seconded by Rev. John Castle, D.D.: "That the course of events and the tendencies of opinion should induce Christians everywhere, and especially in this Dominion, to gather more closely around the Bible, as the only Revelation of saving truth and the only support of spiritual life." (3) Moved by Rev. W. W. Ross: "That it becomes us to recognize God's hand in bringing good out of evil, especially in the opening of a great and effectual door for the circulation of His holy word during the Russo-Turkish war; and whilst rejoicing in the generous support already received by our great parent, the British and Foreign Bible Society, we pledge ourselves anew to do all we can in helping her to seize every opportunity for the wider spread of the Bible." (4) Moved by Hon. W. McMaster, seconded by Rev. J. M. Cameron: "That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the Trustees of the Northern Congregational Church for its use on Sabbath evening last, and to the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson for the instructive sermon which he preached in the interests of the Society on that occasion." (5) Moved by A. T. McCord, Esq., seconded by J. G. Hodgins, Esq., LL.D.: "That the hearty thanks of this meeting be presented to the Pastor and Trustees of this Church for its use on the present occasion, and to the Organist and Choir for their valuable services in connection with this Annual Meeting."