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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE Presbytery of Whitby unanimously nominated Dr. Reid as Moderator of next Assembly.

DR. J. M. GIBSON, of Chicago, has published a series of twenty Sunday afternoon lectures, under the title, "The Ages Before Moses."

THE spring elections in the United States show a decided gain for the Republican party. The present Congress, which is Democratic in both branches, has, by its unwise and headlong action, helped the Republicans materially.

WE wonder if the following example will be extensively followed. A certain Methodist church in Boston did not want to part with its pastor. Well, it was made a "mission church." And now it may retain its minister indefinitely.

THE American Missionary Association wants \$35,000 in addition to the \$15,000 promised it by Mr. Arthington of Leeds, England, to establish a mission in Central Africa. Its proposal is to send out a force of ten men to that region. We hope that it will be successful in securing the necessary funds.

THE New York East Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church took no decided action on the proposal to do away with the limitation of the pastoral term. Still, a very strong feeling was displayed in favour of a change. Another significant matter in the record of the Conference was the recommendations concerning the management of the "Christian Advocate," the Methodist official paper. Shorter articles were demanded, and it was suggested that there should be less self-laudation. Editors of religious papers generally would do well to mark, learn, and inwardly digest.

THE ecclesiastical world is still moving. Professor Charteris, of Edinburgh University, suggests that the theological halls of the Free and United Presbyterian Churches, and all others which have a properly equipped teaching staff, should be recognized by the University, their professors having seats in the senatus, and attendance on their classes held valid as preparation for academical degrees. And the suggestion of this Established Church dignitary is likely to be acted on. Mr. Taylor Innes has given notice that at the next meeting of the Edinburgh University Council he will move for a committee to consider the whole matter.

GREAT religious enthusiasm prevails in the Rhondda Valley, Wales. The simple addresses of Miss Shepherd, on the cross and the atonement, have wonderful influence upon "the roughs." Between 400 and 500 have united with the various churches.

WE are glad to learn that the ministerial subscription towards meeting the deficit in the Home Mission Fund is meeting with increasing success. Over \$80 is reported as already subscribed in the Presbytery of Quebec, somewhere about \$300 in that of Montreal; while in the Presbytery of Toronto, the subscription amounts to close on \$400, with ten or twelve ministers still to be heard from. We have no reports as yet from the other Presbyteries of the Church, but have no reason to believe that, in proportion to their strength, they will be behind those named.

THE annual tea-meeting of St. Andrew's Church, Clifton, was held in the town hall on Friday evening the 18th inst. After doing justice to the good things provided by the ladies, interesting addresses were given by Rev. Canon Hewston and Rev. W. Kittlewell, Clifton, and Rev. Mr. Thomson, Drummondville. Vocal and instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. Gueriu, Miss Ransom, Miss Schofield and the choir. The duties of the chair were admirably discharged by Rev. James Gordon, pastor of the congregation. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

"OUR readers," says the Ottawa "Free Press," "will regret to hear that Mr. John Moore, of the firm of Moore Bros., who did business in this city for several years, and brother of the Rev. Wm. Moore of Bank Street Church, was among those killed at the battle of Isandula, when the little army there was annihilated by an overwhelming force of Zulus. Shortly after selling out of business here, being in rather poor health, he was induced by a friend from his native town of St. Mary's to go out to Natal, and was residing there when the Colony was threatened with invasion by the Zulus. He, at the first call to arms, volunteered, and was attached to the third battalion of the Native Contingent, which was hurried off to the assistance of Lord Chelmsford. The fearful fight of Isandula immediately followed, when the whole camp was cut off. It was hoped by his friends here, as no definite news of the location of the third corps could be obtained, that it was in some other place and had escaped, but the last mail brought the sad news that it was part of the little band that gloriously perished, and that Mr. Moore was with the lost. He will be long remembered as a kind friend and a genial companion by a large circle of acquaintances, by whom his loss will be deeply felt."

"ECHO" writes to call the attention of our readers to what appears from his account to be a fraudulent publication which we were unwittingly the means of advertising. He says: "The American Diamond Dictionary" was represented to contain '80,000 words,' 'nearly 200 engravings,' '700 double column pages,' to be 'superbly bound in cloth and gilt,' and to be 'sent free upon receipt of sixty-three cents to pay actual postage and packing charges.' This is in every point a gross misrepresentation of the book. There are only 648 pages of English words and 19 pages of 'Foreign words and phrases,' in all 667 pages. On no page can there be found 50 words. But allow this to

be the average of each page, and we have only 32,400, or 48,000 less than advertised. There are not 120 'engravings,' if you would call the little daubs scattered over the pages engravings. I could only find 106 of these 'engravings.' Instead of being 'superbly bound in cloth and gilt,' the only gilt about it is a few marks on the back including the name of the book. Side covers and edges have never seen gilt. This great offer is simply a great fraud, a Yankee dodge to get money. The book is worth about ten cents for a school boy. No 'scholar' would be bothered with it. It is the meanest attempt at a dictionary I have ever seen. To buy it is very little better than to throw money away."

THERE is a growing disposition on the part of our congregations to give the weekly voluntary offering system a trial; and when this is fairly done we are persuaded the results will be found most satisfactory. Here is a sample of how the "Envelope plan" of regular every-Sabbath contributions work in a country congregation of three hundred and sixty-five persons. The account for one year stands as follows:

No. of persons.	Weekly Gift.	Annual amount.
1	\$10 00	\$520 00
1	3 00	156 00
2	4 00	208 00
5	1 00	260 00
2	68	70 72
19	50	494 00
5	40	104 00
2	30	31 20
42	25	546 00
12	20	124 80
10	10	78 00
1	12	6 24
80	10	462 80
1	07	3 64
2	06	6 24
7	05	174 20
9	04	18 72
13	03	20 28
28	02	29 12
54	01	28 08
365		\$3,342 24

THE Rev. E. P. Hammond is now conducting evangelistic services in Guelph. From reports in the local papers we gather that the attendance at the meetings and the interest felt in the progress of the work have both been steadily increasing from the beginning. There seems to have been no unwholesome excitement. Mr. Hammond's first addresses were received with apparent indifference by the greater number. But as, day after day and night after night, the clear presentations of Gospel truth, in earnest and simple words, from his lips and from those of others (for he is well sustained by the presence and assistance of several of the local ministers) fell upon the ears of the ever-increasing audiences—as one convert after another, from Chatham and other places, some of whom had but a few weeks previously been living in open wickedness, stood up and told the story of the wonderful change they had experienced—as here and there the tear of repentance was seen coursing down the haggard cheek of some citizen of ill-repute—the attention of multitudes was arrested, and many yielded to the strivings of the Holy Spirit and sought peace and pardon where alone they can be found. At the close of one meeting "over one hundred stood up signifying their desire to have Christians pray for them." There is ground to hope that much permanent good may result from these services.