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THE SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN has been received with increased favor during the year, although there are still very many schools in which no copies are taken. It is encouraging to know that the patrons of the paper look with approval upon the efforts made to provide such a publication, and we bespeak largely increased orders for the coming year—promising, on our part, to make the paper more attractive than ever to our young folk.

GOLDEN HOURS, started in January last, will be continued, but as an entirely distinct publication. Its reading matter and illustrations it will be quite different from the SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN, so that, if desired, the two papers may be given out to the same scholar alternately—thus forming a fortnightly issue.

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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

ALL communications intended for the Clerk of the Presbytery of Peterboro' should be addressed Rev. W. Bennett, Peterboro', not Springville as formerly.

THE fair at the Romish Cathedral in New York closed on Saturday. It is reported that the receipts amounted to about \$160,000. Liquors of various kinds were sold freely, and lotteries of all sorts were abundant.

REV. MR. MARSHALL, of Balasore, India, writes: "The Bible, which, in the early history of our mission, was considered so unholy a book as to defile the man who would touch it, is to-day sought after as no other book is sought. It has already become the book among the Hindus of our stations."

MR. GLADSTONE is still active in opposing the Beaconsfield policy. He denounces it as "personal government," and not Parliamentary. In the present disgraceful and uncalled for war with the Ameer, Parliament had been entirely ignored. He declared

that money spent for it was spent for the dishonor of England.

THE business outlook in Great Britain is certainly a very dismal one, if the cable reports be reliable. 10,000 cotton spinners of Oldham struck Nov. 25th. In other branches of manufacture wages are being still further reduced and mills are ceasing to run. Failures of considerable magnitude also are reported almost every day.

THE Rev. R. C. Moffat of Free St. John's Church, Walkerton, recently gave a lecture on "Havelock," in aid of the reading room of the Young Men's Christian Association of that town. Although the night was very dark and stormy, and although the lecture had been given before in the town, yet the hall was full. A very handsome sum was obtained to get papers and magazines.

THE Rev. Washington Gladden in "Sunday Afternoon" refers to the late Prophetic Conference as "a compound of literalism, ritualism and pessimism." On Thanksgiving Day he preached a sermon to his people in Springfield, Mass., from Ecclesiastes vii. 10, in opposition to the pre-millennial doctrine, claiming that the world is growing "purer and truer and juster and better."

IN reply to enquiries from various quarters respecting a report in circulation to the effect that the opponents of the Union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada had gained their suit and obtained possession of the Temporalities Fund, the "Presbyterian Record" gives that statement an explicit contradiction, and states that "the suit at present in progress has not yet been argued on its merits, and the Board of Management have no fears as to the ultimate issue."

THE Jews are generally supposed to be good financiers, but there is a synagogue in the city of New York which is in debt to the tune of \$86,000. They are very warmly discussing the question of introducing pews into the church and making the service more "impressive," but the Rabbi says that "pews are neither improving nor impressive," and that if they come in, women will sit with the men, which is against all the "traditions received from the fathers."

A CIRCULAR has been issued by the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, M.A., Convener of the General Assembly's Committee for the maintenance of Manitoba College, requesting ministers to bring the claims of that institution before their congregations. An agent has been appointed to evoke the liberality of the British Churches in its behalf, and the Assembly granted \$2,500 for its support during the current year; but it is stated in the circular that \$1,500 more will be required for that purpose, besides \$3,500 to pay off arrears which have accumulated in former years—making, in all, \$5,000 required to be raised among our congregations to carry the college through, pending the arrival of expected assistance from the home Churches. A small contribution from each congregation will be sufficient to make up that amount, and it is to be hoped that the call will meet with a prompt response.

THE Young Men's Christian Association of the Presbyterian Church in St. James' Square, held its first meeting for the nomination of officers for the present session on the evening of Dec. 2nd. The

election took place on the following Monday evening. Judging from the attendance on both occasions, and from the interest evinced by the members in the preliminary proceedings, the meetings promise to be of a very successful nature. A very gratifying feature is the acquisition of several new members, and these it is trusted will be followed by others when it is known that the Association has assumed a definite shape. The Rev. Mr. King was unanimously chosen as patron, and the following members were duly elected as officers: President, Mr. Robt. Adamson; First Vice-President, Mr. A. R. Wightman; Second Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Douglas; Secretary, Mr. Jos. Monteith; Treasurer, Mr. J. C. Inglis. Committee, Messrs. R. C. Steele, Jno. Macdonald, Geo. Inglis, and Geo. Thompson.

WE have received the prospectus of the "Catholic Presbyterian," a journal to be published monthly in London and New York, under the general superintendence of an advising committee, partly in Britain, partly in America. It is one of the results of the Pan-Presbyterian Council which met in Edinburgh in 1877, at which a very strong feeling was expressed by many members, delegates from various Churches, in favour of a monthly publication by means of which the work so auspiciously begun might be continued. Its Editor will be Professor W. G. Blaikie, D.D., LL.D., of Edinburgh, who in addition to his great learning and ability, has had much experience of editorial work in connection with the "North British Review," the "Sunday Magazine," and other publications. He will be assisted by the Rev. G. D. Matthews, D.D., of New York, as Corresponding Editor. The American publishers are Messrs. A. D. F. Randolph & Co., 900 Broadway, New York. We fully expect that the publication will be in every respect worthy of the world-wide field which it is intended to occupy, and that it will be the means of furthering the interests of Presbyterianism and of all evangelical Christianity throughout the world.

THE second meeting of Knox College Literary Society of this session was held last Friday evening in Convocation Hall, Rev. Dr. Proudfoot occupying the chair. J. Turnbull, B.A., read a well written essay on "The preparation of the earth for man." He pointed out that long prior to man's appearance, the earth was undergoing transformation, fitting it to be his habitation. He clearly and forcibly illustrated this by examples. The style of treatment was fresh and vigorous, and the whole essay showed care and thought in its preparation. Mr. Jno. Bryden read the "Burial of Moses" in good style. This was followed by a debate on the subject "Is the intellect of the dark races essentially inferior to the white?" The affirmative was maintained by H. Fitzimmons, B.A., and M. McGregor, B.A., who maintained that within historic ages, the white had proved himself superior, instancing the lasting impression made upon mankind by Greece and Rome. The negative was sustained by D. McColl, B.A., and A. Dobson, who referred to the achievements of the Egyptians, Chinese and Phœnicians in early days, and contended that circumstances alone were the cause of the present inferiority, and if those circumstances were removed the race would speedily recover their former status. The Chairman, after carefully summing up, gave his decision in favour of the negative. The hall was well filled, and the interest kept up throughout.