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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

DR. GRANT has been very successful in canvassing for Queen's College in Guelph. He expects \$3,000.

THE Pope, Leo XIII., has a new Encyclical in preparation, which, it is said, will make a great sensation when it appears.

AMONG the deaths by yellow fever, reported at New Orleans, is that of D. W. Jones, associate editor of the "Southwestern Christian Advocate."

THE Moravians in the United States give an average of over \$5 each for missionary work. There are 16,000 of them, and the church raises \$85,000.

PROFESSOR HAECKEL, of Jena, has replied to Professor Virchow's famous speech on evolution, taking the high scientific ground that Virchow is an ally of the Jesuits.

THE Rev. J. Carswell having been appointed Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Ottawa, all communications in reference to Home Mission work should be addressed to him at Aylmer East P.O., Quebec.

PRINCIPAL GRANT and Rev. R. Campbell, of Montreal, assisted by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto, succeeded in raising by subscription last week, in the neighborhood of Fergus, for Queen's College Endowment, upwards of \$2,000, with a promise of more.

THE last report of the English Palestine Exploration fund recommends that a special expedition be sent to the Sea of Galilee, to examine its shores, and to settle definitely the sites of Capernaum, Bethsaida, and other places near it, mentioned in the New Testament.

A MILLION and a quarter of Roman Catholics in the Netherlands form an "Old Paper" Society, and devote to the Pope the proceeds of the waste paper they sell each year. Last year the sum thus obtained was over \$5,000. How much money would the Protestant waste paper, say of Toronto, yield annually for Foreign Missions?

SIX gentlemen in the West of Scotland, well known for their liberality, and belonging to the denomination, have just presented each of the ministers and foreign missionaries of the United Presbyterian Church, to the number of 600, with a copy of the new edition of the late Rev. Dr. William Anderson's work, "An Exposure of Popery."

"ACTA VICTORIANA" is the name of a new monthly journal published in the interests of the College Societies and Alumni of Victoria College, Cobourg. It is intended as "a record of the doings at Victoria" and promises to be entertaining and amusing as well as instructive. Among the articles of general interest in the first number we notice a good paper on "Education."

THE only Presbyterian minister who has fallen a victim to the yellow fever in the South as yet is the Rev. John McCampbell, D.D., a member of the Presbytery of North Mississippi, who is reported to have died at Grenada, Miss., on the afternoon of the 1st inst. He was in charge of the Presbyterian Church at Grenada, and stood by his people in their distress until smitten by death.

EUROPE has about 14,000 newspapers and periodicals, of which only about one in fourteen are Roman Catholic in tendency. Great Britain and France have the same number of Romanist journals, forty-two, but in Britain it is 42 out of 2,500, and in France 42 out of 2,000. Of North America's 8,500 journals only 113 are Roman Catholic, while in South America only 11 out of the 1,000 newspapers represent the dominant religion.

LIEUTENANT CONDER, of the Palestine Exploring Expedition, reports that the six remaining columns of the great Temple of the Sun, at Baalbec, each of which is seventy-five feet high, and all of which are regarded as next to those at Karnac, or Ancient Thebes, in Egypt, as among the greatest architectural wonders of the world, are in danger of falling, through the ruthless work of the Turks in taking out the metal ore that is run into the joints.

THE General Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations of the world has been held at Geneva, Switzerland, under the presidency of Mr. Charles Fermand, of that city. Delegates were present from America, Great Britain, Australia, Africa, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Spain. The Conference decided in favour of a Central International Committee, to promote correspondence between the societies of different countries. There are about 2,000 associations, half of which are in America.

THE term Nihilist given to the Russian radicals was suggested by the Latin word *nihil*, nothing, and was first used by the novelist Tourganieff in his novel, "Fathers and Sons," published in 1862. Tourganieff travelled in Russia during 1860, before the radical party existed, and met a young doctor named Andreteff, who believed in nothing, despised his fellow creatures, saw nothing in the world but hypocrisy and illusion, and wrapped himself in a complete indifference to individuals or events. It was he who suggested Nihilism to Tourganieff, who found him to be the type of a class.

MR. GEORGE MULLER'S work at Ashley-down, Bristol, is in a flourishing condition. The annual report just issued states that, after meeting the year's expenses, amounting to £42,000, the accounts have been closed with a small balance in hand. Since the founding of the institution £784,000 have been received without any one having been appealed to personally; 66,600 children and adults have been taught in the

various schools, and tens of thousands of Bibles have been circulated. The present attendance at the schools exceeds 10,000, and 2,133 orphans have been sheltered during the year.

THE "Independent," after stating that the London "Christian Herald" is calling for a subscription of \$2,500 in England to aid Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn, in carrying on his Lay College and other "various institutions," adds: "The danger ever to be guarded against in such an institution is that of having lay preachers of moderate ability and insufficient training, but of considerable ambition, who will get into the ministry without the learning they ought to have." "It would have been better still," says the "Presbyterian Journal," "for our contemporary to say that 'lay preachers' constitute an order of the ministry of man's making. Good laymen may, properly enough, in right circumstances, deliver addresses on religious subjects, but to call them, or attempt to make them, 'preachers,' is to get beyond the limits of the only infallible rule of faith and practice. And that is rather a perilous experiment."

DURING the late large temperance meetings that were held at Round Lake, N.Y., Francis Murphy, the noted temperance lecturer, took his usual course of speaking kindly of all who are engaged in the sale of intoxicating drinks, and of strongly condemning any severe denunciations or rebukes of them. Rev. John W. Mears, D.D., of Hamilton College, took decidedly opposite ground. He spoke of all liquor-selling for ordinary drinking as a sinful traffic, and maintained that it will be impossible to have any thing like total abstinence practised, for any length of time or to any great extent, in any community, where men are on almost every side setting forth their strong drinks in every variety of tempting kind and form. Unquestionably, bad as the drinker is, every way worse is the man who deliberately, and from the mere desire of making money, tempts him and freely furnishes him the liquors that will continue to enslave and lead him to ruin. Assuredly such a man ought to be denounced and treated with scorn.

THERE is no diminution in the mortality, from yellow fever in the South-west. During the forty-eight hours ending on Sunday, the 8th inst., there were 216 deaths in New Orleans, and 198 in Memphis, and a sufficient number in other infected cities to swell the estimate of mortality since July to 3,827. On Monday the condition of the city of Memphis seemed to grow more desperate every hour. Whole families were stricken down within a few hours, and the call for nurses is greater than can be supplied. On Sunday there were about 100 deaths and 411 new cases. The fever has broken out at several new points on the Mississippi,—Bolton Lake, Lawrence Station on the Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad, and Gillman Station on the New Orleans Road, and Dry Grove in Hinds county. There is no abatement at Vicksburg, Holly Springs, Port Gibson, or Greenville. The statement is made that in the dozen cities and towns, where the ravages of the disease have put an end to business of all kinds, 27,000 men, representing a population of 100,000, have been thrown out of employment. The Northern cities are doing splendidly; the contributions reported to the leading agencies in New York city already exceed \$148,000. In Philadelphia \$50,000 have been raised.