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Notes of the Week.

LORD KINNAIRD, presiding at the annual meeting in Edinburgh of the National Bible Society of Scotland, suggested that more attention should be devoted to work in India. The total receipts last year amounted to \$177,605, being \$4,830 less than the previous year. This was accounted for by the decrease in legacies. The speakers included Dr. Wylie, of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

THE London *Presbyterian Messenger* says: The Rev. Mr. Wilkie, of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission at Indore, in the dominions of Holkar, the great Mahomedan prince in India, is a cousin of the Rev. Thomas Anderson, our minister at Kingston-on-Thames. When Mr. Wilkie first went to Indore the affairs of the mission were at a very low ebb. To what an influential position the mission has since attained is evidenced by the magnificent gift which Holkar has just bestowed.

DR. CAMERON LEES, of St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, has devised a plan for promoting social intercourse between himself and people on other lines than those of visitation. The plan is to invite the members of the congregation to afternoon tea in the vestry, where Dr. Lees, with his assistants and Kirk Session, receive the guests, and afterwards indulge in general conversation for an hour or so. The innovation is being very favourably received, and will doubtless soon be widely imitated.

THE Rev. John Reid, of Leeds, has received such encouragement in favour of holding an "Autumn Conference," as supplementary to the ordinary meeting of Synod, that he purposes taking further counsel with the ministers and elders who may be present in London at the March meetings of committees. Many who are dissatisfied with the

hurried manner in which the Synod's work is rushed through are in favour of another way out of the difficulty, viz., by an extension of the time during which the Supreme Court holds its sittings.

THE Rev. Professor Lindsay and Dr. McMurtrie representing respectively the missionary committees of the Free Church and the Church of Scotland, have been in London for the purpose of representing to the Foreign Office the views held by all parties in Scotland, and shared by the English Universities Mission, as to the administration of Nyassaland. Their object is to counteract the policy of Consul Johnstone, who advocates subsidizing the Arabs against the natives.

THE Maharajah Holkar, one of the greatest native princes in India, and a Mahomedan by faith, has presented to the Canadian Mission eight and a half acres of ground, conveniently situated in Indore, for the erection of a mission college and a mission hospital for women. In publicly announcing this fact, Mr. Wilkie, the principal, states that the Maharajah has just forwarded a gift of fifteen hundred rupees to be divided between himself and the lady principal of the hospital, and that the Maharajah's Prime Minister had laid the corner-stone of one of the new buildings.

A CORRESPONDENT writes an English contemporary that a lady recently entered a bookseller's shop in a small Wiltshire town and asked for a copy of "the new book, 'Nux Vomica.'" The bookseller divining what she meant, handed over Professor Drummond's "Pax Vobiscum," and his customer departed in peace. It may be remembered that a Southern lady asked her bookseller for the "Biggest Thing on Earth," meaning the same author's "Greatest Thing in the World," and a New York lady preferred a request for a copy of "Packs for Biscombe."

PROFESSOR DRUMMOND'S meetings continue to be very popular with Edinburgh students. The hall in which they are held is filled to its utmost capacity, and that, too, without the aid of advertising. The series was brought to a close, for the session, on Sunday evening, the 15th of March, when, as in previous years, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed. "It is not our table," Professor Drummond said, in inviting the students, "but the Lord's table. We can exclude none, and all are welcome who wish to take the sacrament, or vow of allegiance to Jesus Christ as Lord."

THE most pertinent question, says the *Christian Leader*, suggested by the case of Lord Mayor Savory is the one asked by Mr. William Tallack: "Does not preaching require a vocation?" No man should stand forth as a public preacher unless he trusts that he is "inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit" so to do. Can we believe that if a person really feels such a solemn call he will make use of a discourse prepared perhaps by some poverty-stricken vendor of manuscript sermons? The tendency in certain quarters to push M.P.'s, mayors and other secular officials into the performance of a duty which only the highest authority warrants is rightly characterized by Mr. Tallack as irreverent.

PERHAPS the most interesting and significant gathering held in connection with the Wesleyan centenary, says the *Christian World*, was the service held in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. To realize completely what this means we must imagine Mr. Price Hughes preaching in Westminster Abbey or Mr. Guinness Rogers occupying the pulpit at St. Paul's. Our Scottish friends are to be congratulated on the priceless possession of so much religious liberty. It was a grand object lesson in Christian unity, which must leave in all true English hearts a lingering dissatisfaction with the hateful barriers and unrighteous limitations which hinder a similar demonstration of brotherly love in this country.

IN a short letter to the *Academy* Professor Sayce gives two pieces of information of interest to biblical students. At Karnak there is a list of Judean towns conquered by Shishak; and it is generally supposed that Jerusalem is not named there; but Professor Sayce points out that the first name on the list (Rabbath) represents Jerusalem, being the official title of the capital of a country. (Compare Rabbath-Ammon, Rabato in the island of Gozo, etc.) The other and more important point is a confirmation of the presence of the Aram-Naharaim in Palestine in the time of the Judges (Judg. iii. 8-10). The records of Rameses III., who was reigning at this time in Egypt, speak of an attempted invasion by the people of Nahrina, which is evidently the same name as Aram Naharaim; so this nation seems to have occupied Palestine as a base for an attack upon the great civilized power of the age.

THE Rev. Dr. MacEwan was one of the speakers at a meeting recently held at the residence of the Duke of Westminster, of the Society for the Relief of Persecuted Jews. Lord Aberdeen presided, and a resolution was adopted declaring it to be the duty of all Christians "to give practical aid to suffering and persecuted Jews, especially in the Holy Land, as approved by the late Lord Shaftesbury, President of this Society." While Mrs. Finn, the secretary, declared that the Jews were going back to the Holy Land, "by an irresistible impulse," Mr. Moccatta said he was not much in favour of their going back in great numbers, because he feared the circumstances of the Holy Land were not such as would enable it to support a large population. There seemed to be a feeling on the part of the Jewish gentlemen present to base their appeal to Christians on the fact of the historical connection of their respective faiths; and to this feeling Dr. MacEwan expressed a friendly response.

"WHY do workingmen attend church?" was the inaugural subject of discussion at Rev. Walter Walsh's first Sunday afternoon open platform at Rye Hill Baptist Church, Newcastle. Workingmen who go to places of worship mustered largely, and gave excellent reasons for doing so. One man told how his wasted, drunken life had been redeemed by religion. Another showed how the best social intercourse and the highest educational training for working men are to be had in the churches. Three church-going men, two being Methodist local preachers, are the parliamentary representatives of the Northumberland and Durham miners. A third believed the best lot of genial, happy friends are to be found in the churches. A blind man related how through his connection with a church he had had read to him the classics and the best modern authors. The general view was that church-going is a recognition of man's relation to God, and that it is intellectually, socially, morally and spiritually beneficial.

RECENTLY the annual sermons were preached in the Islington Presbyterian Church, Liverpool, by Rev. Verner M. White, LL.D. The church was crowded on both occasions. Preaching in the morning from Zechariah iv. the reverend gentleman said there were those who would put the Church above Christ; there were some who would make Christ subservient to the Church; there were some who would compel us to believe that Christ was exactly what they chose to make Him. He pitied the Churches that made their spiritual life and their salvation to hang upon their Churches, and their ceremonies and ordinances without Christ. Take Christ out of the Scriptures, they took the sun out of the heavens. He sometimes thought that the history of Christianity was a history of ages; but they had come into a new age; and he begged to be permitted to use a new word—he believed they were now in the age of "fads." Every man or woman must advance some new theory or they are nothing. It was not to take up the Bible and follow Christ. It was to take up the Bible and lead Christ. It was to put themselves in the place of Christ. It was human vanity and human folly in putting man above God, and in turning to the ways of men from the infallible and sure paths of truth and righteousness.