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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

A BRONZE statue of Dr. Chalmers has just been unveiled in Edinburgh. The statue, which is twelve feet in height, is the work of Sir John Steel, R.S.A., and represents the reverend doctor in the dress of a Moderator of the General Assembly, with an open Bible in his hand, as if giving an exposition.

THE class in astronomy at Chautauqua, numbering over 700, have had the rare satisfaction of viewing Jupiter through the telescope. As seen through the object glass, the planet appears as large as the full moon, and its four satellites and also the belts are very distinctly revealed. All were delighted with this view of this grandest of planets.

FEW persons realize how much courage it requires to be a missionary. There is a proverb, "No man can be a Christian and a coward at the same time." Religious heroism never manifested itself more strongly than to-day in China. Already four men and five women have perished by fever and assassination in their efforts to relieve distress in the famine districts of China.

THE Bay street congregation will commence their new building immediately. It is to be called "Erskine Church." The site is on Caer Howell street, at the Head of Simcoe street. The plans of Messrs. McGaw & Lennox have been adopted. The cost is to be about \$25,000. The change of location will doubtless be favorable to the prosperity of the congregation. With a good site, a commodious building, a good name, and an eloquent preacher, the outlook is certainly promising.

THE Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. Dr. Mullen, the veteran missionary statistician, the Rev. Dr. W. M. Punshon, and other well-known friends of the cause of Christ, have proposed the holding of a General Conference on the subject of Foreign Missions in London, to commence on the 21st of October and extend to the 26th. All Foreign Missionary Societies and Boards are earnestly invited to send delegates to take part in the proceedings, and it is desired that all parts of the foreign missionary world, and of the workers in it, will be represented.

THE committee appointed by the General Assembly to prepare a Book of Discipline for the Presbyterian Church in Canada has been in session in Knox Church, here, for several days, and the work is now well advanced. It may be expected that a book will be produced that will require no alteration for many

years. The following are the members of the committee: Revs. Dr. Bell, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Topp, Dr. Waters, Principal Caven, Dr. Fraser, Dr. Robb, Dr. Reid, Professor McKerras, Messrs. Laing, Middlemiss, and Sedgwick, and Mr. T. W. Taylor.

THE "Christian Intelligencer" waxes indignant over Westminster Park in the Thousand Islands, and the way in which religion is made to serve the purposes of real estate speculators. It is very severe on the disposition to make money by serving God. Speculations in real estate and summer hotels are made remunerative by combining with them religious attractions. The masterly and eloquent sermons and addresses, the enthusiastic crowds, the scenery, the hotels, are skilfully advertised, and the lots are sold at a handsome profit.

EGYPT AND THE HOLY LAND formed the subject of an interesting lecture delivered on Tuesday night, 13th inst., in the College Street Presbyterian Church in this city, by Rev. James Fraser, of Philadelphia. There was a large and attentive audience present. The chair was occupied by Rev. Alex. Gilray. The lecturer during the time he spoke took his audience through Egypt to Jerusalem, describing to them the various points of interest by the way, and dwelling at considerable length on the sights he witnessed and the feelings he experienced in going through the sacred city.

THE Paris Exhibition is to be made a means of moral as well as intellectual improvement. The "Christian Evidence Society" of London have made arrangements for a course of lectures on religious topics in one of the Exhibition buildings, the Salle Evangélique, a room which is devoted to various religious meetings. There are to be both French and English lectures in the course. The "Kiosque Biblique," where portions of the New Testament are continually given away, is also doing a good work. Persons of all classes and nationalities apply for the Scriptures, which are given free of cost.

MANY of our readers says the N.Y. "Independent," would be surprised to learn how widely in the Methodist Church God's omniscience is denied. Sometimes it takes the form that God chooses not to foreknow the contingent acts of his creatures. At other times it is argued that human freedom is incompatible with universal prescience, and that it is impossible for God to foreknow what is contingent on a will as free as his own. Hitchcock & Walden have just published a book by L. D. McCabe taking this position, and a favourable introduction to it is written by Dr. Hurst, President of Drew Theological Seminary.

THE recognition of the principle of religious liberty in the concession of independence by the Berlin Congress to Roumania is universally regarded as a happy omen for the future of Eastern Europe. It is especially grateful to the Jewish people. "For the first time in the history of man," says the "Jewish Messenger," "a nation's claim to existence as a State is made dependent upon its acceptance of the great principle of religious equality for all creeds. Thirty years ago but one of the powers represented at Berlin accorded the Jew full civil rights, and successively in Great Britain, Austria, Germany, Italy and Turkey, have the barriers been swept away that separated the Hebrew from his

neighbors. Can Russia long delay the concession in her own dominions of the civil and religious equality which her veteran Chancellor sustained as the right of the Jews in Roumania, Bulgaria and Servia?"

THE Foreign Sunday School Society of Brooklyn received a new impulse at the recently held New York State S.S. Convention. Schools have already been established by it in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Hungary, South America and Asia. Monthly meetings are held, at which letters from the schools abroad are read, and the society's operations are reviewed. The Sunday School system, as it is known in the United States, has been but imperfectly developed on the Continent of Europe, and it is the object of this society to develop it. The plan proposed at the Convention for raising funds contemplates the placing of a contribution box in ever Sunday school of the country, with the request that each scholar give one cent a year.

AT the meeting of the National Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held in Milwaukee this month, the creation of a single representative body, which has been long desired, was effected. Instead of two organizations there will hereafter be one, known as the "Union of American Hebrew Congregations." It will seek to promote the following objects: (1.) "To establish and maintain institutions for instruction in the higher branches of Hebrew literature and theology. (2.) To establish relations with kindred organizations in other parts of the world for the relief of Jews from political oppression, and to aid in their intellectual elevation. (3.) To promote religious instruction of the young by training competent teachers, and encouraging study of the Scripture without interfering with worship, schools or other congregational institutions." The Union will meet hereafter once in two years.

THE following is a specimen of the way in which the "Weekly Review," (London, Eng.) deals with Anglican pretensions: "Protestants are willing to work with the Church of England in furtherance of the common cause, but they decline to accept the patronage of that Church. A committee of the Conference says in its report: 'The fact that a solemn protest is raised in so many Churches and Christian communities throughout the world against the usurpation of the See of Rome and against the novel doctrines promulgated by its authority, is a subject for thankfulness to Almighty God. All sympathy is due from the Anglican Church to the Churches and individuals protesting against these errors, and labouring it may be under special difficulties from the assaults of unbelief as well as from the pretensions of Rome. It is our duty to warn the faithful that the act done by the Bishop of Rome, in the Vatican Council in the year 1870, whereby he asserted a supremacy over all men in matters both of faith and morals, on the ground of an assumed infallibility, was an invasion of the attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ.' Here we have a Church which has become a hotbed of Romanism, in a patronizing sort of way patting other Churches on the back for protesting against the errors and pretensions of Rome! Here we have a Church in which auricular confession is practised, in which the 'Priest in Absolution' has been, and is, used, in a tone of lordly condescension commending the Protestantism of other Churches!"