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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of \$1, for the Canadian children's Cot in the Toronto Hospital, from "M. ...," Dunbarton, Ont.

WE see that the Provincial Sunday School Convention of Ontario is to be held in this city on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of October next.

MR. CHARLES SPURGEON, the elder of Mr. C. H. Spurgeon's twin sons, has just been recognized as pastor of the South street Baptist Church, Greenwich.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. Rev. Dr. Reid begs to acknowledge the receipt of \$4.50 from an anonymous friend, in a letter signed "yours in Christ Jesus." The money is given to Home Missions.

GEORGE MACDONALD, the novelist, seems to be in great demand as a preacher just now. He appears nearly every Sunday in some London pulpit. He is ready for work anywhere and everywhere.

WE are pleased to notice that Mr. J. W. Reid, son of Rev. Dr. Reid of this city, has been appointed assistant teacher in the Bradford High School. There were fifty-four applications for the position; and the Board are to be congratulated on the wisdom of their choice.

REV. NEWMAN HALL, the noted independent preacher of London, is suffering a grievous affliction in the infidelity of his wife, from whom he has just obtained a divorce. Mr. Hall stands very high on both sides of the water, as a pure and devout man, an honour to the Christian ministry. He is entitled to deep sympathy.

ADVICES from Australia and the Sandwich Islands have been received in San Francisco. Heavy floods have occurred in portions of New South Wales. The beach near Palliser Bay, New Zealand, has been strewn with the wreckage of a large vessel, and all on board are supposed to be lost. The volcano of Kilauea, in Hawaii, is in eruption.

THERE is truth in this paragraph, which we clip from one of our exchanges. We hope some men will lay it to heart. "When a preacher goes astray, men who have been all their years of manhood covered with the same slime of wickedness, will roll their hypocritical eyes and swear preachers are the worst men in the world."

MISS JENNIE ANDERSON, organist of Knox Church, St. Thomas, was presented with a purse containing \$65, as an expression of good will from the congregation, prior to her departure to British Columbia. The presentation took place at the residence of Mrs. Ruthven, on Elgin street, being made by Miss Flora Campbell, while Miss Jennie Burns read an address on behalf of the church choir.

THE wife of Rev. Mr. Mirkle, of Chester, Nova Scotia, who was badly burned recently while in a carriage with her husband, has since died. Mr. Mirkle was smoking a pipe, and a spark from it ignited her dress. His hands were so badly burned while trying to extinguish the fire that the flesh has been cut from them with scissors. This is a solemn warning to smokers and especially to smoking ministers.

FATHER HYACINTHE publicly announces that he neither seeks to found a new religion, nor to introduce Protestantism into Catholicism. He seeks only to purify the Catholic Church from its corruptions. He thus formulates the reforms which he desires to be made: 1. Rejection of the infallibility of the Pope. 2. Election of bishops by the clergy and believers. 3. Preaching of the Bible and general services in the national language. 4. Liberty of marriage to the priest. 5. Liberty and morality in the confessional.

"THE SALVATION ARMY" is the title of an organization that is making some stir in England just now. It is under the leadership of a man calling himself "General Booth." It has its stations in all parts of the country. The members of this army give themselves to evangelistic work, chiefly among the ignorant and degraded classes. Their literature and methods are of a very peculiar character. They could not well be otherwise, for the men engaged in the work are "converted" clowns and fighters and so on. It would not be right, however, to say that they are doing no good. They may benefit men and women who cannot be reached very easily by other means.

DEAN STANLEY's permission to erect a monument in Westminster Abbey in memory of the late Prince Imperial meets with considerable protest. The London "News" has this to say: "On what possible ground can the son of Napoleon III. claim a place among our illustrious dead? He was but a guest in our country, was in no way personally distinguished, except for his misfortunes, and his accidental death while in the field with British troops, cannot entitle him to be ranked side by side with the late Lord Lawrence. Let the army, with which the Prince Imperial was personally connected, erect a monument to his memory; but let the English nation be satisfied with that respectful pity with which so sad a death must inspire. Anything more is but an ostentatious display, which has no deep feeling to sustain it."

IN Rome a movement has been originated in favour of cessation from labour on the Lord's day. The Press Association has nominated a commission to see if it is possible to prevent any newspaper from being published on that day. And Professor Chienci has given a lecture before a numerous audience, proving that the weekly day of rest is the right of all, needful alike for body and mind, for the moral interests of families and of society. Several of the Protestant Italian pastors in Rome have also been calling the attention of their people to this very important subject. It

will thus be seen that while in other parts of the world efforts are being made to conserve the sanctity of the Sabbath, many in Canada are doing all they can to degrade it below the level of the other days of the week. Christian people in all the denominations must see to it that they are not successful in the attempts they are so boldly making in this direction.

THE "N. Y. Evangelist" says, "Some people get an idea that if a young preacher is not likely to achieve success in this country, he is sent abroad to teach the heathen. The fact is the reverse. The best men are sent as missionaries. And foreign fields do not prove obscure corners where zealous men and women are buried from sight. Nay, it is probable that not a few of our honoured missionaries would never have occupied as high positions, or become as widely known, had they remained at home. 'Judson was a very remarkable man,' said one who had just read the life of this missionary. 'What a man he would have become had he remained at home!' The gentleman to whom this remark was made, replied: 'What a man he became because he did not stay in this country!' Carey might have cobbled to the day of his death, but his name is a watchword because the burden of missions to the heathen was laid on him."

At a meeting of the English Church Union, held at Bristol July 25th, resolutions were adopted protesting against "any interference with the text or the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer," and calling the attention of the Convocation of York "to the grave danger likely to result from the proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer." The meeting, by a further resolution, pledged itself "to oppose to the utmost the submitting the working of the Ornaments Rubric to the will of individual bishops." Archdeacon Denison was the principal speaker, and declared, in the course of his address, that "they would not allow the Prayer Book of the Church of England to be, in any shape or under any pretext, carried into Parliament." The English Church Union is the stronghold of the Ritualists, and the resolutions adopted at this meeting show that the recent action of the Canterbury Convocation has only intensified the conflict, and that every movement looking to a reform will be bitterly opposed.

THE Whitby "Chronicle" of a recent date contains a paragraph which may not be without a note of warning to readers of the PRESBYTERIAN living in rural districts. Here it is. "Shoddy peddlers, we are told, are now working most industriously amongst the farmers of the country—or rather, amongst the farmers' wives. They present their samples to the good lady of the house, tell a plausible story of how they can afford to sell the goods cheap, and by misrepresentation and persistence, induce a purchase. No money they say will be asked for, take the goods and if you like them you can pay for them any time; if you don't like them they need not be paid for at all. As a matter of form, however, as they say, they will take an acknowledgment. This the farmer is persuaded to give, through the influence of the wife and daughters. And, in due time, this assumes the shape of a note, sent for collection, through the bank or express office. In this way the shoddy goods are disposed of and the farmer pays two prices for a bad article, when a really good article could be obtained for one half the money from the reputable merchant in his neighbourhood."