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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

MR. JAMES BAIN delivered a lecture in the Bible-class room of College street Presbyterian church in this city, on Monday evening last, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association connected with the congregation. The subject was "Geology and Genesis."

THE third and last paper on the New Testament Revision, by Mr. Mortimer Clark, will appear in our issue of next week. We have reason to know that not a few of our readers have been looking for it, and we trust that Mr. Clark may find time to be a more frequent contributor to the columns of the PRESBYTERIAN.

THE contracts for the erection of the new Queen's College building, at Kingston, were awarded on the 27th ult., as follows: Mason work, R. Tossell & Son, Kingston, \$25,236; carpenter work, W. Irving & Son, Kingston, \$14,955; gas and steam fitting, V. McNeil, Kingston, \$2,350; slating, G. Duthie, Toronto, \$920; Painting, plumbing, etc., W. Irving & Son, Kingston, \$3,142. Total—\$46,603. The work will be begun with the first favourable weather.

THE report of the hospital for sick children for the year 1878 shows that fifty three in-door patients were under treatment during the whole or some part of the year; and that 184 out-door patients received more or less attention during the same period. This is a most useful institution. It owes its existence and its continued usefulness to the exertions of a few charitable ladies in the city; and with the exception of the city grant of \$250 per annum, it is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions sent in without solicitation. The Secretary is Mrs. Samuel McMaster 537 Church street, Toronto.

PRINCIPAL MACVICAR, Professor Campbell, Rev. Messrs. Fleck, Wright, and Scrimger, and Mr. James Croil recently withdrew their names from the committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society. We understand that this step was rendered necessary to prevent confusion, especially in Britain, many thinking this Society was in connection with the Presbyterian Church. These gentlemen are among the most active members of the Executive of the General Assembly's Board of French Evangelization, and their names appearing on the Report of the other Society naturally led to confusion.

The scenes at the late state ball at Ottawa were sadly marred by the presence of several persons in a state of beastly intoxication. It appears that there was an unlimited amount of intoxicants provided. And yet our Governor-General had scarcely got through with his reception of the Good Templars' deputations, and his eulogy of their principles, when the state ball came off. It would need spectacles of great magnifying power to see the consistency between flattering the Good Templars one day, and the next, providing unlimited wines for men to make beasts of themselves with.

THE American Missionary Association which labours among the negroes in the Southern States and in Africa, has been offered £3,000 by Mr. Robert Arthington, of Leeds, Eng., for the purpose of establishing a mission station in the region north and east of the Victoria Nyanza Mission of the English Church Missionary Society. Mr. Arthington has already given £5,000 to the Church Missionary Society, £5,000 to the London Missionary Society, £1,000 to the English Baptist Missionary Society, and £1,000 to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and these donations will establish a line of mission stations nearly across the African continent.

THIS is the age of "Symposiums." The new editor of the "Congregationist," evidently intent on making his magazine a live organ of religious thought, has presented his readers this month with a symposium, on the question of revival services. The contributors are the Rev. R. W. Dale, M.A., Thos. Gowan, M.A., and Dr. Kennedy. Mr. Dale is as ponderous as usual, and includes in his list of Revivalists, John the Baptist, St. Bernard, St. Francis, Whitfield and Wesley. The ground is gone carefully over by this trio of symposiumists, and they argue that if these special services are judiciously managed by the right sort of men the probabilities are that good will come of them, all of which we most sacredly believe.

THE last regular meeting of the Students' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was held on Friday evening, Feb. 28th. The principal business of the meeting was the choosing of mission fields and the appointment of missionaries to them for the ensuing summer. Owing to the state of the funds of the Society and the continuance of the dull times, it was considered advisable to reduce the number of fields from five to four, and accordingly the following fields were taken up: Massawippi, Richley and Coaticook, L'Amable, Thanet and The Ridge, Cantley and Fortland. The following students were appointed missionaries. Mr. J. A. Anderson, B.A., to Massawippi, etc., Mr. Morrison, to L'Amable, Mr. McFarland, to Thanet, etc.; and Mr. Stewart, to Cantley, etc.

THE Committee appointed by last General Assembly to prepare a Hymn Book have sent proofs of the new collection down to Presbyteries for examination. It contains 278 hymns for congregational singing and eleven for the young. As the work of the committee is not yet completed it would be premature to sit in judgment on the merits of the collection; but it will do no harm to say that if Sabbath schools are to be restricted to authorized hymns, that part of the hymn book allotted to the young must be considerably enlarged. We also venture to express our satisfaction at finding that the collection comprises so many of

those well-known hymns which do not belong particularly to any denomination, but are the common property of evangelical Christendom.

LORD DUFFERIN, in his response to the address recently presented him by the Belfast Literary and Scientific Society, makes the following happy remarks on impromptu speaking. He said: "It may be some comfort to know that I believe no great speaker ever addressed a public assembly without feeling the greatest possible trepidation, and undergoing nervous tremours of which the uninitiated can have no idea. I myself have seen the legs of one of the most famous orators of the House of Lords, to whom that audience ever listened with continuous delight, tremble like an aspen leaf during the first moments of the delivery of his speech. I have seen a lord chancellor absolutely break down, and a prime minister lose the thread of his discourse. I will also let you into another secret. I believe that no good speech—no really good and excellent speech has ever been made without a considerable amount of preparation. I don't mean to say that a speech should be learned by heart, but unless a person who is called upon by one of those important efforts should condescend to saturate himself with his speech, carefully to think out, at all events, the skeleton of his discourse, and even in the solitude of his chamber, or, perhaps, which is better still, amid the din and bustle of a crowded street, should well revolve in his mind the words with which his ideas are intended to be clothed, in all probability his effort will not be worth a very great amount of attention." These utterances are worthy of consideration by Sunday School teachers and ministers, and all indeed who wish when speaking to say something.

THE Rev. Donald Ross, missionary-elect to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, returned to Lancaster last week from the Maritime Provinces, where he has been lecturing on the North-west for the past month, with a view of inducing emigration thither, and at the same time for the purpose of interesting that section of the Church in the mission work carried on within the bounds of the Presbytery of Manitoba. We are glad to learn that Mr. Ross' visit East has been successful, and is likely to bear good fruit before long. He collected between \$300 and \$400 in Halifax, etc., to aid in thoroughly equipping the mission at Prince Albert. Mr. Ross lectured on Thursday evening of last week on the North-west in Calvary Church, Montreal. Mr. J. R. Dougall, of the "Witness," occupied the chair, and the attendance was good. The lecturer referred to the vast extent of the territory, the fertility of its soil, the salubrity of its climate, its natural resources, etc., etc. He showed its desirability as a field for emigration, its superiority to the Western States. He pointed out the fact that there is navigation for flat boats all the way from New Orleans to Edmonton on the Saskatchewan, if only some few miles of canal were made, and that the distance from Liverpool to Port Nelson on the Hudson Bay is less than from Liverpool to New York, that this route is open for at least four months in the year, and that by it emigrants from Britain could easily be brought in to the North-west. He closed with an eloquent peroration on the magnificent heritage of Canadians, and urged the fostering of a true feeling of Protestantism. We understand that Mr. Ross is to deliver his lecture at one or two points in Ontario before returning to his distant field of labour.