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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

HER MAJESTY, the Queen, paid a visit to the empress, Eugenie, to condole with her on the loss of her son, the Prince Imperial, who fell in the Zulu war.

THERE are now in Utah, where ten years ago Mormonism would allow no Gentile opposition, eight Presbyterian churches, ten ministers, eleven schools and sixteen teachers.

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THE famous Signor Gavazzi has been in London pleading the cause of the Free Italian Church. The reporters say that he has lost none of his old-time force and fervour.

TWELVE years ago Nebraska had but five feeble Presbyterian churches. Now the five have expanded twenty-fold, and she has to-day over one hundred churches.

OF a grand total of 94,841 men in the British army, 62,860 belong to the Church of England, 20,872 are Roman Catholics, 7,125 Presbyterians, and 3,985 are Protestants of other denominations.

REV. GEO. F. HERRICK, of Turkey, reports that the circulation of Bibles and religious literature in that country now numbers about 140,000 volumes a year. The only mission, he says, which can reach Turkey is a women's mission.

IN our report of the proceedings of the General Assembly in last issue the name of the Convener of the committee appointed to prepare a scheme for a general sustentation fund was omitted. The Convener is the Rev. P. McF. McLeod of Stratford.

DR. ROBERT MOFFAT has been speaking on the Zulu war, and, as every Christian man is bound to do, he condemned it as brutal and unjust. He also expressed the opinion that Cetewayo, if he is disposed to do so, can hold out against the British forces for a long time yet.

FATHER HYACINTHE administers communion to his Paris congregation in both kinds. It having been asserted in England that his marriage interfered with his work, the Pere, in his reply, says the truth is that it helps him, and that the great majority of Catholics approve of a married clergy.

WOMEN are gradually making their way into the pulpits of more than one denomination in the United States. We no longer feel astonished when among the ordinary religious news we read such an item as this: "The Rev. Ellen G. Gustin has become the pastor of a church in Westerly."

THE London "Standard" announces that in consequence of the treaty recently concluded with Portugal, for the development of the freedom of commerce and civilization in Africa, a British man-of-war has already been ordered to Mozambique to co-operate with the Portuguese for the suppression of the slave trade.

AT a Hebrew Convention shortly to be held in New York will come up a proposition to change the Sabbath services in the synagogues from Saturday to Sunday. This important change is being put in practice by a few of the radically reform congregations, but it meets with strenuous opposition from the orthodox rabbis, journals and people.

WE publish in this issue an article on "The Human Soul and the Temperance Cause." We agree with our correspondent in his main conclusions, but we take exception to some of his statements regarding the soul. Reasoning *a priori*, it ought to have the highest place in the human system, whereas he assigns it the lowest, next to inert matter, without advancing anything to establish his position.

ON the evening of Saturday last the Charles street Mission Band held a garden party in the pleasant grounds of Wm. Alexander, Esq., Rosedale. The attendance was both large and highly respectable, and the Yorkville brass band and some amateur performances (especially the sword dance by two boys in costume) added greatly to the enjoyment. In every way the affair was a great success, and must have added considerably to the funds of the band.

DR. JOHN CUMMING has resigned the pastoral charge of Crown-Court Scotch Church, London. He has occupied the pulpit of that Church for some forty-seven years, and although he has made prominent some views with which we do not sympathize, he has done good service. It seems that his congregation has been but small for some years past, and now the church is likely to pass away. His people are about to join with another congregation.

A GREAT crowd listened to Joseph Cook at Salt Lake. The subject of the lecture was "Certainties in Religion with a Prelude on Mormonism." It was to be delivered in the Presbyterian Church, but when that building was filled, and some hundreds were still standing outside, the lecture was adjourned to the Methodist Church, a larger building. Many Mormons were present, and heard some very sensible and plain talk, which made them very angry.

MR. R. W. DALE, as our readers know, is an active, energetic politician, as well as a preacher and pastor and theologian. In a recent number of the "Fortnightly Review" he offers some remarks on "Liberal Candidates at the next election." He is very severe on those moderate Liberals who are afraid of radical candidates. He counsels union in the party, but it is very evident that he will not submit to the ignoring of the progressive Liberals with whose views he sympathizes.

AMONG those converted during the meetings of Mr. Moody, in Baltimore, was a Jewish Rabbi, Professor Reider, who has entered the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church. He was born in Joppa, educated in London, emigrated to America, and became a Rabbi in Chicago. He attended one of Moody's meetings, and, being converted, became an earnest believer in the Christian doctrine and forsook the faith of his fathers, and is shortly to give a series of lectures before the ministers in Baltimore on "How and Why I became a Christian."

THE worship of St. Joseph is gaining ground in France, although the Congregation of Rites has condemned as ridiculous an Ave Joseph contained in a pamphlet approved by the Cardinal-Archbishop of Toulouse, and honoured with the benediction of the late Pope. Not only this, but it is related in all seriousness, how a child who for days had been unable to open his eyes was cured by reciting this Ave which the Congregation of Rites now declares to be ridiculous.

THE "Christian Signal" was started in London about a year ago—it was said, in opposition to the "Christian World." When last heard from it was expected to breathe its last. And this is how a newspaper correspondent writes about it:—"This once pretentious but of late singularly weak print . . . had a fair field and good encouragement when 'floated,' but it was weighed down by a conclave of amateur advisers and fussy parsons, who sat in judgment once a week, and instructed the editor how to perform his duties." Take warning, friends. Everybody thinks he can edit a newspaper; but it may be well to know that the true editor is born.

IT is little more than a truism to say that it is easier to stop an evil in its beginnings than at any other part of its course. It is so with Sabbath desecration, as the church-going people of New York are just finding out. It is almost too late to cry out when Sunday trains on the elevated railway are thundering past the church windows while the services are going on. The "Christian Intelligencer" bitterly complains of the injustice, and, apparently without any intention of playing on words, calls it "highway robbery." But if the church-goers of New York had been more faithful in using their power and influence to keep people from breaking the fourth commandment they would find it somewhat easier to keep them from breaking the eighth.

THE Swedish expedition under Nordenskjöld, which sailed from Gothenburg on the 4th July, 1878, has successfully solved the problem of the existence of a northeast passage from Norway to Japan; thereby accomplishing what Cabot, Sir Hugh Willoughby, Barentz, Hudson and Behring unsuccessfully attempted. Though the exploit is little likely to give substance to those golden visions of trade with far Cathay which tempted the ancient adventurers to the risk, yet science will reap many fresh acquisitions from it. The zoologists report splendid stores of peculiar and hitherto unknown marine animals; and some apparently diatomous mud, collected in yellow spots on the ice, proves to be a new mineral, probably created by the action of long frost upon sea water. The probability, however, is that the observations and experience thus gained will prove of the greatest value to future aspirants who may attempt to pass a summer at the North Pole.