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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

MR. A. C. THOMPSON, of Barrie, has given the Presbyterian congregation at Midland, a village lot upon which a handsome church will be erected during the summer.

THE Rev. Dr. Baxter recently of Stanley St. Church Montreal, has received a cordial and unanimous call to the Loughborough Road U. P. Church, Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane has been nominated for the moderatorship of next General Assembly by two additional Presbyteries since our last issue—Miramichi, N. S., and London, Ont.

THE Rev. John Eadie has received a call from the congregations of Pinkerton and West Brant, stipend promised, \$850 and Manse. At last meeting of the Bruce Presbytery, the call was sustained.

We are requested to remind the Conveners of Presbyteries' Home Mission Committees that the annual reports, Nos. I. and II. should be forwarded to the Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal by Monday next the 21st inst.

THE new hymn book adopted for use by the St. James' Square Presbyterian church, in this city, has been received by Messrs. James Bain & Son. There are various sizes and bindings. The price is from eight cents and upwards.

IT looks as if the Afghanistan war were about ended. Negotiations are going on with Yakoob Khan, and it is expected that they will be successful. We shall see what has been gained by British expenditure of treasure and life.

POOR ARCHBISHOP PURCELL is in difficulty again. Now Committees bother him. He appointed one to receive contributions for his relief, and the priests of his diocese appointed another. It is a wonder that there has been no investigation in his case.

THE Ladies' French Evangelization Society acknowledges, with sincere thanks, the receipt of the following donations:—Mrs. W. Mortimer Clark, Toronto, \$20; Mrs. Peter Redpath, Montreal, \$10; Mrs. Glen Coates, Scotland, \$10. Further contributions on behalf of the work of the Society are urgently solicited. These should be addressed to Miss Gordon, care of Joseph Mackay, Esq., Montreal.

THE Synod of Hamilton and London, met in St. Andrew's Church, London, last week. There was a large attendance of members. The Rev. R. Hamilton, retiring moderator preached an able sermon; and thereafter the Rev. John McEwen, of Ingersoll, was elected to the chair. We hope to be able to make room for a synopsis of the proceedings in next issue.

THE death is announced of Mr. Wm. Ireland, city chamberlain and treasurer of Queen's College, Kingston. In his official positions, Mr. Ireland was regarded by all who knew him as a faithful and upright public servant. In his management of the finances of the city he was one of those men whom no influence could induce to swerve in the minutest particular from the path of the most rigid rectitude. The funeral was largely attended.

WILL the people of Canada never learn to send fit men to represent them in Parliament? It may be too much to ask that our legislators should be acquainted with the rudiments of political economy. Common sense would demand such a thing, but the exigencies of party will not permit it. But is it possible that decency of behaviour is a disqualification for the House of Commons? The Gilmor-Domville squabble last week would have been disgraceful in a bear-garden.

THE world moves! J. Hyatt Smith, a Baptist minister of Brooklyn, well known as an advocate of open communion views and practices, was called to administer the right of baptism on a Protestant in the Roman Catholic Hospital of Brooklyn, N.Y., and he baptized the man by sprinkling! He used the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer! And a sister of charity brought and held the bowl of water for him! And two Episcopalians and one Presbyterian were present as witnesses! Things must have been marvellously mixed there, but would it not be a blessed thing if they were oftener mixed? We think the Millennium is not far off. A few more scenes like that would make us believe it had come already.

A CORRESPONDENT of the "Herald and Presbyter" writes in the following terms of Mr. Hammond's services at Chatham: "The work here is far beyond my power to describe. During the past week the interest has so intensified, and the number of inquirers so multiplied, that even near to the hour of midnight a great audience lingered in the largest building in the city. It is safe to say that not far from eight hundred, the majority of them adults, have during these past two memorable weeks professed conversion. Last night about four hundred unconverted persons rose for prayer. No Christians were allowed in the building except a few workers. The house was thus crowded with young converts and those who were seeking the Lord. Mr. Hammond says these meetings take him back to the great revivals he witnessed in Scotland in 1861, when the interest in Dumfries, Glasgow, Annan and other places was so intense that it was impossible to clear the churches before the hour of midnight."

REV. J. C. SMITH, M. A., of Guelph, preached the anniversary sermons in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on Sunday morning and evening to good congregations on both occasions. On Monday evening the annual festival was held. The report of the managers showed that the number of members was now 257, against 190 last year. The stipend paid by the con-

gregation was \$1,150, of which none was in arrear; contributions for congregational purposes were \$1854.48, and the total contributions for all purposes were \$2643.68. There were 200 in the Sabbath school and Bible classes; twenty-one teachers and officers in the school; 130 families in connection with the congregation. After a short address by Mr. Waits, Rev. John Laing, M.A., of Dundas, delivered a dramatic address lasting over an hour, on the betrayal of the Saviour. It was listened to with rapt attention, and was intensely interesting throughout. Short addresses by Rev. G. A. Youmans, Dunnville, Rev. John Kay, Milverton, Rev. J. J. Cameron, Shakespeare, and music by the choir, brought the very pleasant meeting to a close.

ON Tuesday evening, March 25th, the Rev. F. Goldsmith, of Hamilton, delivered an eloquent and impressive lecture to an appreciative audience, in the Presbyterian church, Thornbury. His subject was, "Religion and Politics." The pastor of the church—the Rev. A. T. Colter—occupied the chair. On the platform were also the Rev. J. Mahan, of the Canada Methodist Church, and the Rev. F. D. Brown, of the Episcopalian Church. The Rev. gentleman did not appear as the exponent of any sect of religionists, or of any party in politics; and, while he held that none of the sects should bow at the shrine of either existing party, he also condemned the often expressed idea, that "religion has nothing to do with politics." He contended that religion is the grand moulding power in our world, and that politics should come under its influence, and be moulded by it; that if the politics of any country, which are not fashioned by the simple, yet transforming, power of the religion of the Bible, when "weighed in the balances," they would certainly be "found wanting." The lecture was listened to with breathless attention throughout.

THE revival in the town of Chatham has assumed a character which, to say the very least of it, is promising. It is a good indication that the departure of Mr. Hammond, who was chiefly instrumental in originating the movement, has neither diminished the interest almost universally felt in the work nor caused the attendance at the meetings to decrease. We know that "revivalism"—so-called—is found fault with by many of our best and most intelligent men; and we know that the principle of forced excitement is not always the best in essaying to turn men from darkness to light, inasmuch as it often leads to profession without conviction and zeal without knowledge; but, at the same time, we believe that these special revival movements have their advantages—one great advantage being that they bring out many to hear the gospel who would never have come, under ordinary circumstances. If, out of the thousand who have professed conversion in connection with the Chatham revival, only one soul were saved, would not that revival be a blessing? And who is so extremely cynical as to limit the number to so very small a proportion? Will not the greater number of reasonable men hope and expect that at least one half of these professed Christians may persevere; and will they not pray that the whole of them may do so? Even with the half would it not be a glorious harvest? We entertain most lively hopes that the movement which is passing over Brantford, Chatham, Guelph, and other places at the present time will result in permanent benefit to the world, to the Church, and to the cause of Christ.