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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE Presbytery of Quebec has nominated Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

ON a recent motion respecting the introduction of an organ into the Beeton Presbyterian Church, forty members voted yea, twenty nay.

THE Synod of Montreal and Ottawa meets in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on Tuesday next, the 13th inst., at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Parkdale have secured two lots on Dunn avenue, near Queen street, and will shortly commence building operations.

WE are pleased to notice that the salary of the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, of McNab street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, has been increased by \$400.

PRINCIPAL Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, has been notified that a bequest of \$8,000, besides a bursary of \$1,000, left by the late Dr. Spence, is now, by the death of his widow, at the disposal of the college authorities.

THE Rev. A. B. Mackay, recently of Brighton, England, is to be inducted to the pastoral charge of Crescent street Church, Montreal, on Friday next, the 16th inst. Mr. Mackay and his family arrived in Montreal in the beginning of this week.

THE congregation of Charles street Presbyterian Church, in this city, has extended a hearty and harmonious call to the Rev. J. Hogg, Oshawa. Should the rev. gentleman see it to be his duty to accept, he will enter upon an important, and promising field. The salary offered is \$1,800.

AT the recent convocation of McGill University the degree of LL.D. was conferred on the Rev. Dr. Jenkins of Montreal, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly; and that of M.A. upon Mr. George Dickson, B.A., Rector of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute. Both gentlemen well merit the distinction thus conferred on them.

AT last meeting of Lindsay Presbytery, the Rev. J. McNabb, Beaverton, resigned his appointment as Commissioner to the General Assembly, when the Presbytery satisfied with his reasons, reluctantly accepted his resignation and unanimously appointed the Rev. D. D. McLennan, Kirkfield, as Commissioner in his room.

AN interesting conversazione took place on Monday night at Morin College, Quebec, given by the Alma Mater Society, which was attended by the *elite* of the city, and only terminated shortly before midnight. Addresses were delivered by the Principal, Rev. Dr. Cook, Hon. D. Ross, Professor Weir, Mr. Pilkington, and Professor Johnson, LL.D., of Montreal.

RUSSIA must be in a sad condition. Since the recent attempt to assassinate the Emperor, fears have been entertained of outbreaks, especially in St. Petersburg. Nihilism seems to be very powerful in the large cities, and the government is doing what it can to repress it by military measures. Arrests are frequent; many are taken up on the merest shadow of suspicion. What will be the final result no one can predict; but it looks now as if serious events were at the door.

THE annual meeting of the Trustees of Queen's College was held on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The following gentlemen were elected Trustees for five years:—Rev. Dr. Neil, Seymour; Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, Hamilton; Sandford Flemming, C.E., C.B., Ottawa; D. B. MacLennan, Esq., M.A., Q.C., Cornwall; N. J. MacGillivray, Esq., B.A., Montreal. Dr. Neil and Mr. MacGillivray were re-elected. Mr. Frank Ireland was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year.

THE Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, the recently inducted pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal, was on Tuesday last the recipient of a framed illuminated address, accompanied by a beautiful silver inkstand and a combined writing case and desk, from the Sabbath school and congregation of the Victoria Mission, Montreal, where he has laboured for the past eight months. Mr. Cruikshank was also presented with a purse containing a handsome sum of money from the ladies of St. Paul's Church, Montreal.

A LARGE surprise party called at the residence of Dr. Stanbury, Bayfield, and presented Mrs. Stanbury with an address expressive of the congregation's high appreciation of her services as organist, and several valuable articles of silver ware. Mrs. Stanbury replied in suitable terms, and thereafter a pleasant evening was spent in conversation, music, readings and discussing the contents of the baskets filled with the good things which the ladies had provided.

AT a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Barrie Presbyterian Church held on the 1st inst., the following resolution was carried unanimously, viz.: "That in consideration of the efficient and continuous labours of the Rev. John Leiper, and the success which has attended his ministry in all its different departments, the Board of Managers feel it to be their duty in acknowledgment of these services, to place three months of the coming summer at his disposal, either to visit the Old Country or travel on this continent as may suit his convenience, and they hereby undertake in conjunction with the Session to provide the necessary supply."

WE have received printed copies of three sermons by the Rev. E. Wallace Waits, of Stratford, whereof the following are the titles: (1) "Melchizedek and Christ as Royal Priests—an Action Sermon preached

in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stratford, on the occasion of the Communion, October 6th, 1878;" (2) "Influential Meditations in the Night—Concluding Lecture of the second series on Remarkable Nights, or Nights Worth Remembering, delivered in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on Sabbath evenings during the winter of 1878-9;" (3) "David and Jonathan—a sermon preached to the Independent Order of Odd-fellows." These discourses contain many eloquent and forcible passages, and will well repay perusal.

PRESBYTERIANS don't always take kindly to the modern style of "debt raising" as the following from a St. John (N. B.) contemporary very plainly indicates: "Mr. Edward Kimball is a gentleman who has attained some celebrity in the United States as a 'Church debt raiser.' He hails from Chicago. He has been in St. John on business for some time past, and learning that St. Andrew's Church was in debt he conceived the happy thought of freeing it from its encumbrances. He asked permission of the church authorities to occupy the pulpit on a Sunday, and after some consideration his request was granted. A large congregation was present at the morning service yesterday forenoon when Mr. Kimball commenced to preach, but when he was about to conclude there were few people in the church. It seems that in finishing his sermon, Mr. K. introduced his plan of relieving the church from debt. As a first call he wished to take the names of those who would give \$750 within two years, and he called on the church authorities to take around slips of paper to the congregation. A more astonished congregation has seldom been seen, and instead of enthusiasm, indignation was aroused. The majority of the congregation retired at once, leaving Mr. Kimball in the pulpit, and his 'debt raising' scheme a failure. Mr. K. preached in the evening again, but he did not make any effort to clear off the debt."

DURING last week the revival services in the Drill Shed at Guelph continued to be well attended, and the interest manifested was unabated. Mr. Hammond has now left, but we understand that the meetings continue up to the time of our going to press. Many have been remaining to the enquiry meeting on each occasion, and several local ministers have expressed their opinion that much permanent good has been effected. The "covenant book" signed by the professed converts is said to contain over 800 names. It is quite possible that Mr. Hammond is too sanguine, but his estimate—founded, he says, on experience—is, that out of one hundred apparent conversions, ninety-five will prove real. Their ages vary from eight to seventy-two years, but the greater part of the work has been done among the young. We believe, however, that even in cases of conversion by ordinary instrumentalities, the preponderance of the number of young converts over that of those who are converted at an advanced period of life is just as great as it is during revivals. There is an emphatic promise to the young in the words, "Those who seek Me early shall find Me." Previous to Mr. Hammond's departure from Guelph he organized an Evangelistic Union, with officers, so that when any particular district in the neighbourhood required workers they could communicate with the Secretary and help would be at once forwarded. From Galt also, and from Hespeler there are accounts of crowded meetings being held with beneficial results.