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## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO.

The annual meeting of the Association will be held in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, on the evening of Wednesday, the 26th inst., at half past seven o'clock. Instead of each congregation holding their usual weekly prayer-meeting on that evening, all the congregations, it is expected, will unite in one large gathering of the Presbyterians of Toronto. It is hoped that every one connected with our Church will make an effort to be present on Wednesday evening, and testify their interest in the work and success of the Church Extension Association.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

WE are glad to learn that one of the students of the Montreal Presbyterian College is offering his services to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church with a view to labour among the heathen.

"THE CHRISTIAN GLEANER" is the name of a new non-denominational missionary magazine published at Port Hope. It is plentifully illustrated, and seems to glean the various fields, far and near, with considerable skill and industry.

BY the assistance of the United States Consul in Laos, Further India, the American missionaries have secured a proclamation from the king of Siam, granting full religious liberty in North Laos, and recognizing the Christian Sabbath.

LORD LAWRENCE, lately Governor-General of India, says that "missionaries have done more to benefit India than all other agencies combined," to which Sir Bartle Frere adds that "they have worked changes more extraordinary than anything witnessed in Modern Europe."

LORD HARTINGTON has been installed as Lord Rector of the University of Edinburgh. The ceremony took place in the Free Church Assembly Hall in the presence of a crowded assemblage of students and others. He has received from the University the honorary degree of LL.D.

IN the annual report of the New York Protectory, an institution having the care of poor and orphan children, the officials state that the cheap, vile litera-

ture which is so plentifully provided, and which finds its way so readily into the hands of the young, is the most prolific cause of vice and crime among those who come under their care.

IT is now authoritatively announced that John Henry Newman is to be created cardinal at the next Consistory in Rome. This would seem to be evidence that the present Pope is far more liberal than his predecessors: for it is well known that Newman has no sympathy with Ultramontanism.

ANOTHER anti-Chinese Bill is looked for from the special session of the American Congress. It is said that one will be drawn up which will evade the legal difficulties which stood in the way of the one of last session, and it is thought that President Hayes will sign it. We hope that he will sign no Bill that discriminates between people and people.

AT the meeting of the Free Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, on the 4th inst., Mr. Anderson gave notice that he should at the next meeting move that the Presbytery, considering the abounding commercial distress which still exists in the land, resolve to address the Home Secretary or Prime Minister and humbly suggest the appointment of a day of national humiliation and prayer.

THE Presbytery of Montreal is to devote the evening of its April meeting to a conference on Sabbath school work. Principal Dawson, Judge Torrance, Dr. MacVicar, David Morrice, J. L. Morris, Prof. Campbell, and other distinguished Sabbath school workers are to take part in the exercises. The Rev. J. S. Black, who is Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Sabbath schools, will present a report as to the condition of Sabbath schools within the bounds of the Presbytery.

THE World's Conference of the Evangelical Alliance will open at Basle, Switzerland, on the 31st of August, and close on the 7th of September. The proceedings will be in French, but English meetings for British and American delegates will be held. On the 1st of September there will be reports on the condition of Protestantism in the various countries represented. Evangelization will be the chief subject for the second day, Christian education for the third, Protestantism and society for the fourth, Missions for the fifth, and Christian union for the sixth.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH, Brooklyn, recently held a fair for the benefit of its Bethel Mission, and realized some \$3,000. Every evening during the continuance of the fair a concert was given in the church. It might at first seem superfluous to say that it is not in view of recent customs on such occasions—that no gambling or lottery of any description was resorted to. One or two simple forms of raffling were introduced, but they were promptly suppressed. We hope that all Churches will follow the example given in this respect.

THE three hundredth anniversary of the Treaty of Utrecht was celebrated in Holland with much enthusiasm. We need not wonder very much at this when we remember that it was this treaty which brought the long and terrible struggle between Spain and the Netherlands practically to a close, and set the latter

free, not only from Spanish tyranny but from the thralldom of Rome—for what was Philip but a minion of the Pope? Those who have read Mr. Motley's eloquent descriptions of Spanish cruelty and Dutch heroism and endurance will understand the enthusiasm manifested on this occasion, and heartily accord their sympathies to the countrymen of William the Silent.

THE Roman Catholic bishops and cures continue to attract the attention of the French Liberals by their intolerance. A new-born child recently died before it could be christened; the cure of Rome refused to allow it to be buried in consecrated ground; the father and mother complained to the maire, who ordered a new grave to be dug in the vicinity of the graves of other members of the family; the cure refused to yield, and applied to the prefect, who decided that, according to law, the cure was right. The new-born babe has therefore, to the unutterable grief to its parents, been consigned to earth in a portion of the churchyard set apart for persons of infamous character.

APROPOS to the late conference on the second coming of our Lord is the following paragraph from the pen of Dr. Withrow:—"Some may think the Sun of Righteousness is slow in rising, but let those who believe that times are out of joint understand that they are doing dishonour to the Holy Ghost. Four-fifths of the human race now have the Bible in their own tongue. Religious toleration prevails in every civilized nation. The Roman Church may never grow out of her greed of power, but the day of her despotism is over. Infidelity is no longer a masculine factor in human affairs, as it was, for instance, in the days when the Roman amphitheatre ran with the blood of the Christians. Bible study over the world is settling beyond disturbance the fundamental Christian truths. There never has been a time when the missionary spirit was more active than now. It is impossible to enumerate the occasions of special encouragement to missions. In short, as the old English preacher said, 'The Lord has been coming ever since He went away,'"

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES gives young men sensible advice on the marriage question, as follows:—"The true girl has to be sought for. She does not parade herself as show goods. She is not fashionable. Generally, she is not rich. But, oh! What a heart she has when you find her! So large and pure and womanly. When you see it you wonder if those showy things outside were women. If you gain her love your two thousand are millions. She'll not ask you for a carriage or a first-class house. She'll wear simple dresses, and turn them when necessary, with no vulgar magnificat to frown upon her economy. She'll keep everything neat and nice in your sky parlour, and give you such a welcome when you come home that you'll think your parlour higher than ever. She'll entertain true friends on a dollar, and astonish you with the new thought how little happiness depends on money. She'll make you love home (if you don't you're a brute), and teach you how to pity, while you scorn a poor, fashionable society that thinks itself rich, and vainly tries to think itself happy. Now, do not, I pray you, say any more: 'I can't afford to marry.' Go, find the true woman, and you can. Throw away that cigar, burn up that switch cane, be sensible yourself, and seek your wife in a sensible way."