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The SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN has been received with increased favor during the year, although there are still very many schools in which no copies are taken. It is encouraging to know that the patrons of the paper look with approval upon the efforts made to provide such a publication; and we bespeak largely increased orders for the coming year—promising, on our part, to make the paper more attractive than ever to our young folk.

GOLDEN HOURS, started in January last, will be continued, but as an entirely distinct publication. In reading matter and illustrations it will be quite different from the SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN, so that, if desired, the two papers may be given out to the same scholar alternately—thus forming a fortnightly issue.

PLEASE NOTE!

Superintendents and teachers will oblige us much by sending in their orders for 1879 as early as possible, so that we may know how many copies to print of the January number.

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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THERE are 70,000 Christians gathered into the churches of Madagascar. Polynesia is almost entirely Christian.

A SABBATH School Conference is to be held at Stratford on Wednesday, the 22nd of January, 1879, under the auspices of the Presbytery.

THE Rev. Wm. Cochrane, D.D., of Brantford, lately presented to each of the students of Knox College a volume of the "Sermons" preached in Zion Church which have been printed, for which he received a hearty vote of thanks. This is an example worthy of imitation, and it is to be hoped that it will be followed by others.

WE are in receipt of the initial number of the "Daily Review," a bright, neat evening paper, published by Messrs. Took & Co., of the Peterboro' "Review." It deserves success, as we feel certain the evening edition will be marked by all the good quali-

ties which for so many years have distinguished the old Peterboro' "Review."

THE Bible Society of Geneva, Switzerland, has undertaken to send a copy of the New Testament to each school teacher in France. It will require about 80,000 copies. The society has already sent about 27,000 copies, and needs funds to complete the work. The society has received many letters of thanks, among them, one from a Roman Catholic nun.

THE American Sunday School Union has received \$10,000 as a legacy from the late Miss Mary B. Danser of New York, and the late Myron Phelps of Lewiston, Ill., who was for many years an earnest friend and a liberal contributor to the missionary work of the same society, has left it a legacy of \$5,000, besides making a generous provision for his own local church school.

MANY of our city readers, especially those connected with the congregation, will doubtless be desirous to obtain a photograph of the new Presbyterian Church on St. James' Square. Messrs. BRUCE & CO. have issued photographs of the building in various sizes, which are beautiful specimens of fine workmanship. They may be had small enough for mailing conveniently, or sufficiently large for framing.

THE "Sarnia Observer" after having been conducted by the Messrs. Gemmill, with considerable ability and great care, for twenty-five years, has changed hands. The new proprietors, one of whom, Mr. George Eyvel, has for some time past been connected with the Toronto "Globe," and the other, Mr. H. Gorman, for a number of years on the staff of the London "Advertiser," are able and enterprising young men, well qualified for the work they have undertaken.

THE young men of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, have formed themselves into an association for the purposes of Christian sociability and work. At a meeting held on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., a constitution and by-laws were agreed upon. The pastor is the President of the Association, and the following gentlemen were elected to fill the other offices: Vice-President, Mr. H. B. Gordon; Secretary, Mr. W. P. Foreman; Treasurer, Mr. James Bryce; Chairman of Entertainment Committee, Mr. C. Murray; Chairman of Yoke Fellows' Committee, Mr. C. A. Coleman; Chairman of Visiting Committee, Mr. Wm. Shields.

THE "Interior" has tracked a delinquent, dishonest, and insulting subscriber, "from one post office to another, clear across the continent," and having finally overtaken him in Oregon, collected the claim by law. It did this "as a means of grace to him," and also adds, "We mean to be a means of grace to all such, as opportunity serves." It is seldom that a case of delinquency occurs among the subscribers of the PRESBYTERIAN, but quite often enough to make us sympathize with the "Interior" and probably induce us to follow its example. Even should it fail of being "a means of grace" to the defaulters, it will contribute to our own means of living.

FURTHER missionary meetings will be held next week within the bounds of the Glengarry Presbytery as follows: At Lancaster, on Monday, 9th Dec.; at Second Con., Lancaster, on Tuesday, 10th Dec.; at

Williamstown, on Wednesday, 11th Dec.; at Martintown, on Thursday, 12th Dec. Deputation—Revs. Donald Ross, Chas. Cameron, J. A. R. Hay, and Mr. D. B. McLennan, Q.C. At Indian Lands, on Monday, 9th Dec.; at Dunvegan, on Tuesday, 10th Dec.; at Alexandria, on Wednesday, 11th Dec. Deputation—Revs. H. Lamont, D.D., Wm. Ross, and F. MacLennan, and Mr. Chas. Mardonald. The hour of meeting in each case will be seven o'clock p.m.

THE Rev. Orby Shipley, an active and conspicuous member of the ritualistic party in the Church of England, has gone over to Rome. He was a prolific author, but never held a living. The "Whitehall Review" has published a list of Anglican clergymen and laymen who have of late years joined the Roman Catholic Church, with the following result: 200 Oxford graduates have gone over, 135 of the number clergymen, the rest laymen; of these, 92 have become Catholic priests. From Cambridge University 112 have gone over, 50 of them clergymen, and 62 laymen. According to the "Review," besides these 185 Oxford and Cambridge men, 145 other clergymen have seceded to Rome, making a total of 330. One seceding clergyman has reached the mature age of seventy years.

ANNIVERSARY meetings will be held in Crescent street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on the 10th, 11th and 12th inst., for the purpose of giving information respecting the missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at home and abroad, in the hope that a review of the work in which the Church is engaged may tend to increased interest, effort, and liberality, on the part of its membership, and also that by this means a wider sympathy may be created in the work undertaken by all other branches of the Church of God who are in like manner engaged in promoting the cause and kingdom of the Redeemer. Addresses will be given by Revs. Dr. Jenkins; R. N. Grant, of Ingersoll; Dr. Pierson, of Detroit; J. S. Black, of Erskine Church, Montreal; Principal MacVicar; Dr. Burns, of Halifax; and Dr. Fraser, lately of Formosa. The chair will be taken each evening punctually at half-past seven o'clock.

WE are now prepared to supply Sabbath School Superintendents and others with the Supplemental Lesson Scheme for 1879, printed on slips for the use of scholars, at sixty cents per hundred. This scheme contains the International Lessons, supplemented by 1. Selected portions of Scripture (of a richly devotional or practical character) to be committed to memory. For the first and third quarters the selections are from the Psalms, and begin where the scheme ended last year. For the second and fourth quarters the selections embrace the "Sermon on the Mount" and the parallel passage in Luke's Gospel. 2. Three questions of the Shorter Catechism which are illustrated by the lesson. These should be asked by the teacher during the teaching of the lesson. 3. The Shorter Catechism in consecutive order for careful analytical study by senior scholars. 4. A topic, for the congregational or teachers' prayer-meeting, suggested by the lesson. Finding that some prefer, instead of the "Prayer Meeting Topic," to have the last column occupied by a list of "Doctrines to be proved," we have had the scheme printed in both ways so as to meet the wishes of all. The credit of preparing this Lesson Scheme belongs to Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., of Norwood.