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Notes of the Week.

Mr. Guneas describes a missionary as "God's man, in God's place, doing God's work, in God's way, and for God's glory." The Louisville Western Recorder pertinently asks, "But why is not this applicable to every Christian?"

While recently on a tour among the missions of this empire, Mr. Baring-Gould was impressed by "the great influence of medical work, the heroism of the women, and the devotion of many of the converts."

There is not a handsomer double row of maples anywhere in Canada than may be seen on Vansittart avenue, Woodstock, and the fine residences on either side would reflect credit on the principal residential streets of Toronto and Montreal.

The Presbyterian ministers in the United States, we are told, sympathise with the mid-week payment of work-people's wages, as tending to prevent dissipation on Saturday afternoon. Here, in Canada, it has long been a rule to pay any other work-day rather than on Saturday.

The Government of Sir Oliver Mowat did a wise thing in appointing Chief Justice Taylor, of Winnipeg, on the University Commission. Whatever may be the result of the investigation now going on, there is no room for doubt as to the ability, fairness and good judgment of the Chairman of the Commission.

The late Dr. Dale began his literary career at the early age of twelve, when a sketch of his appeared in the "Youth's Magazine." He was wont to attribute its acceptance to its brevity, for he said what he had to say in the fewest words possible, and said no more. A practical example to all aspirants for literary honors.

A stained-glass window is to be placed in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, over the Royal pew, to commemorate the Lord High Commissioners to the General Assembly of the Victorian period. There have been thirteen Commissioners thus far, and five of them, their representatives, have already agreed to fill a light each.

Dr. Cochrane makes an admirable Clerk of Synod. Surprise is sometimes expressed at his capacity for work. In many directions Dr. Cochrane does a great deal of work; and it is always well done. He has been pastor of Zion Church, Brantford, for nearly a third of a century; and, as one of his people told us a few days ago, is now preaching his best sermons.

Many of our readers will be interested to learn that the new *Day Spring* is on the way. Instructions have been received in Britain to proceed at once with her construction on the Clyde. She is to be of steel, 3 masted, schooner rig, 140 f. long by 23 f. beam and 11 f. in depth. She is expected to be finished by September. Dr. Paton has completed a tour of the congregations in Tasmania and was to sail from Australia for the Island about March 7th, with the young missionaries. He will spend some time on his own island Aniwa. Dr. Paton's third son, Frank, has just been appointed a missionary to the New Hebrides and expects to be located on Tanna when his medical studies are completed.

The worst that was reported with regard to the Armenian atrocities has been confirmed. They appear to have been a repetition of the Bulgarian atrocities, which set Europe in a blaze more than a decade ago. It is really horrible that such deeds as have been reported could be possible or permitted in Europe, even in a semi-civilized country, in this century.

Mr. Wm. Court Gully, Q.C., a member of Parliament for Carlisle, the Government candidate, was elected speaker of the House of Commons, April 10th, in succession to Sir Arthur Wellesley Peel, who has resigned, by the narrow majority of eleven. The Parliaments voted against the government. Mr. Gully in politics is a Liberal, and supports Mr. Gladstone's Irish policy.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will meet in the Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Thursday, May 16, 1895, at 11 a.m., and will be opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Samuel A. Mutchmore, D.D., LL.D. Our own General Assembly meets on the evening of Wednesday, 12th June next, in St. Andrew's Church, London.

The closing of the Assembly's College, at Belfast, and the public services connected therewith, were made remarkable this year by the fact that Rev. Dr. Killen, who presided as President of the Faculty, at the graduating exercises, had just reached his ninetieth birthday. He is in the midst of a hale old age, and spoke with great earnestness and vivacity, as he conferred the diplomas which had been granted.

One of Mr. Ruskin's peasant neighbors has been interviewed in regard to the author of "Verona." "Mr. Ruskin? O, yes, 'e's very popular; 'e's a professor, ye know. Lots of people talk about 'im. But 'e's a queer sort of a man, too. D'ye know, sir, 'e's that queer 'e won't let 'is man use a mowin'-machine on 'is land. 'E says it must be cut by 'and, because a mowin'-machine ain't natural, and makes too much noise!"

The *Wine and Spirit Gazette* has the following on the situation in Mississippi: "The stringent law and prohibition are rapidly driving the saloon from Mississippi. A saloon will soon be a rarity if they decrease at the present rate. During 1894 only thirteen counties sold whiskey legally. The revenue tax was \$107,600, a decrease of \$22,800 as against 1893, and in the number of counties a reduction of nearly 50 per cent."

There is a general impression in the East that the terms of peace between Japan and China have been agreed upon. The best informed critics and correspondents agree that Formosa is to be ceded to Japan, that the independence of Corea is to be assured, that Port Arthur is to be occupied by the Japanese permanently or for a settled term of years. Two other questions remain: the amount of indemnity to be paid by China and the commercial arrangements to be made between China and Japan. As China has recently entered into treaties with various Western nations, guaranteeing them the terms granted the most favored nation, it will not be possible to continue the treaty under which Chinese goods were admitted to Japan under a five per cent. duty. On the other hand, it is probable that Japan will seek to obtain some commercial advantages as a result of the war with China.

The *Mid-Continent* says: We have heard of a certain village blacksmith who reported thus to his pastor, in the matter of helping the benevolent work of the church. "I can't give much money, but I will shoe your horses for a year for nothing, if you will send the money to the missionary association." Such thoughtful proposals of co-operation in well doing might prove a great help to our various Church schemes so short of funds at this time.

Trouble is again threatened in India. Another expensive and slaughterous expedition is on foot. This time the destination is Chitral, and the object to relieve a British garrison beleaguered there. Those in authority, says the *London (Eng.) Presbyterian*, plead the exigencies of empire in justification of these wars, but it is galling to read of the brave defenders of their country, with their obsolete weapons, and their priests inciting them to their hopeless struggle mowed down by our Maxim guns.

A lady missionary in India writes: "I am sure you will think I have abundant reason for making a thank-offering when I tell you the Lord has permitted us as a family to give 166 years of service to India. This includes the time given by father, mother, brother, and five sister, and when added to the time of two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law, makes a total of 206 years." We have only this to say: The privilege is so great and the blessing of such service so rich that the cause for gratitude is abundant and beyond the measure of any offering: yet how many of us would feel grateful did God call all our sons and daughters to the foreign field.

A rare and loveable man was the late Professor J. Stuart Blackie, of whom too much can scarcely be said in praise. In many respects he resembled Kit North, though not possessing Professor Wilson's fund of humor. His last words are given in this wise: "The Psalms of David and the songs of Burns, but mind the Psalter first." This is told of him as having been uttered but a few weeks before his death. Writing to a young Scottish minister, a warm personal friend of his, he said: "I have been studying Luther, and I know not why he made so much of faith and so little of works. Works are outward things done to order, but faith is an inner thing that springs from the heart and is the root of all." And how could the truth be more tersely presented?

At a meeting of Congregationalists last week the following resolution was unanimously adopted. "Resolved that we the Congregationalists of the city and district of Toronto, who, in common with our brethren in the Dominion, in England, the United States and elsewhere, have always claimed for Roman Catholics equal rights with themselves and others before the law, hereby utter our solemn protest against the enforcement of the Remedial Order of the Dominion Government upon the Province of Manitoba, by either itself or the Parliament of Canada, because of the manifest injustice which it involves: (1) To the children whose destinies it so prejudicially affects; (2) To their parents in their right to have their children educated by the State for future business and citizenship; (3) To the State itself in the interference of the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in the exercise of its (the State's) true and proper functions as an educator of its children."

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United Presbyterian. Every good deed that is done simply and only to honor God, will have something to do with making us more like Christ.

St. Louis Presbyterian: A chronic critic could often be best silenced by putting him at work on the task criticised, but for the detriment it would work the cause.

Australian Weekly. Some churches are busy hives full of active workers, others are quiet museums containing only some splendid specimens of mummies and fossils.

Cumberland Presbyterian: It has been well said that "the Sunday school and the prayer-meeting are the two pulses of the church, the working pulse and the devotional pulse, and they should beat together."

Herald and Presbyter: There is so much religious organization at present, and so many organizations within the Church, that we are apt to forget that it is only as these are a part of the Church, and advancing the interests of the Church, that they are doing permanent work.

Chicago Standard: Engrave upon your hearts, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord;" and then take up, piece by piece, the work He lays before you, and do it thoroughly. It may look little and insignificant all the way, but at the end the golden grains shall have made a shining mountain.

Young Men's Era: He is a wise man who, having discovered what amount of exercise keeps him in best trim for the work he has to do, while he takes no less exercise, takes also no more. Over-exercise is more than a waste of time; it trains the body to require still more exercise, and more, and more, to keep it in good condition. Too much is as bad as too little.

Montreal Star: The Mowat Government paid a deserved compliment to Prof. John Campbell, of this city, in inviting him to be one of the commission charged with the delicate task of investigating the sources of difficulty between the students and the governing body of University College, Toronto. That Prof. Campbell is a man of fearless convictions goes without saying, and all parties concerned in the enquiry may rest assured that he will bring to the task a ripe judgment.

Philadelphia Presbyterian: The Presbyterian who is true to his convictions, will not play the sycophant. He will not toady to hierarchial pretention under the plea of politeness or under any false guise. He will recognize due respect between man and man, but will not render unbecoming reverence to a priestly official on any occasion. We admire that unknown Presbyterian who kept his seat during a largely attended and representative public dinner in London, recently given for the benefit of a charitable object, when, as a mark of deference and salutation, an English bishop, princes and all others present rose as the Romish dignitary, the Cardinal Archbishop, rose to speak. So-called Liberals may look upon the man who refused to join in this adulation as uncouth, impolite, boorish or what not, but was really a protest against Romish exclusiveness and against the subserviency of Protestantism to Romanism.