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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

We are requested to say that Dr. Cochrane is at Atlanta, and will attend to Mr. Wright's communication as soon as he returns.

CORRESPONDENTS are notified that we have more letters and contributions on hand just now than can be published in many weeks. They will, therefore, please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

THE Guelph "Mercury" has put on a new and becoming dress. The enterprising publishers of this old and widely-circulated journal have our best wishes for their continued success in the future.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Philadelphia "Presbyterian" writes from Rio Janeiro that the whole empire of Brazil is open to the preaching of the gospel, and that the missionary finds a respectful and eager audience in every town, city, and village. The only human obstacle to the evangelization of all Brazil in ten years, he says, is the want of men and means.

A FEW days ago we had a visit from the Rev. J. F. Hillocks, whose visit to this country we noticed some time ago. During his absence from Canada he lectured and preached in various cities in the United States, such as New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia, everywhere receiving a cordial welcome from the press and people; and what is very much better, seeing his efforts greatly blessed. Mr. Hillocks is now on his way to Chicago; but he intends addressing meetings at London, Windsor, etc.

DISTANCE lends enchantment to the view. The people who are eager to leave good homes in this and other provinces of Canada for Kansas, confident of bettering their condition, find when they reach the land of their desire that they have made a grievous mistake. A correspondent of one of the daily papers records the return from Kansas of four young Carleton (N.B.) County men. Other recent emigrants from the same county intend to return as soon as they can raise money enough. We hope others will learn from their experience.

BAVARIA has seventy-six Roman Catholic papers and periodicals, which have nearly four million subscribers. Switzerland has fifty, with considerable circulation. Austro-Hungary, with thirty times the population, has but ninety. Belgium has 117 journals and periodicals. In Spain the Roman Catholic press is

extremely limited, and in France the same. In Italy scarcely a fourth of the few Roman Catholic daily papers can support themselves without the aid of rich patrons. The majority have a circulation of but a few hundreds. In many offices there is no one who understands French, and the editorial knowledge of the transalpine world is of the most limited order.

RECENT letters from Indore bring the gratifying intelligence that two high-caste Brahmin gentlemen had embraced Christianity, and were soon to be baptised. Mr. Douglas writes—"They have counted the cost, and are willing to leave wife, children, property and friends to follow Christ." They will have to leave Indore, he says, immediately after the baptism, as their lives would not be safe a day. They are men of high position, the father of one of them being keeper of the royal wardrobe and jewels of his Highness Holkar. Mr. Douglas thinks the event will be a crisis in the history of the mission, and will test the question of religious toleration in Central India. He desires that the Christian people of Canada will not forget to hold up in prayer their little band in the midst of 200,000 bigoted heathens.

WE notice in the Liverpool "Mercury" of a recent date something which nearly concerns one, who is now laboring in our own Church in this province. Any of our readers who have been in Liverpool, will remember the Liverpool Seaman's Orphanage, at present the youngest and largest institution in the city, and one of the largest of the kind in the country. This is the work of Rev. H. T. Miller at present of the congregation of Queensville and neighborhood. For many years Mr. Miller quietly worked for this important institution among the influential merchants of Liverpool, and at last his efforts were crowned with success. He was the first secretary. It must be pleasant for him now away from the old land to be thus publicly recognised, and we heartily congratulate him on the success of so great an undertaking.

IT gives us pleasure to notice in the "Telegraph" of St. John, N.B., an interesting account of a meeting held recently in Calvin Church in that city, to do honor to its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Maclise, and his esteemed partner in life. Dr. Maclise has been most unremitting in laborious efforts to relieve the suffering and aid the deserving, not only during the period of the fire which overtook the city, but also during the trying months of the past winter. He has made the little money that was committed to his care go a long way in helping the industrious poor, by purchasing at as low figures as possible such articles as stoves, sewing machines, etc., and giving them to the needy at prices that would be easily reached by them. This course has preserved the self-respect of those who were rendered destitute, and has enabled Dr. Maclise to do a larger amount of good than could have been accomplished by dividing money indiscriminately amongst the necessitous. In this work he has been greatly encouraged and helped by his better half. Dr. Maclise is also much respected by his large and growing congregation and by the community of St. John in general. His congregation and friends have seized this early opportunity of showing their appreciation of the services of Dr. Maclise and his wife by bestowing upon the one a beautiful silk pulpit gown, and upon the other a valuable silver tea set and tray. We wish them many years to enjoy their well merited

gifts, and to enjoy that which these gifts represent, the good will and affections of the people.

THE first annual meeting of the Brockville Presbyterian Sabbath School Convention was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, on the 19th March. There was a large attendance of parents and children present. Rev. Robert McKenzie of Dalhousie, presided over the meeting. Addresses of importance and interest were given by the following members of the Brockville Presbytery, and others. J. M. Gill, Esq., superintendent of First Presbyterian Church Sabbath School, spoke forcibly on the necessity and advantages of Sabbath Schools. Mr. Wm. Mitchell, of the Brockville High School, gave a brief address on the relation of the Sabbath School to parents. Robt. Cassels, Esq., of Lyn, gave an address of great practical utility on the abuses of Sabbath Schools to the neglect of family and parental instruction. An essay on the relation of Sabbath Schools to the Kirk Session, was read by the Rev. J. Crombie of Smith's Falls. The paper was full of wisdom and solid truth. Rev. W. McKibbin of Edwardsburgh, then gave an address on some evils that tend to neutralize the work of Sabbath Schools. The different topics were then briefly discussed by Rev. Messrs. Clark, Leishman, Dey, Burns, Dr. Bain of Perth, and Rev. Geo. Burnfield, pastor of the church. The music was suitable and good: supplied by the Sabbath School choir. Mr. Robt. Gill kindly gave his valuable services in helping the choir. The audience highly appreciated the business of the convention, and without doubt a stimulus was given by the convention to greater diligence and zeal in Sabbath School work.

THE Rev. J. B. Fraser, M.D., from Formosa, addressed the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Kingston, on Friday evening, April 12th, in Chalmers' Church. The attendance was large. The Very Rev. Principal Grant occupied the chair, and introduced Dr. Fraser in warm words of sympathy and welcome. Dr. Fraser then addressed the audience for more than an hour, describing the island of Formosa and the people who inhabited it, their mode of life, religious rites, etc. He referred more particularly to the condition of the women, showing that although less shut up than the Hindoo women their condition was sad enough, and that the light of the Gospel was not less urgently needed by them than by their Hindoo sisters. He described what was being done among them by means of schools, and also of female medical missions, through which much good was done, not only in healing physical disease, but in ministering to spiritual need. He hoped that before long female missions to the Chinese as well as to the Hindoo women would be organized by the Christian women of Canada. He concluded with a brief reference to the more special work of our own mission at Formosa, and with a warm appeal to those who know the blessings of Christianity themselves to be willing to make sacrifices to send these blessings to others. His interesting address was listened to with much attention, and was fitly followed up in a few concluding words by the chairman, who conveyed to Dr. Fraser the thanks of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for his kindness in consenting to come to address them. He visited not only Kingston, at their request, but Gananoque, and Napanee also, in each of which places he had good audiences, and where, doubtless, his visit will bring forth fruit.