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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

A SUITABLE New Year's gift would be a copy of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN sent for a year to an absent son or daughter. It will be a reminder every week of the "loved ones at home."

PRINCIPAL TULLOCH is to be nominated for the Moderator's chair at the next General Assembly of the Scotch Established Church, and Dr. Andrew Bonar, of Glasgow, is designated for the same position in the Assembly of the Free Church.

A NOTE, just received from Rev. J. Little, informs us that the late Miss Tamar Galbraith, of Princeton, bequeathed the sum of \$500 to Knox College. Another correspondent asks the present indebtedness on the building, a question which we shall try and answer in next issue.

NOW that Plevna has been taken, the objective point of the Russ'ans appears to be Erzeroum, and preparations are being made for a vigorous assault upon that city. It differs from Plevna in having long been a city of the first importance commercially, and it is better fortified. The fortifications of Plevna had all been erected since last July.

IT is not every man who gets twice married with only one wife. This privilege belongs to the great. The Duke of Norfolk having taken Lady Flora Hastings for better, for worse, in an elaborate ritual, was immediately re-married by the registrar of the district. Marriages, unless celebrated in a Protestant place of worship, are not legal in England. No doubt his grace looked upon the double ceremony as going from the sublime to the ridiculous.

THE Pope is reported better. It is esteemed of sufficient importance to telegraph the fact that one of the sons of the King of Italy made a special request to be furnished with authentic information as to the condition of the Pope's health, and that the request had been received with "respect" and "courtesy." Possibly the incident is a straw showing that the talked of reconciliation between the Vatican and Victor Emmanuel is really to take place.

ACCORDING to official reports the Russian losses in the fighting preceding the surrender of Plevna were ten officers and 182 men killed, and forty-five officers and 1,207 men wounded. The Turks lost 4,000 killed and wounded, and the prisoners include ten pashas, 128 staff officers, 2,000 officers, 30,000 infantry, and 1,200 cavalry. Seventy-seven cannon were also captured. The first body of prisoners, numbering 10,000, have started for Bucharest.

THE Sabbath Schools of Peterborough and Ashburnham having united in inviting the Provincial S.S. Association to hold their next annual meeting there, the Association has accepted the same and will consequently meet in Peterboro' next October. Peterboro' is a fine, thriving town, and no doubt the inhabitants will make a great effort to welcome the delegates in a hearty and hospitable manner.

MISS TUCKER, so well known over the initials "A.L.O.E.," writing from India, says: "There are many natives who believe that Christianity is the truth, and must ultimately prevail—many who lack courage to come out boldly. The great wall of idolatry has had many bricks quietly removed from it; it may fall at last perhaps suddenly, with a crash that will startle those who are now incredulous as to the progress of Christianity in India."

THE Presbytery of Glasgow of the Free Church of Scotland considered the charges brought against Dr. Marcus Dods lately, and concluded to disapprove the sermon on the inspiration of the Scriptures, published by Dr. Dods, but did not affirm that what was contained in the sermon was contrary to the standards of the Church. But the vote was very close. Fifty-four votes for this resolution were cast, while fifty-one members of the Presbytery were in favor of a weightier censure. There was no formal trial. Presbytery exercised its episcopal power in the matter.

ON the forenoon of Sabbath the Rev. Dr. Cunningham, in the East Parish Church, Crieff, at the close of his discourse again lectured his hearers on their close-fisted conduct and unwillingness to give to the cause of Christ, and declared that many in connection with the Church of Scotland would not give a sixpence though it would save their souls. He also said that he hoped he would not live to see the day when the Church of Scotland would be disestablished, for its present half-starved ministers would then be wholly starved if they had to depend on the free-will offerings of their congregations.

CANON FARRAR has been delivering two sermons on eternal punishment, in Westminster Abbey, which are remarkable for the absence of argument and exegesis of Scripture, and are noteworthy as only intense expressions of strong feeling. He avowed the conviction that the future state of the finally impenitent was unknown; but in support of this adduced neither argument nor Scripture proof. He declared that he could not preach what was called Universalism, nor could he accept the belief of merely conditional immortality. The Canon has only succeeded in telling people that in regard to this matter his own mind is much befogged.

IN our issue of the 14th inst., a communication appeared under the heading "Sabbath Reading—a Warning," and signed "Sabbath Observance." It related to the character of the "Northern Messenger" as unsuitable for distribution in Sabbath Schools, and to the treatment our correspondent had received at the hands of the proprietors of the Montreal "Witness" on his remonstrating with them for recommending the "Messenger" as a Sabbath School paper. We have just received a communication from Mr. Dougall in answer to "Sabbath Observance," but as it is too long for insertion in full, all we can do is to state the points of his reply: (1) He denies that the "Northern Messenger" is any more a secular paper than the "Presby-

terian." (2) He affirms that instead of our correspondent's "Witness" having been stopped before the time expired, it was continued some weeks after the subscription ran out. (3) He explains that he did reply to "Sabbath Observance's" remonstrance, through the "Weekly Witness," which he now supposes his correspondent did not see; and he forwards us a copy of the reply. (4) He states that our correspondent was always an active friend of the "Witness" and hopes he will continue so.

THE London correspondent of the "Glasgow Herald," writes:—Scotch Presbyterianism is making considerable progress in London. Already there are four clergymen belonging to the body who are in receipt of £1,000 a year. Church building and church extension are in active progress, and the outlook, on the whole, is hopeful as well as healthy. A new Presbyterian Church is in course of construction at Crouch End, and the church at Woolwich has recently been altered at an expense of £4,000. There is to be a celebration of the event on Thursday, at which the chief Presbyterian ministers of the Metropolis will be present. Dr. Oswald Dykes will preach in honor of the occasion on Sunday. I am told that the influence of the Church among the soldiers of the garrison has grown very greatly of late, and the demand for increased accommodation has made the alterations necessary. Perhaps it may interest some of your readers to learn that what some of their forefathers would have called Prelacy is creeping into the Presbyterian worship. In more than one of the Scotch congregations something approaching to ritual is observed. Not only are the psalms intoned, but the Lord's Prayer is repeated by the members in precisely the same way as in the English Church.

THE following are the topics suggested by the Evangelical Alliance for the week of prayer, January 6-13, 1878:—Sabbath, January 6: Sermons: Christian union perfected. Rev. vii. 9, 10.—Monday, January 7: Prayer and praise: Remembrance of personal and relative mercies; prayer for the divine blessing on past privileges, and for a humble and contrite spirit.—Tuesday, January 8: Prayer: For the Church of Christ in all lands; for its deliverance from error; its increase in faith and holiness, and in power as a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ; for the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit.—Wednesday, January 9: Prayer: For Christian families—for sick and afflicted members; for children at school, and for all youth in our colleges and seminaries of learning: for young men entering upon the active business of life, and for those abroad; for our sons and daughters openly confessing Christ.—Thursday, January 10: Prayer: For nations—for rulers, magistrates, statesmen; for the army and navy; for all benevolent and philanthropic institutions; for religious liberty and the opening of doors "wide and effectual" for publishing the Gospel; and for the reign of righteousness and peace.—Friday, January 11: Prayer: For Christian missions to the Jews and Gentiles; for Sunday Schools, and for the divine blessing on all Christian efforts to spread the glad tidings of the gospel of salvation.—Saturday, January 12: Prayer for the circulation of the Bible; for the observance of the Sabbath; for the removal of intemperance; for the rescue of the fallen; for the safety of those who travel by land and by water.—Sabbath, January 13: Sermons: Christian life. "Let your light shine." Matt. v. 16.