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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

REV. DR. SOMERVILLE, the eminent Scottish Evangelist, is in Paris with his son, holding meetings for the English-speaking population.

THE Orange celebrations in Ireland on the 12th passed off without disturbance except in a few cases of shooting and stoning. Only one death is reported.

ON the 27th ult. a Protestant school-house in a rural parish in the County of Galway, Ireland, was sacked by an organized band of thirty Roman Catholics from a distance. They took particular care to throw all the Bibles they could lay their hands on into the sea.

WE again remind our readers of the annual collection on Sabbath first on behalf of the French Evangelization scheme of the Church. With liberal giving there should be earnest prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the missionaries and others engaged in the work.

THE article on "Apostolical Succession," by "Stylus," which will be found in this issue, arrived too late for insertion last week. We have still another article on the same subject, entitled "Rome and Canterbury," for which we could not make room this week, but which we will publish in next issue.

PRINCIPAL GRANT of Kingston is enjoying a brief holiday visiting old friends in the Maritime Provinces. Principal Macvicar has been in the west for the past month, opening a church in Orangeville and preaching in the Central Church, Hamilton, the pastor of which is gradually recovering from his recent severe illness.

THE following words of the Emperor of Germany are right words, spoken at the right time, and in the right country: "If there is anything capable of acting as a stay to us in the life and turmoil of the present time, it is the support alone to be found in Jesus Christ. Let not yourselves, therefore, be misled, gentlemen, by the tendencies prevailing in the world, especially in our days; and do not join the great multitude who either entirely leave the Bible out of account as the only source of truth, or falsely interpret it in their own sense."

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States (North), at its late meeting at Saratoga, adopted the following resolution: "That in view of the increased attendance of church members at theatres and operas the Assembly bears earnest and

solemn testimony against this practice as inconsistent with Christian duty, since it not only gives countenance and support to an institution justly described by a former Assembly as a school of immorality, but is in itself spiritually hurtful, and tends to obliterate the line which should always be plainly visible between the followers of Christ and the world."

WHEN His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-west Territories visited the Presbyterian Mission School at Prince Albert last September, he offered prizes, amounting in value to \$18, to be competed for at the summer examination. The prizes were for proficiency in reading, writing, and spelling. The examination was held recently, and Mr. D. C. Johnson, the teacher, reports the awards as follows: Reading—1st, Harry Reid; 2nd, Frances Emma Taylor; 3rd, Maggie E. Finlayson. Writing—1st, Christina Isabella McKay; 2nd, Henrietta Black; 3rd, Alexander Sutherland. Spelling—1st, Christina McBeath Sutherland; 2nd, James Fleit; 3rd, Isabella McKay.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER in addressing the "Business Men's Society for the encouragement of moderation" advocated total abstinence as the best policy for the sake of body and mind. While there is a difference of opinion among the people upon temperance, all unite in regarding intemperance as a terrible evil. "I have had probably as much cerebral fatigue as most men," he said, "and at times have not only had the cares of a large congregation on my mind but the cares of State, and I never used stimulants to keep me and give me strength for the work." He encouraged the Society, as they were trying to get the old drinkers not to drink.

THERE are those who affect to regard the re-establishment of Romish bishops and archbishops, with territorial titles, in Scotland, as a matter of no moment; but there are also those—and they not the most ignorant of the papal *modus operandi*—who look upon this concession as one of the most serious encroachments made upon Protestantism for many years. The Scottish Reformation Society in its annual report expresses its forebodings in the following words: "It shall be written for the generations to come that one of the darkest years which Scotland has ever passed through has been the year when her reformation from Popery was formally reversed by the re-establishment of the old Popish hierarchy in her land."

THE following, from "Church and People," refers to a minister known to some of our readers: "We would also gladly dwell upon the strenuous efforts made by the Scotch or Third Presbyterian Church, Jersey City, to make for themselves a stronghold of their Presbyterian Zion. Suffice it, however, now to note, that new life seems to have been infused into the membership of this congregation since the installation a few months since of their present excellent and popular pastor, Rev. Mr. Stobbs, late of London. A liberality and self-denial are being exercised by this people for the support of their gospel privileges which are worthy of all praise. The membership is growing, and the buds of prosperity are so numerous in every department of their church work, as to give sure indication that the summer of their full prosperity is nigh."

FOR some time religious services have been held in the Queen's Park by Rev. David Mitchell, pastor of

the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, aided by a number of his Session and Sabbath school teachers. These meetings though unannounced soon began to attract attention. The services are short and instructive, seldom lasting longer than an hour. Few go away, and the many who are coming soon make up an audience of several hundreds, who listen with rapt attention to the preacher. The audience is deeply silent and respectful, and already evidence has been given of much good having been accomplished. On Sabbath week Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, and last Sabbath Rev. W. S. Rainsford, were the principal speakers. Their addresses were very interesting and appropriate. Next Sabbath Rev. G. M. Milligan, and on the 27th inst. Rev. Dr. Potts, will take their turn of preaching in the park."

IN accordance with an official announcement a congregational meeting of Croke's Church, Toronto, was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., the Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D., Moderator of Session, presiding. Mr. R. J. Hunter, the secretary, read the minutes of the former meeting, upon which a slight discussion ensued regarding a resolution to the effect "That no minister be called to the congregation who has not been heard as a candidate." A member contended that this resolution had been withdrawn, but the Moderator gave it as his opinion that the resolution was carried by a small majority, the minutes were accordingly confirmed. It was then moved and seconded that the congregation is ready to call a minister. It was moved in amendment by Mr. W. Lamb, and supported by Mr. P. G. Close, the Chairman of the Trustee Board, that the congregation was not ready for a "call," as some were anxious to hear other candidates. The amendment was carried. A unanimous resolution recommending the appointment of a student or probationer to labour in the congregation in order to relieve Dr. Gregg brought the meeting to a close, it being understood that Dr. Gregg will remain Moderator of Session. There was but a small representation of the congregation present.

THE tactics of Archbishop Lynch are pretty thoroughly exposed by a shrewd and vigorous writer in the "Orange Sentinel." We quote a few sentences from the last issue: "We venture to express the hope that in dealing with him [the Archbishop], our Protestant writers and speakers will avoid complicating their arguments by raising any points which may be in dispute between the various sections of the orthodox Protestant Churches,—one of the main purposes and expectations of that gentleman in the publication of his letter having been that he might thus be able to set our Protestant ministers slapping one another in the face about non-fundamentals, and so divert public attention from the heresies and abominations of his Church by turning the whole subject into an interne-cine wrangle amongst the Protestants themselves; and that whilst they are bandying about charges of Popery against each other, the real culprit may escape unscathed and triumphant. This is one of the effects which the Popish Archbishop confidently expected to produce, whilst he, having nothing else to do but stand by as a spectator and clap his hands and laugh at them, would then wind up the whole affair with a great sermon, or a swaggering letter to the "Globe" about the wonderful unity (?) of his miracle-mongering Church; which amounts to nothing more than the wonderful ignorance of her dupes! For how can *unity in error* be any proof of truth?"