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TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

All over the States we hear of religious revivals taking place. North, South, East, and West, the same story is told.

The great fact of the past week, so far as Canada is concerned, is the decisive endorsement that has been given, at the polls, to the new Ministry.

In Scotland the work of revival still goes on with unabated force. Dr. Arnot says that the gravest and most sober-minded among the ministers believe that nothing like what is at present going on, in Edinburgh for instance, has not taken place since the Reformation.

It is greatly to be feared that the news about the death of Livingstone is this time correct. He had apparently joined the relief party sent to his assistance, and died from disease brought on by over fatigue and exposure.

Very little is said about what is taking place in Franco. All there is apparently quiet. The people are willing to take almost any ruler, provided they can have peace and rest under his sway.

In Geneva and the towns adjacent the vacancies in the Catholic Churches are being filled by Old Catholic priests. The correspondent of the London Times says:—"In consequence of the refusal of the cures in three of the most important parishes in the neighborhood of Geneva to take the oath of allegiance to the Government prescribed by the constitution, the cures were declared vacant, and a poll appointed to be held on the 23th ult., for the election of new cures, as well as parochial councils for each of the three parishes.

The Pope's Allocution on the occasion of the appointment of the Cardinal is not yet published. Its suppression is urged by Antonelli for political reasons, as it is said to contain very strong language concerning the German Court.

The election going on in Britain seems, so far as the accounts have yet come in, to be going against the Liberals. It is notorious that Gladstone's school law has greatly disgusted a very large and important section of his followers.

THE RESULT OF CANADIAN ELECTIONS.

It is not for us to discuss at any length the mere political aspects of our late general elections. Yet no lover of his country can fail to take a deep interest in such a contest, or can help speculating on the very decisive results which may flow from it.

Sir Bartle Frere, in a late address in Glasgow on Dr. Livingstone, remarked on the progress of the Germans in commerce as well as in war, in the following terms:—"I might tell you much regarding my recent visit to the East Coast of Africa itself, which might have a very practical bearing on the future of some of the young men here."

NECESSITY OF EDUCATION.

The prospects of our work in Formosa continue very encouraging. Rev. G. L. Mackay enjoys the manifest blessing of the Head of the Church. He has long been pleading earnestly that a Medical Missionary may be sent to his aid.

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once rigorous, judicious and pure. The people of Canada have shown that they have no love for bribery and corruption. It will be well if politicians of every shade of opinion take a note of the fact and regulate their conduct accordingly.

TEACHERS INSTITUTES.

The authorities of the Educational Department and Dr. Sangster are apparently determined to push into notice the late gentleman and bring on the discussion of very disagreeable matters in connection with the Teachers' Institutes that are being held throughout the country.

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FEMALE COLLEGES.

The success of the Female College at Ottawa ought to lead Presbyterians in the western part of the Province very seriously to both think and bestir themselves. Both such institutions are greatly needed in all hands acknowledged.

Ministers and Churches.

The congregation of Zion Church Brantford have approved simpliciter of the Basis of Union.

It is stated in an American paper that Dr. Robert Buchanan has accepted the appointment of the Free Church General Assembly of Scotland to act as its delegate this year to the Presbyterian Assemblies of the United States and Canada.

The third anniversary of the Presbyterian church, Ailsa Craig, was held on the 25th and 26th of January. Sermons were preached on Sabbath by the Rev. J. B. Duncan, of Forest; and on Monday evening the annual soiree was held, when the Rev. Wm. Cochrane of Brantford, delivered a lecture on "The Hero Martyrs of Scotland."

Foreign Missions.

As the time has now arrived when many of the Congregations of the Churches make their annual contributions for Missions, we think it right to call attention to the state and requirements of the Foreign Mission Fund.

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Various changes have been made in the manner of conducting the Saskatchewan Mission which, without interfering with the efficiency of the work, will tend, it is hoped, to greater economy.

In accordance with the instructions of the last General Assembly, Messrs Roger and Fairweather, who have for some time been preparing for mission service, have been sent to India, where there are abundant openings for female missionaries.

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It may also be stated that another devoted young man has offered himself for service in the Chinese field.

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Home Mission Committee. SPECIAL NOTICE TO MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS.

The Home Mission Committee will meet in Knox College, on Monday evening, the 30th March, at half-past 7 o'clock. A full and punctual attendance of members is requested.

All claims on behalf of Mission Stations and Supplemented Congregations should be sent to the Convener one week prior to the above date.

Congregations will confer a favour upon the Committee, by sending their Home Mission contributions for the year to the agent of the Church, on or before that date.

At the present date, the Committee have paid out \$12,000 more than received.

Ministers and Probationers willing to accept appointments to the Lake Superior district, or Manitoba, or British Columbia, will please send in their applications to the Convener, on or before the 15th day of March.

WM. COCHRANE, Convener. Brantford, 31st Jan., 1874.

Knox College.

DEAR SIR—The following statement of the amount required to meet the current expenses of the College, and the claims of the College on the prayers and liberality of the Church is respectfully submitted.

Table with financial details: Salaries \$6,750 00, Other expenses 1,600 00, Amount transferred to Endowment Fund 1,000 00, Total \$9,250 00.

The income last year was \$9,226 90

It is with pleasure attention is invited to the large amount subscribed for the erection of a new College, which will be a credit to the Church, and a comfort to the Professors and Students.

Commending the College to the confidence, liberality, and prayers of the Church.

I am, yours truly, JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT, Chairman of College Church. Toronto, Knox College, Jan. 25, 1874.

MONEY—Men work for it, bog for it, steal for it, starve for it, and die for it, and all the while, from the cradle to the grave, nature and God are thundering in our ears the solemn question, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

It is a common error in politics to confound means with ends. Constitutions, charters, petitions of right, declarations of right, representative assemblies, electoral colleges, are not good government; nor do they, even when most elaborately constructed, necessarily produce good government.