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## Notes of the Week.

THE American travellers are said to spend \$35,000,000 a year in Italy. Other visitors are credited with the expenditure of only twice that amount. The importation of globe trotters is the most remunerative business of that ambitious and extravagant little nation.

THE religious census of New Zealand, whose population is 626,658, returns English Episcopalians at 253,331; Presbyterians at 141,477; Roman Catholics at 87,478; Methodists at 62,257, and Baptists at 14,825; other denominations—and their name is legion—rank below 10,000.

THE Rev. J. Elmslie, D.D., Moderator of the Northern Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, is of opinion that Christianity as it presents itself to the minds of Mr. Hugh Price Hughes and Professor Drummond—two good men—is a much poorer and narrower thing than the Christianity of Jesus Christ.

It is stated that Sir James Ferguson has given a lesson on manners to post-office servants, reproving them for being rude and disobliging. To prevent misunderstanding, Sir James' circular is thus significantly worded: "This notice has, so far, been expressed in the masculine gender; but it is not meant for them alone."

THE Rev. W. J. Macdonald, of Kirkcaldy, who has been selected to succeed Mr. McNeill in Regent Square Church, is a native of Stornoway, and grandson of the late Rev. Mr. Macrae, minister of Barvas. The grandfather was a man of marked ability and high character, and in Mr. Macdonald he has a worthy descendant. Mr. Macdonald has been called "The McCheyne of the North," having the evangelical fervour which distinguished that gifted preacher.

DR. PENTECOST, who has just returned from his missionary tour in India, preached on a recent Sunday to large congregations at Marylebone Presbyterian Church, and is to continue for some weeks to fill the vacancy there caused by the death of the Rev. Dr. Donald Fraser. It is his wish to give an account of his missionary experiences in India, with a view to stirring up the Churches to a more active and practical interest in evangelistic and missionary enterprises there.

THE rumour mentioned as to Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, having invited the General Assembly to a garden-party at the Palace when it meets in Dublin in June, proves to be correct. It appears that the great-grandfather and grandfather of his Lordship were both ministers of the Irish Presbyterian Church. The former at Glaslough, in the Presbytery of Monaghan, and the latter, first at Enniskillen, and then at Dublin. The Dublin pastor was the father of the famous Irish Lord Chancellor Plunket, from whom comes his grace of Dublin.

It has got to be a serious question what the Russian Jewish exiles are to do. No country seems to want them. Venezuela has just prohibited their immigration, and the same difficulty has been found in Brazil, where the popular prejudice against them is so great that they have found life intoler-

able. It is reported that the Czar now wants them sent to Siberia. Germany refuses to have them even pass through her territory to a port of embarkation, and probably half a million are near the Russian border trying to get out of that country. Austria also refuses them passage. Thus far England and the United States have put no embargo upon their coming.

THE Rev. John McDonald, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Scotland, says that the plan of some modern evangelists, anxious to count their converts, of calling on people in an audience to stand up, was never adopted by Christ or His disciples, and is as foolish as it is unscriptural. Resolutions born of emotional impulse, he says, do not go for much. Mr. McNeill, we believe, has his doubts of the advantage on ordinary occasions of the practice complained of, although he may sometimes find an occasion when it may be legitimately adopted. He understands the decoy trick of some evangelists. Christ checked some impulsives, but not all. Not every one reaches the Saviour by the long lane of the Confession of Faith. A courageous step taken under strong emotion excited by a Christian preacher may be the one thing necessary for some men.

THE latest news from Uganda, Central Africa, is that the conflict between the Protestants and Roman Catholics continues. The latter, headed by King Mwanga, killed the leading chieftain of the Protestant party. Captain Lugard interposed, and the Catholic party fled. The bishops, priests and many of their followers, having fled to an island, were attacked by the Protestants, and blood flowed freely. Six priests taken prisoners were rescued by Lugard, who seems to be practically king, Mwanga having been deposed. The reports that have reached the Paris office of the African mission confirm the news of the Roman Catholic defeat in Uganda. About 25,000 people are claimed as belonging to that Church, and in consequence of the favour shown by the British Government to Protestant missionaries, the French missionaries have been forming friendly relations with the German representatives, such as Dr. Peters.

THE Rev. W. Hastie says in one of his Croall lectures that the Scottish Reformed Church's principle of union is that of free federation—a principle which politicians have been grasping in a truer spirit of late than ecclesiastics and theologians. If the leaders of the several branches would take up the idea of a practical ecclesiastical federation—the only form in which union can become co-extensive with the whole Reformed Church—and if they would work it out in the spirit of Cranmer and Calvin, they might achieve a really united catholic Reformed Church, in which the religious ideal of John Knox, the patriotic piety of the Covenanters, the political fidelity of William Carstairs, and the ecclesiastical self-development of Thomas Chalmers might all be conserved and carried forward as the strength of a better Christian life and the basis of a more vital theology.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made in the Musical Department of the Bible Institute in Chicago, of which Mr. Moody is president, to have special music classes throughout the summer which will meet the needs of ministers, teachers and others who during the vacation wish to take advantage of an opportunity to study music-reading and singing, either for their own development or with the idea of improving the music in their congregations. This term will begin on Tuesday, July 5, and will continue three months. Such students will also have advantage of the daily lectures on the Bible and instruction in methods of Christian work by specially-selected teachers. The tent work as carried on in different sections of the city will also give unusual facilities for observing the methods used for doing mission work among the masses. Enquiries relating to the study of music may be addressed to H. H. McGranahan, 80 W. Pearson, St., Chicago, Ill.

THE *Commonweal*, the *Christian Leader* states, was started by Mr. William Morris, after the Laureate perhaps the greatest of England's living poets. Mr. Morris conducted it for some years, and it was in it that "News from Nowhere" and his "Songs for Socialists" appeared. But some years ago *Commonweal* passed out of his hands, and he has had nothing whatever to do with it. Mowbray, the publisher, though arrested, disclaims all responsibility for the article, and made in the police court a pathetic appeal to be allowed to go because he had a family of young children and his wife had died that morning. Nichol, however, stood to his guns, and made no secret either of his responsibility or his intensions. Several red-tied men were in the crowd, and cried, "Cheer up, mates!" to the prisoners as they were removed. But the whole Anarchist business, so far as England is concerned, is little more than a "plant." It has no vitality in the soil of English discontent, and thrives only by the reflected light of

The red fool fury of the Seine.

SCOTTISH people are not generally moved to deeds of violence and crime by the fiery talk of even the worst class of agitators. Through it all they can retain their sturdy common sense, as is evidenced by the following in the last number of the *Christian Leader*: The English Government has raided the office of the *Commonweal*, an Anarchist newspaper, which has been praying to its infernal gods for many a year for some such fate. It is too much honour. Yesterday, who among the thousands of Israel had heard of the *Commonweal*, of Mr. Mowbray, its printer, or Mr. Nichol (a Scottish Anarchist), its editor? To-day the *Commonweal* has got the greatest of advertisements, and those connected with it are made men. There is nothing more harmless than such declarations of intentions as long as they are taken no notice of, for no one knows anything of them except the few hundreds of malcontents, chiefly foreigners, who subscribe to it. It is very hard to go on day after day threatening a Government which takes no notice, and declaring that you mean to blow up a whole society which remains sublimely unconscious; but a prosecution and the glory of a notice in all the great dailies are worth living for, in the opinion of the journalistic Anarchist. Such strokes of luck do not come to him every day. But for all this the Government would have been better to leave such windy words entirely alone.

AN interesting service was held at the Church of the Oratoire, Paris, when the eldest son of Pastor Theodore Monod was "consecrated" as pastor of the Eglise Reformée of France. The young pastor, William Frederic, is the fifth generation of pastors of that well-known family; his father, Theodore, grandfather, Frederic, one of the founders of the Free Church of France; great-grandfather Jean, and great-great-grandfather Jean, who was, strange to say, a clergyman of the Church of England. That gentleman was for a short time pastor to the French in Guadeloupe, while the island was in possession of Great Britain. Upon its being restored to France he was presented by the British Government to the living of Huntingfield, in Sussex, being ordained deacon and priest of the English Church for that purpose. He never occupied the living, but returned to Switzerland. The Monod family, originally French, had emigrated to Switzerland during the persecution in their own country, and still possess the rights of citizens in the Swiss Republic. His son Jean was first pastor in Denmark, and there married a Mlle. de Connerick, but soon returned to Paris. The young pastor just consecrated is married to his cousin, granddaughter of Adolphe Monod and daughter of William Monod, chaplain of the Devernese House, Berry, Paris. The ordination service was very impressive. M. Theodore Monod delivered a remarkable sermon from the words, "A bondservant—slave of Jesus Christ." The address of the young pastor was touching and characteristic. He possesses his father's poetic genius and gives abundant evidence of culture and deep piety.