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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

At the last meeting of the Glengarry Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

STUDENTS and others interested will find in our advertising columns the subjects of the essays for Smith scholarship and Prince of Wales Prize for next session of Knox College.

AN attempt to raise the "Eurydice," after preparations extending over a month, ended in a failure, the steel cable parting, being unable to endure the enormous strain put upon it.

In a letter received from Dr. Cochrane, he says: "I respectfully decline all further correspondence with my brother, Mr. Wright, regarding the Metis Grant. If Mr. Wright is satisfied with his last rejoinder, certainly the Home Mission Committee and its Convener have no reason to feel otherwise."

A CALL to the Rev. J. L. Murray, Woodville, was laid before the Presbytery of Lindsay, at its meeting on Tuesday, 28th ult., from Knox Church, Kincardine. The Presbytery agreed to hold an adjourned meeting to proceed with said call on Monday, 10th of June, at 7 p.m., at Cannington. Other business will be taken up at said meeting.

DR. GRANT, president of the Scotch College in Rome, and originator of the Roman Catholic Scotch Hierarchy scheme, just put in action, died about two weeks ago. He leaves a large fortune to the Scottish Roman Catholic Church. It is singular that nearly every Romish dignitary when he dies leaves a large fortune. How do these men become so wealthy?

DURING the recent earthquake in Venezuela the town of Cua was completely destroyed by the heavy shocks, and all the surrounding plantations and settlements shared the same fate. Before and during the convulsion the heat over the districts visited became intense, and rivers became so hot that the fish leaped out of the water.

THE Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, being sharply taken to task by Mr. Kearney, the Communistic agitator of that city, for advising the Catholics to have nothing to do with his senseless vagaries, said to him: "You mind your business well, Mr. Kearney, and I will mind mine. Good-morning." That is short and sharp and right to the point.

DOES Papal Infallibility extend to historical fact as well as to theological dogma? Pope Leo, in his recent letter on the establishment of the Scottish hierarchy, refers to "St. Ninian instructed in the faith of the venerable Bede." Would an incredulous Protestant be consigned to perdition for disbelieving even a Pope's declaration that the venerable Bede could have instructed St. Ninian when he was not born till 241 years after his death?

MINISTER SEWARD has sent to the U.S. Department of State an account of the great famine in China up to the middle of last March. According to his statements, sixty millions of people are suffering from the terrible calamity; and the chief difficulty is not a lack of food in the country to supply their wants, but the lack of the means of transportation. Railroads the Chinese have hitherto regarded as the work of the powers of darkness. Perhaps this terrible exigency will teach the mandarins a new lesson on this subject.

WE see it is stated that Sweden proposes to explore the Asiatic seas. The expedition is of considerable importance, both in a geographical and commercial sense. Comparatively little is known of that part of the Asiatic Ocean which washes the north-east coast of Siberia. Previous expeditions have made it probable that vessels, at certain seasons, may pass along the northern shore of Siberia and enter the great rivers which penetrate Central Asia, and open that great country to the commerce of the world.

THE moving of native Indian troops to the Mediterranean to be ready in case of war with Russia is arousing much anxiety in England. While there is a feeling of satisfaction in thus being enabled promptly to strengthen its military power, it is mingled with uneasiness at the idea of having to depend upon mercenaries, and especially upon those who, by a successful campaign, may be incited to turn their victorious arms against their subjugators. History shows the danger of using such a weapon, and thoughtful people do not forget its teachings.

VERMONT takes no backward step in temperance legislation. The public sentiment sustains, and gradually strengthens the prohibitory liquor law. The act of the last Legislature, declaring every rum or beer shop a common nuisance, was passed almost unanimously by both houses. Among other results, one rum and billiard saloon in Burlington, which had defied the old law, has been cleaned out under the nuisance law. The keeper paid \$133 fine and costs, and the place is now occupied for daily noon prayer meetings.

REV. A. B. MACKAY, of Brighton, England, who spent part of last winter in Canada, and who has been spoken of as likely to be the future minister of Crescent street Church, Montreal, met with a warm welcome on his return to his congregation in Queen's Road, Brighton. At a social meeting held to celebrate his return, he was presented with a new gown and cassock, and at the same time, Mrs. Mackay was made the recipient of a handsome silver tea and coffee service. The hope was expressed that Mr. Mackay would wear out the gown and cassock in his present pulpit. Mr. Mackay thanked the congregation, and expressed his agreeable surprise on finding that very extensive improvements had been effected on the church, vestry, and burial ground during his absence, and that all had been paid for.

A RECENT number of the "S. S. Times" contained the following suggestive item:—"Two recent numbers of the official organ of the American book trade contained the spring announcements of all the leading publishers. In this long list, representing both secular and religious houses, and printed in a strictly impartial journal, there were just two entries of non-evangelical books, of which one was a reprint and the other a virtual reprint. Since publishers issue books for the public, and the public buys what it wants to read, it would seem that the old boast of the free-thinkers, that the best part of American literature is controlled by 'advanced thought,' is not borne out by the facts. Booksellers, now-a-days, find sermons and devotional literature a stock that sells more readily, as a rule, than any other."

THE corner-stone of the new Presbyterian Church now in course of erection at the Rocky Saugeen, and to be known as Burns' Church, Glenelg, was laid on Monday the 27th ult. It is situated on the Garafraxa Road about four miles above Durham. The dimensions are 50 by 36 feet, the material is stone, and the cost is expected to be about \$1,400. Rev. John McMillan, Mount Forest, assisted by Rev. W. Park, Durham, officiated at the laying of the corner-stone. Among the documents deposited underneath the stone was a short sketch of the history of the Saugeen congregation, which closes with the statement that the church receives its name "on account of the narrow escape of the late Dr. Burns, near this place, from a runaway team." After the stone had been duly laid, brief addresses were delivered by Revs. J. McMillan, W. Park, A. McDiarmid, — Tyler, and Messrs. Jas. Hunter, M.P.P., and J. Townsend. Mr. Gilchrist, of Bentinck, acted as chairman. A bountiful tea was provided by the ladies of the congregation. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$31. Mr. D. A. McLean, the missionary supplying the congregation with stated services, was through sickness unable to be present on this occasion.

IN December of last year, in response to a largely-signed petition, the Presbytery of Toronto organized a congregation of Ballinafad. With commendable zeal, the members of the new congregation at once took steps for the erection of a place of worship. In a very short time about fourteen hundred dollars were subscribed, a suitable site secured, a plan decided on, and the contract let. On Thursday the 9th of May, the corner-stone of the new church was laid in the presence of a large number of interested spectators. The chair was occupied by the Rev. E. D. Maclaren, the moderator of session *pro tem*. After devotional exercises (the Rev. J. Alexander leading in prayer), the chairman read a brief historical statement of the formation of the congregation. Along with this document there were deposited in the stone several newspapers and coins, and a few specimens of the products of Canadian mines. John White, Esq., ex-M.P.P. for the county of Halton, was then called upon to lay the stone, the chairman, in the name of the congregation, presenting him with a handsome silver trowel, suitably inscribed, with which to perform the ceremony. Short congratulatory speeches were made by Rev. Messrs. J. Alexander, R. M. Croll, and D. J. McInnes, followed by an eloquent and appropriate address by the Rev. Dr. Robb on the subject of Presbyterianism. The church when finished will be an ornament to the village and a credit to those whose energy and liberality have secured its erection.