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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

WE direct attention to the Report of the Ontario Mutual Assurance Company, which our readers will find in another column. It will be seen that the affairs of the Company are well conducted, and that it is doing a good, safe business.

THE Presbyterian congregation in St. Thomas has so much increased under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Fraser, that an extension of the church is considered to be a necessity. It is probable that a Sunday school room will be erected this year. One liberal member of the congregation has offered \$500 for this object.

DR. DONALD FRASER'S congregation at Marybone, London, has become so large that it is found necessary to issue tickets of admission to strangers on the same plan as in Mr. Spurgeon's Tabernacle. The Doctor's many friends in Canada will rejoice to learn of his wide popularity and great usefulness.

THE First Presbyterian Congregation of Brockville (Rev. Mr. Burnfield's) are about to erect a new church. It will cost, when finished, \$25,000. Subscriptions have already been received amounting to \$17,000. The work of taking the old building down and erecting the new one will begin this spring. The dimensions of the new building will be 85 feet by 70.

WE are requested by Mr. Lang, in answer to enquiries regarding the sermon preached by him before the Synod of Hamilton and London, to state that while a few of the brethren have subscribed for it, the number of subscribers is not sufficient to cover the expense of publication, or to show that there is any general desire to obtain the discourse in a printed form.

WE are requested to state that the books of the Treasurer of the Montreal Presbyterian College will be kept open till Tuesday, 14th May. Congregations that have not yet sent their annual collection for the Ordinary Fund, persons due subscriptions to the Building Fund, and all other intending contributors, are requested to forward their contributions to the Treasurer PRIOR to Tuesday, 14th inst.

AT the close of the weekly prayer-meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Percy, on the 19th April, Mr. John Clozie was presented with a purse containing \$50 in acknowledgment of his gratuitous services as preacher for the congregation for the past five years.

The Rev. D. Sutherland, in making the presentation, referred to the great importance of the service of praise in congregational worship, and the very efficient services which Mr. Clozie had rendered in leading their psalmody in the sanctuary, in the Sabbath school, at the prayer meeting and also in the meetings of the choir for vocal practice. He concluded by expressing the wish that Mr. Clozie would be long spared to the congregation, and that, like the sweet singer of Israel, he would experience much of the favor of the Most High. Mr. Clozie replied in very appropriate and feeling terms.

REV. DR. FRASER writes to correct an inaccuracy in the notice of his address at Kingston, which appeared in our last issue. He says.—"In your notice of my address to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Kingston, the sentence 'He described what was being done among them by means of schools, and also of female medical missions, etc.,' is fitted to mislead those who are not well acquainted with mission work in Formosa. The 'them' in that sentence should be understood as referring to the female population of various places on the mainland of China, and not to the women of Formosa, for whom something has been done in the way of private teaching by the wives of missionaries and native preachers, and two or three native Bible-women have been trained and employed for some time past in the Canada Presbyterian mission. There are, as yet, however, no female medical missionaries or schools for girls in the Island."

WE have most cheering accounts from the congregation of Knox Church, Lancaster, one of the results of Presbyterian union. The congregation was only recently organized; but under the ministry of the Rev. Donald Ross, formerly of Dundee, Q., it is rapidly developing into one of the strongest charges in the country. Notwithstanding the erection of a new church and manse—the latter finished last fall at a cost of about \$3,000—the following handsome contributions have been made by the Ladies' Society to the schemes of the Church, viz.: Foreign Missions, \$80; Home Missions, \$80, Woman's Foreign Missions, \$80; and the Sabbath School has undertaken the support of a Zenana Teacher. Altogether the people are to be congratulated, having raised nearly \$10,000 for all purposes, during the year. Nor have the minister and his family been forgotten. Mrs. Ross was recently presented with a handsome carpet, oil-cloth, etc., and Mr. Ross with a purse of money—all indications of the cordial relations subsisting between pastor and people. In this connection we may mention that Mr. Ross has been unanimously called to the pastorate of the Central Church, Richmond—an important charge in the beautiful city of Richmond, in the "Old Dominion." Several years ago Mr. Ross preached for the congregation for some months; and this unsolicited, unexpected call shows that he has not been forgotten. We do not know what his reply may be to this invitation; but it is to be hoped he may see his way to decide upon remaining in Canada, where he is doing good service for the Master.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Scotstown on the 20th and 21st of March last. Rev. W. Mathieson was appointed Moderator. The various conveners reported that missionary meetings had been held in nearly all the congregations and mission-stations. Mr.

McDonald reported that he had visited the mission at Kennebec Road and ordained two elders there. Mr. Lindsay withdrew his protest and appeal in the Lingwick case. The convener of the committee on Home Missions was instructed to apply for the grants to supplemented congregations and mission-stations. The only change asked in this matter was the addition for one year of \$50 to Hampden. He was also instructed to secure the services of three students for Valcartier, Lingwick station and Lake Megantic. A complaint and petition from Rev. P. Wright, formerly of Chalmers' Church, Quebec, now of Chalmers Church, Montreal, was next presented and read, complaining of the action taken by the Session of the former of these congregations by the insertion of certain minutes in their Record reflecting injuriously and unjustly upon him, and asking the Presbytery to take such steps in this matter as might be required in the interests of truth and equity. It was agreed to let said complaint and petition lie on the table meanwhile, and summon all the parties interested to appear at an adjourned meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Richmond on the 17th of April next. The Presbytery agreed to transmit to the General Assembly Mr. Lindsay's request "that he be allowed to retire from the active duties of the ministry whenever he shall see fit to do so." Delegates to the General Assembly were appointed as follows: Ministers, by rotation, Rev. Messrs. Lindsay and McConechy; by election, Rev. Messrs. McDonald, McCaul and M. Mackenzie. The elders appointed were Messrs. Philip Peebles, J. C. Thomson, D. Stewart, G. B. Houlston, and Aeneas McMaster. The case between Winslow and Hampden was then taken up, and finding that the arbitrators had failed to effect a settlement, the Presbytery, after much discussion, finally resolved to authorize the Rev. John McDonald to retain "the Sherbrooke money" in lieu of arrears due to him from Hampden. Against this finding Rev. John McKenzie, on his own behalf and on that of the congregation, protested, and appealed to the Synod. Mr. Le Claire, a colporteur, applied for recommendation to the Board of French Evangelization, which was granted. A committee was appointed to examine Mr. Pringle, student, with a view to application for license; and another committee to examine Messrs. Pritchard and McConechy with a view to their being employed as catechists. Remit No. 1 from the General Assembly was approved with the addition to the 8th Article, "But ministers who have served twenty years and contributed to the fund during that time shall be exempt from the additional rate. Remits Nos. 2, 3, and 4 were negative; and Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were approved of *simpliciter*. In reference to the letter of Dr. Cochrane entitled "The Presbytery of Quebec versus the Home Mission Board," and which appeared in the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN on the 8th inst., the following resolution was agreed to: "The Presbytery instruct their clerk to write to the convener of the Home Mission Board, and state that the same request was made for Metis as for any other grant, and if any misunderstanding has occurred it must have been between their former representative and the Board—that their former representative has been communicated with, and he has given assurance that he will either be present at the approaching meeting of the Board and explain matters, or communicate with them." It was then moved and agreed that the next regular meeting be held in Morrin College, Quebec, on the third Wednesday of July next, at ten o'clock a.m., after which this meeting was closed with the Benediction.