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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

REV. D. J. MACDONNELL, of St. Andrew's Church in this city, left last week for the Thousand Islands for a six weeks' vacation. His pulpit will be filled during his absence by Rev. Principal Grant, and Rev. Mr. Hill, of Adrian, Mich.

THREE thousand teachers gathered at the annual meeting of the American Institute of Instruction, at the Fabian House, N.H., on the 9th. Several excellent papers were read and the occasion was every way both pleasant and profitable.

SEVENTY young men attended Colorado College, at Colorado Springs, during the past year. Several are studying for the ministry. It is young and growing, and is described as being 500 miles from any other Christian college and 1,000 from a theological seminary.

THE Minister of Public Works in the Spanish Cortes lately opposed the bill that had been moved to abolish bull-fights, saying they "could only disappear when the circumstances which favour them or render them necessary have themselves disappeared. The bill was defeated, and the outrageous and revolting custom is to continue.

ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church, Peterborough, is to undergo considerable alterations and improvements during the summer for the better and more comfortable accommodation of its large and increasing congregation. Sabbath services in the meantime are being held in the basement of the church, by visiting clergymen,—who are officiating for the Rev. Mr. Torrance, that gentleman having gone to the seaside for change of air.

It gave us extreme pleasure to notice in a late issue the presentation to Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.D., of a beautiful buggy from the congregation of Cheltenham, of which he is pastor. The other charge, Mount Pleasant, also under the care of Mr. McLaren, determined not to be behind the sister church, recently subscribed a purse of seventy dollars and presented it to their pastor, with the expression of their warm regards for him and his amiable wife.

SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE, the distinguished English Jew, has often excited the admiration of the world by his noble acts for his people. Just now, though in the ninety-fourth year of his age, he has, at his own offer of himself for the purpose, been appointed by the

Jewish Board of Deputies, in London, on a mission to Morocco, with a view of securing an amelioration of the condition of the Jews in that country. With the appointment the Board adopted a resolution of hearty thanks to him for his chivalrous devotion of himself to the service.

FATHER HYACINTHE, the noted so-called Reformed Roman Catholic priest, from whom so much was anticipated some time since, closed, on Sabbath, the 23rd ult., a course of lectures in Paris, in which he advocated a reform of the Romish Church, based on the abolition of the Pope's supremacy and the celibacy of the priests, and the assertion of the right of the people to choose their own priests and to have the liturgy in their own language. Though once the most popular and largely attended lecturer in Paris, his audience in all this course was small, and made up mostly of Protestants.

MR. GEORGE S. APPLETON, a member of the well-known publishing firm of D. Appleton & Co., died of cerebro-spinal meningitis, at the residence of his brother, Wm. H. Appleton, at Riverdale, on the Hudson, on Monday, the 8th inst., in the fifty-seventh year of his age. He was born in Boston, and is said to have been the linguist, the press agent, and in many respects the master mind of the firm. Death has been busy during the last few years with noted New York publishers. The Harper Brothers, Charles Scribner, and now Mr. Appleton, have rapidly followed each other to the end of their course.

THE new Presbyterian Church in Sault St. Marie, Algoma, was formally opened for divine service on the 14th inst. The Rev. J. Strath, of Paisley, preached with acceptance at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Rev. A. R. Campbell, Methodist minister in the place, preached at 7 p.m. The Rev. J. R. Easterday, of the Sault, Michigan, and Rev. J. R. McLeod, pastor of the congregation, took part in the services. The church is a neat frame edifice gothic and capable of seating 200 persons. The interior is very neat, and in some respects departs happily from ordinary ecclesiastical architecture.

THE eighty-third annual convention of the Congregational Churches of Vermont has been held at Rutland. The number of congregations reported was 200. Considerable excitement was caused in the convention by the introduction of the following resolution, which was referred to a committee and postponed till next year. "To be a pastor of a Congregational Church requires the acceptance of the historic belief of these churches, and to remain pastor of a Congregational Church, and to claim fellowship with Congregational churches and ministers after any substantial part of the historic belief has been repudiated, is a breach of faith."

ON the first day of July the corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church in course of erection at the village of Belmore, was laid by the Rev. George Brown of Wroxeter, the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Stewart, occupying the chair. The service was commenced by singing the 127th Psalm, "Except the Lord do build the house," reading the fifty-second chapter of Isaiah, and prayer. The following ministers together with Mr. Thos. Gibson, M.P.P., were present, and delivered short, pithy and appropriate addresses, viz.: Revs. Messrs. G. Brown, of Wroxeter; D. Wardrope, of Teeswater, S. Young, of Clifford; and J. McLung, of

Mildmay. after which tea was served to a large gathering, all at last leaving the grounds apparently feeling well pleased at being present and witnessing the laying of the first corner stone of a church by any denomination at the village of Belmore.

AT a regular meeting of the Presbytery of London the following minute was unanimously adopted: "The Presbytery in accepting the resignation of Rev. James P. Baikie of his charge at Port Stanley, cannot do so without expressing its deep regret at the circumstances which rendered his withdrawal meanwhile from the active duties of the ministry necessary. And while recording their special sympathy with their brother in his severe and protracted sickness, and with the Port Stanley congregation in being deprived of his faithful and valuable services, do specially wish to put on record their high esteem for him as a man, as a member of this Court, and as a minister of the Church of Christ. Mr. Baikie's gentle and winning manners, kind disposition and faithful devotedness to the cause of Christ have endeared him to his brethren, and rendered his connection with the Presbytery valuable. The Presbytery while desiring humbly to submit to the sovereign will of God in this trying dispensation, do yet earnestly pray that it may please God not only to spare his life, but restore him to such health and strength as that he may again serve the Lord in the Gospel of His dear Son."

THE opening services of the new Presbyterian church, Strathroy, were held on Sabbath the 14th inst. In the morning, Rev. G. M. Milligan, of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, preached to a very large congregation, from Jude, 3: "The common salvation." At two o'clock, Rev. Mr. Scobie, the pastor of the congregation, preached from the words, "Let both grow together until the harvest." Owing to the extreme heat the congregation was not so large as in the forenoon, but the body of the church was comfortably filled. Mr. Milligan again preached in the evening, the church being filled to its utmost capacity. His text was Psalm xlvii. 9. "The shields of the earth belong unto the Lord." The new building, which is of white brick, is semi-Gothic in design, with half-raised cruciform roof. The walls are supported and relieved by eight buttresses on either side, five in the front gable and four in rear. On the north-west corner is a handsome square tower eighty six feet in height, finished at each corner with elegant pilasters and finials. Internally the church is equally handsome. The building being ninety feet long by forty-six wide, the auditorium is a spacious one, and will seat a large congregation. It is lighted by a magnificent stained glass window in the north gable, over the entrance, and over which a small gallery stands out which has not yet been fitted up, as the space is not required. There are eight gothic windows on each side beautifully illuminated in stained glass, surmounted by two circular windows in the transept and several lesser lights, all of which were furnished by McAusland, of Toronto. The pulpit is of the modern platform style, and is done in red oak and walnut. The seats, which are arranged in semi-circular form, are handsomely cushioned—the expense of which, we understand, has been entirely defrayed by the Ladies' Aid Society of the congregation. Mr. Milligan lectured on Monday evening for the Ladies' Aid Society, on "Wants that are Wants." There was a large audience, and a goodly sum must have been added to the Ladies' funds.