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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE ladies of St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, realized, at their bazaar, the sum of \$468.

MR. IRA D. SANKEY is resting at Llandudno, Wales. He will assist Mr. Moody in a campaign of six months in St. Louis next winter.

T. M. HARVEY, an English merchant of Natal, Africa, has given \$100,000 to the English Wesleyan Missionary Society for foreign missions.

THE Presbytery of Whitby meets in the Presbyterian Church, Port Perry, on Wednesday, 2nd July, at 11 a.m., to induct Mr. Crozier into that charge.

HEREAFTER all new teachers in the Baltimore public schools will be required to serve in a temporary capacity three months before a permanent election can take place. The school board, it is said, have taken this idea from Prussia.

BISHOP GOBAT, of Jerusalem, died recently. The patronage of the bishopric rests alternately with Queen Victoria and the Emperor of Germany. The Queen will fill the present vacancy. The episcopal salary amounts to \$6,000 a year.

MR. SPURGEON has been presented with a testimonial of more than \$30,000 in honour of the twenty-fifth year of his work as a preacher. He spent a small sum for an ornamental clock as a memento of the gift, and devoted all the rest to Church work.

THE Rev. Dr. Cochrane leaves for Britain on the 3rd July. In his absence during the next two months, urgent communications on Home Mission business may be sent to Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, who will attend to them, or if necessary forward them to the Convener.

THE revival services begun by Messrs. Moody and Sankey in Liverpool are still kept up with success. Meetings are conducted in different parts of the town, and are participated in by ministers of the different denominations, including Churchmen, Independents, Presbyterians, Baptists, and Wesleyans.

THE N.C. "Presbyterian" regrets to learn that Rev. Roderick Henderson, who preached for two or three Sabbaths at Lexington, N.C., with great acceptance to the congregation of the Presbyterian church at that place, declines to entertain a call to the pastorate of the church. He thinks location in a more southern latitude is required by his health.

A YOUNG gentleman of Brixton, England, two years ago started a Sabbath afternoon service for children, which is now attended by from 500 to 600 children. Within the last year he formed a "Waste Not Society" among them, the members of which collect waste paper, from the sale of which they have supported a little girl in the Orphanage.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury sees in the younger clergy "a growing feeling of the great importance of setting a good example" in the matter of temperance, "to those whom they are called upon to teach. The number of young men who abstain altogether" from intoxicating beverages, "without any pledge, because they think that thereby they are doing good to those whom they can influence, is yearly increasing."

THE Presbyterian General Assembly at Saratoga took strong ground against theatres and operas. It formally condemned attendance on them as inconsistent with Christian duty, "since it not only gives countenance and support to an institution justly described by a former Assembly as a school of immorality, but is in itself spiritually hurtful, and tends to obliterate the line which should always be plainly visible between the followers of Christ and the world."

THE ordinance of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in Knox Church, Mount Forest, on Sabbath, the 22nd inst. The Rev. Messrs. Campbell, of Harriston, and Nicol, of Normanby, assisted the pastor. The weather was all that could be desired, and favourable to large attendance and comfort. Twenty were added to the communion roll. No special services were held except such as are usual and ordinary in connection with the observance of that solemn ordinance. The services held were earnest, evangelical and instructive. But the treasure was in earthen vessels, and, we trust, the excellency of the power from God.—COM.

"A CONGREGATIONALIST" asks if in saying that "the Congregational Church amongst its various titles has not one that clearly defines its Church government," we meant that it is loose in its Church government? We of course intended to convey the idea that no name which the Congregational Church bears indicates what is its government in the same way that Presbyterian or Episcopalian does. Our correspondent begs the whole question when he states that the Congregational system is that of the New Testament; for we are ready to maintain and defend the position that the Presbyterian government is founded upon and agreeable to the Word of God.

THE N.Y. "Independent" says: "Rev. Dr. Shedd writes from Hamadan, Persia, a very interesting letter about a movement among the Jews of that place. One of the oldest colonies of Jews in the world is found at Hamadan. Their ancestors were carried captive by the Assyrian king twenty-five centuries ago. For months past the colony has been agitated by the question: 'Is not Jesus the Messiah?' Four of the chief men, the heads of one thousand houses (about five thousand people), have, after long trial, been publicly baptized, and many others are asking to confess Christ. As in the days of the apostles, all the city is moved, and one Nestorian helper is day and night beset with Jews seeking instruction in the New Testament."

THE will of the late Mr. William Sloane, of New York City, contains liberal bequests to various religious and charitable societies as follows: Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, \$30,000; Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, \$30,000; American Bible Society, \$20,000; American Sunday School Union, \$10,000; American Tract Society, \$5,000; Presbyterian Board of Church Extension, \$10,000; Presbyterian Board of Sustentation Fund, \$10,000; Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief, \$10,000; Presbyterian Home for Aged Women, \$5,000; New York St. Andrew's Society, \$5,000; Society for Promoting the Gospel among the Seamen of the Port of New York, \$5,000. Mr. Sloane also leaves \$20,000 to Dr. John Hall.

THE following is from the "Huron Expositor": "At a meeting of the managers of Knox Church, Goderich, a short time since, to take into consideration the condition of the congregation and their ability to pay two ministers, it was decided that in view of the present depressed state of the country and reduction in membership of the church through removal, it would be advisable to reduce expenses and retain but one minister. The meeting was characterized by the utmost harmony, pastors and people agreeing exactly in their views as to the best course to pursue under the circumstances. We believe both ministers are to resign during the coming month, and that Rev. Mr. Sieveright desired that he should not be considered a candidate for the vacant charge."

"THE PAROUSIA," by Dr. Israel P. Warren, editor of the "Christian Mirror," Portland, Maine, is a volume worthy of study. The writer discusses Christ's second coming, His reign as King, the resurrection of the dead, and the general judgment. He maintains that the parousia is not an event but a dispensation. It began at the pentecost and continues to this day. He translates some passages of Scripture so as to do away with their imagined support of second adventism. For instance, we have the following: "We beseech you, brethren, by the presence of our Lord." "The presence of the Lord draweth nigh." He claims the support of such names as Alford, Olshausen, Dr. Robinson, Dollinger and Reuss, in his interpretation. Some one has said that the Christian Church has never settled its eschatology. Such a volume as this must be helpful in bringing about that result.

THE Swedenborgians have in the United States eighty-nine societies and churches and ninety-one ministers, together with fourteen licentiates, the entire membership not exceeding 5,000. The denomination carries on its publishing department through its headquarters in the Cooper Institute. There are, however, three publishing houses properly connected with the New Church—namely, the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, the Board of Publications, and the American New Church Tract and Publishing Society. The business of one and all is to translate and publish the works of Swedenborg and commentaries thereon. There are several theological schools connected with the denomination. A fund exists for the gratuitous distribution of New Church literature, by which nearly 40,000 volumes of Swedenborg's writings have already been sent out, and it is stated that the demand for these is on the increase. The Sunday schools of the Church number about 35,000 pupils.