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The SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN has been received with increased favor during the year, although there are still very many schools in which no copies are taken. It is encouraging to know that the patrons of the paper look with approval upon the efforts made to provide such a publication; and we bespeak largely increased orders for the coming year—promising, on our part, to make the paper more attractive than ever to our young folks.

GOLDEN HOURS, started in January last, will be continued; but as an entirely distinct publication. In reading matter and illustrations it will be quite different from the SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN, so that, if desired, the two papers may be given out to the same scholar alternately—thus forming a fortnightly issue.

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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE "Evangelical Alliance" has given away millions of copies of the Gospels at the Paris Exhibition.

THE Rev. R. H. Warden, Montreal, begs to acknowledge with thanks the sum of twenty-one dollars from "Northern Advocate," County of Simcoe, appropriated as follows: French Evangelization Ordinary Fund, \$7; French Evangelization Building Fund, \$7; Home Mission Fund, \$7. Total, \$21.

ATZALA, a few miles from Puebla, Mexico, and where the Methodists lately opened a mission, has been the scene of the bloodiest onset yet made upon Protestant Missions in Mexico. The fanatical and ignorant Papists rose against the Protestant people, and twenty-six of them were slaughtered.

UNION special meetings have been held at Earlville, Illinois, under the leadership of Mr. Fletcher of Chicago, formerly of Canada. Mr. Fletcher is doing efficient work as an evangelist, and the meetings at Earlville are said to have resulted in numerous con-

versions. It is further stated that the work is thorough, and that it is spreading.

THE "Jornal de Commercio," of Rio Janeiro contains an account of the visit of the Emperor and Empress of Brazil and their suite to the American Presbyterian Mission School at San Paulo. Their Majesties were very much struck with the proficiency of the scholars, and declared to Rev. Mr. Howell that it was the best school of its grade of scholars that they had ever seen.

THE new buildings connected with the Central Presbyterian Church will be opened on Sabbath, 15th December, by the Rev. Dr. Parsons of Buffalo, who will preach morning and evening of that day, and address a social to be held in the new school room on the Monday evening following. The annual course of lectures in this church will be opened by Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D., of Detroit, on the 9th December, subject—"The Ethics of Amusement, or How to Amuse Ourselves."

WE desire to direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of that old and reliable firm, Messrs. A. & S. Nordheimer of this city, which will be found on the last page of this issue. They are offering a very choice assortment in Pianos, Organs, etc., suitable for the holiday season. To the well established reputation of the Steinway and Chickering pianos we can add but little. The celebrated Prince Organ holds its own with the public, and the sales of this instrument are large and still increasing. Messrs. Nordheimer have also a good supply of medium-priced instruments of other makes which will be found very serviceable.

THERE is a universal feeling of joy and thankfulness that the new Governor-General and the Princess have arrived safely on our shores after a very stormy passage. The people of Halifax have given them a right royal reception. To their lot fell the privilege of extending the first welcome to the noble pair, and certainly they have fully availed themselves of that privilege. The other cities on the route have not been behind. It is to be hoped that the administration thus auspiciously commenced will be a prosperous one, and that the residence of the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise amongst us will be pleasant to themselves and beneficial to the country.

THE London "Athenæum" says: "The latest news from Victoria Nyanza is dated May last. A letter has been received from Rev. Mr. Wilson, who is comfortably established at the court of King Mtesa, and enjoying considerable favor. His three colleagues, sent out by the Nile route have been heard of as far as Khartoum, and by this time it may be hoped that they are all assembled at Uganda. It cannot be concealed that matters in Central Africa are coming to a crisis. If the Egyptian government makes threatening demonstrations towards the south, Mtesa will undoubtedly beat the drum of war, and the consequences may be fatal to the peaceful operations of the Church Missionary Society, whose basis is Zanzibar."

MISSIONARY meetings will be held next week within the bounds of the Glengarry Presbytery as follows: At Dalhousie Mills, on Monday, 2nd Dec.; at East Hawkesbury, on Tuesday, 3rd Dec.; at Vankleekhill, on Wednesday, 4th Dec.; at Kirkhill, on Thursday,

5th Dec. Deputation—Revs. K. Macdonald and Alex. McGillivray, and Mr. John Simpson. At Finch on Monday, 2nd Dec.; at Avonmore, on Tuesday, 3rd Dec.; at Roxborough, on Wednesday, 4th Dec. Deputation—Revs. N. McNish, B.D., J. S. Burnet, and R. Binnie, and Mr. G. H. McGillivray. Interesting addresses may be expected, and a collection will be taken up at every meeting in behalf of the Presbytery and Synod Funds; also for the purpose of defraying the expenses of delegates to the General Assembly. The hour of meeting in each case will be seven p.m.

It was not to be expected that the British forces could enter Afghanistan without some fighting. For the defence of their country, the only hope of the Afghans lies in the narrow passes on the frontier. If they fail in defending these, then their cause is hopeless. By the latest despatches we find that the British forces have entered the Khyber Pass and fought their way nearly through it with very little loss of life. Ali Musjid, the principal fort in the pass was taken without much difficulty, and it is stated that the Afghans are not in a condition to make any further resistance. It is to be hoped that these successes will lead to a speedy arrangement, although it is quite likely that Britain will, in the final settlement, find herself under the necessity of making terms not only with the Ameer of Cabul but with the Czar of Russia.

THE "Melbourne Argus" of Oct. 3, gives intelligence of the murder of four missionary teachers last April by the natives of New Britain. Eight native teachers belonging to the English Wesleyan Mission, which, with headquarters in Australia, is at work on the islands in that quarter, set out in two parties of four each to visit the interior tribes of the island of New Britain. One party returned in safety. The other four, after having been hospitably received and entertained, were cruelly murdered on their way back, at the instigation of the hostile chief of one of the coast tribes. The bodies of the teachers were cut up, and the pieces sent here and there to the different towns, where they were cooked and eaten with cannibal ceremony and delight. An expedition was forthwith organized to punish the wretches, at least fifty of whom were killed, and many of their towns and plantations were destroyed.

REV. DR. COCHRANE preached in St. Andrew's Church, London, last Sabbath evening. At the close of an eloquent and scriptural discourse, the reverend doctor made some remarks regarding the Home Mission work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He stated that thirty years ago there were few Presbyterian churches, and ministers had to travel over large circuits, but now there were no less than 355 stations where the gospel is preached and a regular attendance of about 25,000 upon the various stations. He urged upon the people not to forget the work which is being carried on in the back woods of Canada. He spoke of the great progress made in the North-west and in the Free Grant District. He explained the necessity of liberal contributions to the Home Mission Fund for the purpose of keeping up the small salaries of our missionaries even to the present mark, not to speak of raising them, the prospect at present being that their salaries, already too small, will have to be reduced from twenty-five to fifty per cent.