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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE address of the Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, M. A., late of Toronto, is for the present, "Bond Head, Ont."

THE Presbytery of Paris unanimously nominated the Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., of Brantford, for the moderatorship of the next General Assembly.

MISSIONARY meetings were held at Bradford and Scotch Settlement on Thursday, the 27th ult. Addresses were given by the Revs. Dr. Fraser, E. W. Pantou, and T. Boyd.

A LARGE number of the young people of Knox Church, Ingersoll, met with the pastor, Rev. R. N. Grant, on Monday evening, the 3rd inst., and formed themselves into a Mutual Improvement Society.

BISMARCK'S attempt to gag free utterance in the German Reichstag has not been followed with any gratifying success. His Parliamentary Discipline Bill has aroused bitter opposition, and is likely to be set aside.

THE Rev. Jas. C. Smith, M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, delivered a public lecture at Preston in connection with the Presbyterian Church there on the 18th February, to a large and appreciative audience. Subject—"Self-culture essential to real success."

THE Presbytery of Kingston, will meet on the 25th inst., as stated in our notices of meetings of Presbyteries in this and last week's issues. We direct attention to this as we learn that some uncertainty has arisen on account of wrong dates having been previously given.

THE new St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N.B., erected to replace the one destroyed by the great fire in 1877, is now approaching completion. The memorial stone was laid on Friday evening, the 28th ult., with the usual ceremonies, in the presence of a large concourse of people; and the building will be formally opened for public worship next Sabbath.

A PRESBYTERIAL Sabbath School Convention was held in Dumfries street Church, Paris, on Wednesday the 5th inst., Rev. Messrs. McKay of Woodstock, McEwen of Ingersoll, Aull of Ratho, Robertson of Chesterfield, and Lowry of Brantford took part in the discussions, which bore chiefly on the relation of the

Sabbath School to the Church, the best methods of teaching, and the qualifications of teachers.

SOME Methodist laymen of Brooklyn, N.Y., demand the repeal of the limitations of the pastorate. They talk of petitioning the General Conference, which meets next year, on the subject. There is no doubt that sooner or later their end will be gained. The feeling is strong both with laymen and ministers in favour of making pastoral settlements for indefinite periods.

LEO XIII. declares his desire to reconcile princes and people to the Church; says he is ready to extend his hand to all who repent and cease their persecutions, but announces his unflinching attention always to combat, in the defence of the rights and independence of the Church, those who war against her. In plain English, his meaning is, that he will stand up for all the ancient pretensions of the Church, or, at least, as many of them as he can wisely and safely adhere to.

THE annual festival of the Victoria Mission Sabbath school, Montreal, was held on the evening of Friday last, and was largely attended by the friends of the schools. Prizes were presented for the most perfect recitation of the Shorter Catechism, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, Messrs. J. L. Morris and R. Henderson. This school numbers 184 pupils and eighteen teachers, and is efficiently presided over by Mr. John Larmonth, who received during the evening a beautiful pair of vases from the members of the ladies' Bible class.

DR. E. DE PRESSENCE, the eminent French Protestant preacher, withal a member of the House of Deputies, speaks highly of the newly-elected President of the Republic. He writes of M. Grevy's wisdom and moderation, and concludes with the following sentences:—"He is in his religious views a man of large toleration. Of this I have myself had personal proof. One of the pleasantest memories of my parliamentary career is the cordial assent kindly given by him to a speech of mine, in which I advocated, on the broadest grounds, entire religious liberty.

REV. ALEX. LESLIE was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregations of Newtonville and Kendall on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Rev. A. Fraser, of Orono, preached; Rev. A. Kennedy, of Dunbarton, addressed the minister; and Rev. John Hogg, of Oshawa, addressed the people. A tea meeting was afterwards held, when addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Drummond, Cleland, Spencer, Leach, Fraser, Kennedy, McKay, Ross, and Hogg. In the course of the evening, Mr. James Hagerman, one of the managers of the congregation, advanced to the platform, and with a few appropriate remarks, presented the newly inducted pastor with a quarter's salary.

ON a recent Sabbath, the new Presbyterian church at Emerson, Manitoba, was opened with appropriate services conducted by Rev. John Black, D.D., of Kildonan, and Rev. James Robertson, of Knox Church, Winnipeg. On the Monday evening following, a tea meeting was held which was attended by between 200 and 300 persons, many having come from other places, such as Morris, Roseau, St. Vincent, Pembina, Fort Pembina, Huron City and West Lynne. Addresses were given by Revs. Dr. Black, Kildonan; J.

Robertson, Winnipeg; A. W. Edwards, pastor of the M. E. Church, Emerson; J. Douglas, of Morris; and John Scott, pastor of the congregation. Mr. A. McPherson, of Emerson, also gave an address. The receipts from the tea meeting, together with the Sabbath collections, amounted to \$120.

ONE-HALF of New York city live in tenement houses. The moral and physical filth of these homes beggars description. Men and women herd together like animals. In one room, sixteen feet square, were found four families, the only partition being a chalk line on the floor. In one six-story building, were found ninety-two persons, in another 181. The average population in some blocks is 750 persons in the acre. The little ones suffer most. It has been estimated that ninety per cent. of the children born in these houses die before reaching youth; and that one-half of the deaths in the city are children under five years of age. This massacre of the infants out-herods Herod. The New York pulpits have "turned on the light" on these hot-beds of crime and disease. Practical measures are being taken for their betterment.

REV. James Baird, D.D., pastor of Patterson, N.Y., has been preaching in several of our city churches, notably in Cooke's and the Central, and also in Whitby Presbyterian Church. His services have given great satisfaction to those congregations. Dr. Baird is a good preacher—faithful in expounding Scripture, sound in his views, and warm and earnest in manner. We make sure he would prove himself in the Canadian Church a useful and successful minister, were he disposed to leave his present field. Dr. Baird stands high as a scholar, holding degrees from the Universities of Belfast, Glasgow and New York, the latter having some ten years ago conferred upon him the degree of Doctor in Divinity. We understand that Dr. Baird will preach next Sabbath in Charles St. Presbyterian church, morning and evening, and that he will in all probability spend a few more Sabbaths in this country.

ARTHUR MURSELL, in a recent letter to the "Christian World," of London, speaks very severely of the strictness and bitterness of sectarianism on this side of the Atlantic. He is specially hard on the exclusiveness of the Baptist brethren. He writes:—"Why, sir, they dare not let me revisit Philadelphia because of what I have said on the communion question in these sketches which I have remitted to your paper. I was to have spent my last two nights in America, lecturing for two English friends, one of them a fellow-student with myself, and the other an alumnus of the same old college. But, even though they had printed tickets and advertisements, and all the rest of it, they wrote to entreat for the cancelling of the visit, because they could not appear as my friends after what I had written in the 'Christian World.' Because I had protested against the chaining of a rabid, snarling Cerberus to the leg of the table of the Lord, to snap at every one who accepts His free invitation to the feast, the ministers deputed from our own colleges, where they had drunk in liberty of communion as an axiom of Christian life, were afraid to endorse the Christ-like heresy, or to be seen in fraternity with the heretic." If a few others of our English Baptist leaders were to come out in that fashion, it is possible the cis-Atlantic Baptist narrowness may receive a shake from which it cannot recover.