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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

REV. MR. TORRANCE, of Guelph, has gone east on a holiday trip for the benefit of his health, and will be absent for about a month. He is accompanied by Mrs. Torrance.

A UNANIMOUS call from Knox Church, Harriston, to the Rev. Jno. Campbell, B.A., Cannington, was laid on the table of the Presbytery of Lindsay at its meeting on the 16th ult.

NEWS has been brought from Scotland which has saddened all of the friends here of the Rev. Dr. Snodgrass, late Principal of Queen's College. His brother, Mr. R. Snodgrass, was struck by a railway train near Partick and run over, death ensuing in a few hours.

THE New England Methodist Conference, lately in session at Westfield, Mass., passed a unanimous vote "discouraging" the holding of more than three regular services in any church on the Sabbath; namely, a sermon, a Bible service or Sabbath school, and a prayer meeting.

THE "New Zealand Herald" of June 11th, contains an account of a soiree held in Auckland to welcome Rev. Mr. Carrick, the new pastor of St. Andrew's Church in that city, and his wife who had just arrived. Mr. Carrick, who is a Canadian, was inducted some months ago, as noticed in the PRESBYTERIAN at the time, or shortly after, but the soiree of welcome was postponed in expectation of the arrival of Mrs. Carrick. The meeting was large and enthusiastic, representing to a greater or less extent not only the various Presbyterian congregations but nearly every Protestant denomination in the city.

THE council of University College, London, have determined to provide systematic instruction for women in regular college classes. In most subjects the junior classes for women and men are to be separated. The senior classes are, as a rule, to be open to both; and those classes which are already open to both, like the fine-art classes and that on the philosophy of mind, will remain so. "The Spectator" is much gratified with the increased facilities for female students, and adds: "A great deal of fear is felt in some quarters lest women should be tempted to learn more than will be consistent with their physical well-being. But that is, we believe, chiefly a question of age and of individual organization. For the most part, women's health is much more improved than endangered by light but steady intellectual work. If it sometimes

increases neuralgic pain, it constantly cures the tendency to hysteric affections."

ON the evening of Tuesday, July 2nd, at the close of the weekly prayer-meeting, Mr. F. Ballantyne, M.A., on the occasion of his leaving the Presbyterian congregation at Brockton, in which he had been labouring as missionary for some time, was presented by the Sabbath School teachers and scholars with three handsome volumes. Accompanying the present was an address expressing teachers' and scholars' high appreciation of the ability and zeal with which he had discharged the duties of superintendent of the school during his stay at Brockton, and their best wishes and prayers for his future welfare. An address was also presented to him by the members of the Bible class assuring him that during his short stay he had won their affection and confidence, and expressing regret at his departure. From the cordial feeling exhibited on the occasion there can be no doubt that the addresses and present expressed the sentiments, not merely of those connected with the Sabbath School, but of the entire congregation; and that, though no longer going out and in amongst them Mr. Ballantyne's labours will not soon be forgotten by the Presbyterians at Brockton.

IT is seldom that ministers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada descend to the vulgar expedient of advertizing the subjects of their sermon in order to draw large audiences, but as there are some indications of a tendency to sacrifice the dignity of the Presbyterian pulpit by following in this respect the example of some other denominations in the Dominion as well as of many Presbyterians in the United States, it may be well to call attention to the following brief but emphatic condemnation of this practice, from the pen of Dr. John Hall, of New York. After shewing that this expedient has a tendency to make "religious gipsies"—the class of people who go from church to church without abiding in any, he says: "Let us leave all this to the lyceums, the lecturing bureau and the showman. Let us be willing to go down as low as is needed to lift up sinners; but it is we who are to go down. This is to drag down the sacred desk, the office of the ministry, the Bible itself. Competitive rowing and running, and competitive oratory may be well enough for the boys in school and college; but competitive preaching is not among the elevating forces in the church. And, as a rule, the least instructed hearers are those who have 'heard every body.'"

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—The regular meeting of this Presbytery was held in Morrin College, Quebec, on the 17th of July. In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. Wm. Mathieson, the Rev. Peter Lindsay was called to fill the chair. The following were the principal items of business transacted. As convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions, the Rev. P. Lindsay reported that student missionaries had been secured and were now laboring in Valcartier, Lingwick station, and Lake Megantic, and that grants in aid had also been secured as follows. For Valcartier and Lake Megantic, at the rate of three dollars per Sabbath; for Metis, \$170 per annum, to be made retrospective for the previous six months; for Hampden, an addition to its former grant of \$50 for one year; for Danville and St. Sylvester, the continuance of the grants formerly allowed. An addition to the grant formerly given was asked in behalf of Kennebec

Road, but it was deemed expedient to defer compliance with said request till after the visitation of the deputation. Leave was granted to Rev. Thomas Fenwick, ordained missionary at Metis, to attend the meeting of the General Assembly's Home Mission Board to be held in Toronto in October next, with the view of furnishing full information regarding the Mission there. Rev. James McConechy, of Leeds, on the ground of impaired health and strength, asked the Presbytery to grant him leave of two months from his field of labor. The leave asked was unanimously granted, while a number of the brethren present volunteered their services for one Sabbath each during the two months' leave of absence. Mr. John Pringle, student in theology, was, on the authority of the General Assembly, taken on trial for license, and thereafter duly licensed to preach the gospel of Christ wherever he may orderly be called to do so. A call from the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Richibucto, in the Presbytery of Miramichi, in favor of Rev. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ was presented and read. It was agreed to take the steps usual in such cases and cite all the parties to appear at a special meeting to be appointed at a later stage in the proceedings. The Rev. P. Lindsay, of Sherbrooke, tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge, and requested the Presbytery without delay to take the usual steps to sever the ties which bound him and his congregation together. It was accordingly agreed to lay said resignation on the table meanwhile, and cite the congregation to appear for their interests in this matter at a special meeting of the Presbytery to be held at Richmond on the 31st inst., at two p.m. At this meeting it was also agreed to cite all parties in the call from St. Andrew's Church, Richibucto, to appear. The next quarterly meeting was appointed to be held at Melbourne, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the third Wednesday of October next at 10 a.m. In accordance with the deliverance of the Synod anent protest and appeal of Rev. John McKenzie, of Hampden, which had been confirmed by General Assembly, the Rev. John McDonald was asked if he was now, according to the terms of said deliverance, prepared to report with necessary vouchers to show that he had disposed of all the money derived from the sale of Sherbrooke church lot, as directed and instructed by the Presbytery of Montreal in the year 1874. In reply he stated that he was not prepared with said report. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. McCaul, and carried: "That the Presbytery, having read the decision in the case of the protest and appeal of Aeneas McMaster against a decision of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, did in terms of that decision demand of Mr. McDonald if he was prepared to show that he had obeyed the sentence of the Synod, confirmed by the General Assembly, and Mr. McDonald having stated that he was not prepared at the present meeting with the vouchers required, and having given reason to believe that he might be prepared at the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, delay further action till such meeting." In the matter of the expenses of the delegates to the General Assembly, it was moved by Mr. McCaul, seconded by Mr. John McKenzie, and agreed. "That inasmuch as steps were taken by the elders attending the Assembly to raise a fund to defray the expenses of all the delegates, that no further action be taken in this matter by the Presbytery in the meanwhile." The business being now brought to an end, the meeting was closed with the Benediction.