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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Guelph, is to be enlarged sufficiently to seat two hundred additional worshippers.

THE sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Newmarket Presbyterian Church last Sabbath—Rev. Dr. Caven officiating.

THE annual sermon to the Oddfellows preached on the 29th ult. by the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, is pronounced by the Press an able effort.

DR. COCHRANE'S reply to Mr. Wright was received in good time; but the crowded state of our columns renders it necessary to hold it over until next issue.

THE labors of Messrs. Moody and Sankey have been so successful in New Haven, that it has been determined to continue them two weeks longer than had been intended.

AT a meeting of the Gould street congregation held last Wednesday evening in the new lecture room, it was decided that their new edifice should be known as the Augustine Presbyterian Church.

THE Seaforth congregation have petitioned the Presbytery to be allowed to secure pulpit supply for itself; and also decided to continue the precentor's salary at \$500 per year, if a suitable person offers for the position.

THE Rev. D. B. Whimster, of Meaford, has been called by the congregations of Proof Line and English Settlement in the London Presbytery. Referring to this the "Monitor" remarks: "It will be a matter of very great regret to the town and to the Presbyterian congregation here if he should be induced to leave and accept the much more inviting pastorate offered to him."

THE Moncton (N.B.) "Times" says: "We regret exceedingly to hear of the awfully sudden death of Rev. Mr. Taylor, Presbyterian minister of Bass River, Kent Co. On Sunday last, as Mr. Taylor was entering the door of his church at Bass River, he dropped dead! The event caused great excitement at the church and throughout the settlement, and the family's sudden bereavement has produced widespread sympathy everywhere."

THE appearance of Stanley's new book giving an account of his travels and adventures on his recent

perilous journey through Africa, will be looked forward to with great interest by every one. Mr. J. B. Magurn of this city has secured the copyright for Canada, and will publish a Canadian edition printed from facsimile plates of the English edition, giving all the illustrations and maps. The book will be issued this month. The work will be the largest and most important ever issued by a Canadian publisher, the cost of the plates and engravings and maps amounting to more than \$5000.

ON Wednesday of last week, the Bible class and other friends of Rev. David Mann, Granton, met at the manse and presented him with a superb album, silver mounted, and Mrs. Mann with a handsome silver cake basket and napkin rings. The presentations were made by Misses Kate Conn, Rebecca Foster, Betsey Matches and Jessie Matland, and a very neat address was read by Miss Sara Foster. Mr. Mann replied very feelingly, alluding to his Bible class work, which he hoped had been profitable to the young people. The congregation of Granton are fortunate in having so able a pastor, and he in turn is to be congratulated on the appreciation that they manifest of his earnest labors.—COM.

THE case of the Rev. Fergus Ferguson again came up at a special meeting of the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Glasgow on Monday, the 8th ult. Mr. Ferguson made a long statement setting forth his objections to the relevancy of the libel served on him. Though he had no wish to be separated from the Church to which he belonged so long as he could retain an honourable footing within its pale, he strenuously contended that the whole prosecution was one huge irregularity, and characterized the Confession of Faith as a "fetters to thought," and "an engine of spiritual oppression." The Presbytery, at the request of the prosecutors, adjourned till Monday the 15th, to consider Mr. Ferguson's objections.

THE Free Synod of Aberdeen discussed the case of Professor Robertson Smith on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9th and 10th ult. It was agreed, on account of the want of time for properly discussing the matter, that the appeals on the particulars of the charge, and the general motion of Dr. Brown to find the whole libel relevant, should be referred to the Assembly *simpliciter*. It was resolved, however, to consider the appeals of Professor Smith and others against the Presbytery's decision finding the second general charge—that of dangerous tendency—relevant; and the subject was taken up at the evening sederunt. After a long discussion, the Synod decided by a majority of one to reverse the finding of the Presbytery.

RECENT news from Spain do not at all accord with the praises bestowed on the new Pope for his liberal and tolerant tendencies. It would rather seem as if the little finger of Leo XIII. were thicker than the loins of Pius IX., for he has issued a decree in which, under pain of excommunication, he prohibits any person from affording food or shelter to any Protestant missionary in Spain, and furthermore decrees the greater excommunication against any person who shall have in his possession any Protestant religious publication, whether for sale or otherwise. The Pope has accompanied these decrees, which are to be read from the pulpit in every parish church in Spain, with

an autograph letter to King Alfonso, urging him, in the name of the great Catholic country of which he is the ruler, to use all his efforts to bring the Civil power to bear against the missionaries for their expulsion, and the confiscation of their establishments throughout the country.

PRESBYTERY OF OWEN SOUND.—The Presbytery of Owen Sound met on the 23rd April pursuant to adjournment. A moderation in a call was granted to the congregations of Big Bay, Sarawak, etc., Messrs. Morrison, Cameron, McLennan, and McLean dissenting. Mr. Creasor, as Convener of the Committee anent arrears due Mr. McNaughton, reported. His report was received and the thanks of the Presbytery tendered to him. The Presbytery examined Mr. D. G. McKay, a graduate of Knox College, and agreed to apply to the General Assembly for leave to license him. Mr. David Ross, was appointed a delegate to the General Assembly in the room of Mr. James Gardner, resigned. The Home Mission Agent was instructed to communicate with the station at Lion's Head with the view of obtaining board for a student and \$2.00 per week, and in the event of satisfactory arrangements being made, to apply to the Subcommittee of the Home Mission Committee for a student for the remainder of the summer. It was moved by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Currie that we agree to the proposed transference of the Parry Sound District to the Presbytery of Barrie, and that the Clerk be instructed to intimate the same to that Presbytery. Mr. Somerville gave notice that at next meeting of Presbytery he would move that an attempt be made to raise a fund of \$100 or \$150 to remain intact, for the purpose of advancing money therefrom to students doing work in the Presbytery, so that they shall not be obliged to draw out of their money after the conclusion of their term of employment. Messrs. Whimster and Stevenson were appointed a deputation to visit the congregation of Heathcote along with that of Thornbury to enquire into their circumstances and to give what advice and encouragement they see necessary. The treasurer was ordered to pay the sum of \$4 to Mr. J. K. Wright for travelling expenses to this Presbytery. Mr. Dewar's postage account of \$5 was ordered to be paid. Mr. Dewar was appointed to moderate in the call at Big Bay, etc., on Monday and Tuesday, the 6th and 7th of May. It was moved by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Dewar that the Presbytery resume consideration of the Committee's Report anent Mr. McNaughton's arrears, at its adjourned meeting on Monday, May 13th, and that all parties with their books be summoned. Parties in the interests of the congregations concerned were cited *apud acta*. Dr. Jenkins was nominated as moderator of the next General Assembly. Mr. Currie read his report on the state of religion within the Presbytery. The Presbytery signified its approval of the report and instructed Mr. Currie to send it to the Synod. And as time did not permit its thorough discussion at this meeting, Mr. Currie was requested to introduce the subject at the afternoon sederunt of the next ordinary meeting in July. Mr. Somerville moved and Mr. Whimster seconded that Rev. Mr. Silcock's application to be received as a minister of the Church be entertained, and that this Presbytery transmit his application to the General Assembly. The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the same place on Monday, May 13th, at 2 p.m.—D. B. WHIMSTER, Pres. Clerk.