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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE fifth of the course of six lectures on "Presbyterian topics" will be delivered in Knox Church, Montreal, on Thursday next, 21st inst., by Rev. G. H. Wells. The subject is "The Presbyterian Churches of America,"—a subject which should attract a large audience, and one which in the hands of Mr. Wells will be treated in an interesting and instructive manner.

A VERY interesting and successful series of evangelistic services have been for some time in progress at Mitchell, also at Almonte, St. John's Church. Much blessing has been granted at both places. Also at Durham, and Priceville; at Peterboro' St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Churches have begun union meetings with considerable encouragement. At several towns in Western Ontario, similar services are in contemplation.

THE following is a list of contributions received by Mr. Peter Cram, towards the erection of a Presbyterian church in the village of Queensville: West Flamboro, \$18.50; Kirkwall, \$34.50; Nairn, \$4.00; Galt, \$45.20; a friend, Guelph, \$1.00; Eramosa, \$6.50; Ayr, \$35.50; Rev. Joseph Alexander's congregations, \$50.10; Georgetown, \$10.00. Mr. Cram desires to return sincere thanks to the many kind friends who assisted him in his canvass.

IN other columns our readers will find letters from Rev. J. M. Douglas, India, and Rev. G. L. McKay, China. For the former we are indebted to Mr. James Croil, editor of the "Record;" the latter was addressed to the Rev. Prof. McLaren, Convener of the F.M.C. Both letters are very readable—Mr. McKay's especially so, as it gives somewhat in detail the threatening circumstances which gave rise to the report that he had lost his life while in the discharge of his duty. We all rejoice that in the good providence of God he is still spared to do battle for the truth.

REFERRING to the call lately extended to the Rev. Mr. McKay, of Baltimore, by the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, the "Cobourg World" has the following: "The Rev. W. A. McKay, M.A., Presbyterian minister of Baltimore and Coldsprings, has received a unanimous and hearty call to Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, lately vacated by the translation of the Rev. Mr. McTavish to Inverness, Scotland. The members and adherents of his present charges will be very sorry to part with him, should he decide

to accept the call, as a minister could scarcely be more popular among his people than is Mr. McKay. We understand that vigorous efforts are already being made to induce him to remain. We hope for the best, but at this early stage it is impossible to say with any certainty whether he will be likely to accept or not."

AT the festival recently held in connection with the opening of the new Presbyterian church, Spencerville, Addresses were delivered by Mr. James Keeler, chairman, and Rev. Messrs McKibbin, Henderson, Wilson, Burns and Dey. Subscriptions to the amount of \$3,574 were made to the building fund, the entire indebtedness being thus more than covered. Rev. Mr. Dey announced the following gifts to the church: a Psalm Book from Mrs. Geggie, a Pulpit Bible from Mr. R. M. Stitt, of Toronto, and four Silver Collection Plates from Mr. J. H. Stitt. At the opening services on the Sabbath Mr. Dey was assisted by Rev. Dr. Macvicar of Montreal, and Rev. Mr. Wilson of Spencerville. The proceeds of the festivals on Friday and Monday, together with the Sabbath collections, amounted to \$300.

OWING to the steady increase of the Presbyterian congregation in Cannington during the last few years, the present church is altogether too small, and therefore, the congregation has wisely resolved to erect a larger building. The present church is comparatively new, very neat and comfortable, so that the congregation would not leave it were it not that more ample accommodation is absolutely necessary. The new church is to be of red brick with white facings, and stone basement, cut stone five feet clear above ground. The size is to be seventy-two feet by forty-three feet, with a spire over the front entrance. It is to be finished in the most modern style. The Architects are McCaw and Lennox of Toronto. The contractors are Coxworth and French of Cannington. The cost of the building not including gallery, will be between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

ON the 6th of January the new Presbyterian church at Ventnor was opened for divine service. Rev. J. Crombie, M.A., of Smith's Falls, preached in the morning, and Rev. G. M. Clark, of Kemptville, in the evening. The attendance was large on both these occasions. The building is of stone, and has 208 sittings. The entire cost is either already paid or covered by subscription. The Ventnor congregation is a new one, having until very recently formed part of the congregation of Spencerville, which along with Mainsville constituted one charge. By action of the Presbytery Mainsville was united to Edwardsburg, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. M. McKibbin, B.A.; and Spencerville congregation was divided into the congregations of Spencerville and Ventnor, both remaining under the charge of Rev. W. J. Dey, M.A. At a social held on the Friday before the opening, the congregation was presented with a silver communion service by Mr. James Miller, and silver collection plates by Mr. J. H. Stitt, both of Spencerville.

REV. W. BENNETT, Clerk of the Presbytery of Peterboro', calls the attention of his brethren to the following: The meeting of Presbytery to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Peterboro', on the 26th inst., at 1.30 o'clock p.m., will be the most important of the year. All the remits of Assembly have yet to be considered. There is a long list of these, as will be seen

by looking at the last page of the appendix to the minutes of Assembly. The revision of the proposed "Book of Discipline," if carefully made, will occupy a large portion of time. Delegates to the meeting of Assembly have not yet been appointed. Home mission business must be considered. This will be one of the first items on the docket. A call to one of the brethren—the resignation of another—the reports of several important committees appointed at last meeting, have to be dealt with. As the forthcoming meeting will be the last regular one before the meeting of the Superior Courts, and as there is so much work on hand, every brother should make arrangements to be present and to remain until the business is disposed of. The brethren will oblige by forwarding their statistics as early as convenient.

THE Sabbath School convention of the Presbytery of Lindsay held its first meeting in Cannington on the 5th of February. Forenoon, afternoon, and evening session, were held. It was in every sense a success. The Rev. John Campbell, B.A., pastor of the church, presided. The following are the gentlemen who opened the various subjects. Rev. E. H. Bauld, "Direct Aim of Sabbath School Teaching;" Mr. P. Scott, "The Relation of Pastor to Sabbath School;" Rev. A. Currie, M.A., "How to Classify a School;" Rev. F. J. Paul, "The Study of the Shorter Catechism;" Rev. D. McDonald, "How to Retain the Older Scholars;" Rev. W. H. Lochead, "The Sabbath School not a Substitute for Parental Instruction;" Mr. D. McColl, "Model Class Teaching;" Rev. J. Hastie, "Relations and Duties of the Church to the Sabbath School;" Rev. J. McNabb, "Relation of Parents to Sabbath School;" Rev. E. Cockburn, M.A., "Qualification of Sabbath School Teachers." The next meeting is to be held at Beaverton on the 6th Feb., 1879.

THE report of the Sabbath School Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, for the past year, submitted to the annual meeting recently held, is very encouraging. There was a large attendance at the meeting, and great interest was taken in the proceedings by the boys and girls, who seemed to thoroughly understand what they were doing when electing their office-bearers and collectors, and voting the money to the various objects. The society has been in existence three years, and has for its object, 1st, the dissemination of missionary news and the cultivation of a missionary spirit; and, 2nd, the raising of money for missionary purposes. It supplies the school with "The Juvenile Magazine of the London Missionary Society," and missionary addresses are from time to time delivered to the school. Each year since its organization it has collected a little over two hundred dollars. There are twelve collectors, and about one hundred and fifty subscribers who give monthly contributions; of these seventy-three give 5c. per month; forty-nine give 10c. per month; twenty-three give 25c. per month; and only two give a larger sum—a good illustration of the power of little. The money this year was voted to the following objects, viz.: To support a Zenana teacher, \$60; to help support and educate ex-priest Tanguay, at Montreal College, \$40; to help support "Dayspring," \$25; for French Evangelization, \$25; for Home Missions, \$50; in all, \$200. Before this Society was formed the school did very little for Missions, and it is hoped their example and experience will encourage and stimulate others who have not yet organized a Missionary Society to do so without delay.