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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE Presbytery of Huron has nominated the Rev. Professor McLaren as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

THE Rev. Professor Gregg, D.D., has been nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly by the Presbytery of Peterborough.

THE closing lecture in connection with Knox College was delivered on Wednesday the 2nd instant, by Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., who took for his theme, "Progress in Theology." Notwithstanding the threatening appearance of the forenoon a large audience was in attendance.

THERE is no immediate prospect of union between the Established and Free Churches of Scotland. There is a strong sentiment in the former in favour of such a step; but the latter is not ready for it. The Free Church declares its' adhesion to the famous Claim of Right and the Protest of 1843.

MR. R. ARTHINGTON, of Leeds, England, has offered the Baptist Missionary Society \$10,000 to provide a steamer for navigating the Congo River, as soon as the contemplated operations shall have been established at San Salvador. The offer has been accepted, and an expedition will shortly leave England for that purpose.

THEY are multiplying bishops in England. The Established Church wants new sees. Then there is the Reformed Episcopal Church. And now bishops Gregg and Toke have seceded from the latter body and have set up for themselves. Bishops will soon be as numerous as the nobility in Poland, who are said to constitute half the population of the country.

AT the last meeting of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew the following commissioners to the General Assembly were elected, viz.: by rotation Mr. Lochead, Dr. Mann, and Mr. C. McKillop; by ballot, Dr. Bain, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Campbell. Elders, Hon. Messrs. Morris, and Bryson, Messrs. Bell, Hunter, Jamieson and Wilson. Dr. Reid was nominated as Moderator.

WE find it impossible, owing to the pressure on our columns, to make room for a report of the annual meeting of the Church Extension Association in this issue. It will appear next week. This also applies

to report of London Presbytery, Report of W. M. F. A., Presbytery of Kingston, and to "Roman Catholic Education in Ontario." An urgent appeal from the Board of French Evangelization has been received too late for insertion.

OUR Church "Record" says of the PRESBYTERIAN YEAR BOOK; "This handy book of reference, compiled with great care and accuracy, needs no words of commendation from us. It is now in its fifth year. It is one of the best thumbed periodicals in our office. Every Presbyterian should have it." Any of our ministers, elders or others still without the YEAR BOOK for 1879 can secure a copy by sending 25cts to the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN office, Toronto.

SIR WILFRID LAWSON seems to be making some headway in the British House of Commons with his Local Option idea. On the evening of March 11th, he secured 164 votes for his views, while only 252 were against him. This is encouraging when it is remembered that the present House was largely elected by the influence of the Licensed Victuallers. There is no doubt that the day is not far off when the liquor traffic of England will be placed under more stringent regulations than have been enforced as yet.

IT gives us pleasure to learn that the Rev. Dr. Baird, who has recently supplied a number of our pulpits with much acceptance, has received a letter from the Rev. Dr. Blackwood of Philadelphia, in which this gentleman says regarding our paper, "I wish that I could see more of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN than I do, as it is an excellent paper." We very highly value such words, coming as they do from a minister who is well known in literary circles as a writer of commanding influence and more especially as the editor of "The Biblical Encyclopædia."

THE Rev. J. W. Mitchell, M.A., of Knox Church, Mitchell, has been replying to a lecture delivered in that town by Rev. Father O'Shea on Apostolic Succession and kindred subjects. Mr. Mitchell based his remarks on Gal. v. 1, and showed that the New Testament Scriptures do not teach, or admit of, the dogma referred to; that no provision was made for filling the vacancies in the apostolic circle caused by death; and that as eye-witnesses to the facts of the Saviour's life, death, and resurrection, the apostles could have no successors.

RECENTLY in one of the Lowell Baptist churches, the Bell telephone apparatus was placed in the pulpit on Sunday, and the service was heard distinctly by people having connection with it in all parts of the city. The singing, both tune and words, was heard at Foxborough, fifty-five miles distant, and via Foxborough, in Boston, eighty miles away. The end is coming. It looks as if there was going to be a great number of preachers and choirs thrown out of employment. Hadn't they better go in for "Protection to native industry?"

AT the meeting of the Lindsay Presbytery, at Woodville, on the 18th ult., considerable time was spent in connection with supplemented congregations. Owing to the Rev. A. MacKay, M.A., Eldon, being the oldest minister on the roll who had not been at the General Assembly the Presbytery reconsidered the appointment of Mr. Lochead at last meeting, when Mr. Loc-

headfrankly resigned his commission and Mr. MacKay was unanimously elected. After other routine business the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Cannington on 3rd April.

On the evening of the 10th ult., the last of the following course of lectures was delivered in Knox Church Scarboro: (1.) "Wants that are wants," by the Rev. G. M. Milligan; (2.) "John Knox," by the Rev. J. G. Robb, D.D.; (3.) "Glimpses of the Old World" by the Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D.; (4.) "Young Men" by Hon. V. C. Blake; (5.) "Sins of the Pews" by the Rev. J. Smith; (6.) "Misplaced Men" by the Rev. R. M. Grant. On each occasion the audience was large and the lecture instructive and enjoyable. The whole course is regarded as in every respect a decided success.

"HONOUR" writes us as follows: "In mentioning the list of Presbyteries that have nominated Dr. Cochrane for Moderator of next Assembly you have omitted Stratford and Brockville. The list should have been Guelph, Bruce, Paris, Stratford and Brockville. It was supposed last year that Dr. Cochrane's appointment for this year was a foregone conclusion in reference to which all would be unanimous, and from which, graceful retreat was impossible." [The omissions mentioned were an oversight. Since the above reached us we notice that the Presbytery of Barrie has also nominated Dr. Cochrane.—ED. C. P.]

PROTESTANTISM is certainly growing in France. "L'Evangeliste," the Wesleyan organ, says that "Protestantism is in the air. Protestant preaching is received with eagerness. From one end of the country to the other there runs a current of sympathy toward our faith." The more liberal secular papers have been castigating the Archbishop of Paris for his rude letter to Father Hyacinthe. The city council have demanded the exclusion of Catholic teaching brotherhoods and sisterhoods from the communal schools of Paris. The Minister of Public Instruction only enjoins this on the council, that the work of exclusion shall proceed "slowly but surely."

THE American Bible Society proposes an important change in its by-laws. In 1836 many of the Baptists withdrew from the support of the Society because of a rule committing the Society to "encourage only such versions as conform in the principles of their translation to the common English version," and they have had a society of their own (The American Baptist Union), specially entrusted with the translation of the Scriptures in a manner consistent with the Baptist belief. Now the American Bible Society is about to adopt the following rule:—"The Committee on Versions shall have charge of all translations of the Bible published or distributed by the Society; they shall recommend measures for securing new versions, or revisions of old versions, in foreign languages; and shall examine new versions presented for the consideration and adoption of the Society, especially in regard to their Catholicity and the fidelity of their translation, and shall recommend such as they approve for the use of the Society." At a conference of leading Baptists held in New York, recently, the unanimous conviction was expressed that there is now no obstacle in the way of Baptists to co-operate heartily with the American Bible Society in its home and foreign work.