

rience, and very thrilling some of it is. Mr. Moister has done much good in heathen lands, and had many wonderful deliverances, and we heartily thank him for his homely, yet interesting book.

A minister said to us, yesterday, "I would sooner, in those busy times, be without half my library than lose 'Comper Gray's Notes.'" We are inclined to agree with him, and if readers will examine for themselves his last volume (11) on Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, we think they will endorse the opinion. The notes are thorough, simple, impartial, and interesting, and no biblical student should be without them.

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OUR NOTE BOOK.

THE Council of the Evangelical Alliance has delegated the Hon. and Rev. E. V. Blyth, M.A., the Rev. William Arthur, M.A., and the Rev. Donald Fraser, D.D., to visit the principal cities and centres of Christian work in Italy. The object is to obtain full information of the operations now in progress on the part of Evangelical Protestant Christians throughout the Italian peninsula, and to endeavour to promote the increase of brotherly love and friendly co-operation in their common work.

At a meeting of miners, at Oldham, Mr. Macdonald, M.P., referred to the sad colliery disaster at Blantyre, near Glasgow, by which so many poor fellows were hurried into eternity, and stated that he intended to bring forward a measure, in the coming session of Parliament, to secure a greater degree of safety to miners.

A public hall, the foundation-stone of which has been laid by the Marquis of Hartington, is in course of erection at Chesterfield, to the memory of George Stephenson. The hall will be devoted to social, literary, and educational pursuits. The estimated cost is £13,000.

The Mansion House Committee has decided to make no further appeal for subscriptions to the Indian Famine Fund, as the prospects of the Madras Presidency are rapidly improving. There has been a decrease of nearly a million in the number of persons employed on the relief works during the

past month. The amount subscribed to the fund may be broadly stated at about £500,000.

A new college is being erected by the Wesleyans in St. Stephen's green, Dublin. The cost is estimated at £14,000, of which amount about one half is already in hand.

At a meeting of the clergy of the Established Church, at Sheffield, it was resolved to invite the Church Congress to hold its next year's meetings in that town.

The Irish Presbyterian Church is gravely concerned at the dearth of candidates for the ministry. Last year there were only nine licensed to preach, though about thirty were required to fill up vacancies.

The health of the Pope is such as to require constant medical attendance. Consequently, Dr. Ceccarelli has taken up his permanent abode at the Vatican. The weakness of His Holiness is such that he cannot, without assistance, sit in an upright position.

Lord Shaftesbury presided at the inaugural meetings in connection with the opening of the new buildings of the Young Men's Christian Association at Liverpool. His lordship stated that there were now in England and Scotland 700 associations, and in the world 2,043, with a million and a half of members.

The Wesleyan choirs of the counties of Durham and Northumberland have held their annual festival, or service of song, in the Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The united choir numbered 850 voices, and the service, which is now an established institution of the two counties, is said to have been of a high-class character.

Mr. Gladstone, during his recent tour in Ireland, received the freedom of the City of Dublin. His visit was characterised by a studious abstinence from anything bordering on the domain of party politics.

A week of united prayer was held during the second week of November, at all the Young Men's Christian Associations throughout the world, for "the outpouring of the Divine influence upon the Church and the world, and especially for the conversion of young men to God." The week following, the Rev. H. S. Paterson conducted a series of evangelistic meetings at the Y.M.C.A., Aldersgate street, London. Young men were specially addressed.

Lord Leconfield has added still further to his former gifts to the Irish Church, making a total of £25,000.

Dean Stanley has held a service, in the nave of Westminster Abbey, for the members of Working Men's Clubs. A large congregation assembled, and the Dean preached from the words, "Seek those things which are above." He exhorted his hearers to rise above the low, grovelling, small, paltry view of things human and Divine, to which there was in these days such a prevalent tendency.

Dr. Ziemann has sent the following telegram in behalf of the Bosnian refugees, amongst whom he is labouring:—"Plead earnestly for warm clothing. Frost commenced; thousands nearly naked; poor little children shiver and die; a quantity of warm second-hand clothing most acceptable."

Dr. Laceron also, to whom and a staff of sisters, etc., the German Government has granted a free pass, and the Governments of the Netherlands and Austria are expected to act with similar generosity, has also appealed for supplies of quinine, chloroform, carbolic acid, lint, linen, bandages, blankets, and warm clothing.

A WORD ABOUT SAYING "No."—One thing I would like to impress upon the minds of mothers in general, and that is—Don't be too ready to say "No" to your little children. Stop and think, before you deny a request, whether it is not the very thing you would have liked to do when you were a child, and if it is reasonable, grant it, even though it is childish. Remember that you can follow out your taste and fancies without opposition, in nine cases out of ten, and don't be too hard on the little one who comes with a timid, "May I do this, mamma?" or, "Couldn't you let me have that?" Sometimes the granting involves a little discomfort, it is true—noise, or a littered floor, or some other grave derangement of household rules—yet still I say, put yourself in your child's place, and see if you cannot give the permission which will wreath the little faces with smiles and gladden the little hearts.

The lifeboat may have a tasteful bend and beautiful decoration, but these are not the qualities for which I prize it; it was my salvation from the howling sea! So the interest which a regenerate soul takes in the Bible, is found on a personal application to the heart of the saving truth which it