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THE SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN has been received with increased favor during the year, although there are still very many schools in which no copies are taken. It is encouraging to know that the patrons of the paper look with approval upon the efforts made to provide such a publication; and we bespeak largely increased orders for the coming year—promising, on our part, to make the paper more attractive than ever to our young folks.

GOLDEN HOURS, started in January last, will be continued; but as an entirely distinct publication. In reading matter and illustrations it will be quite different from the SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN, so that, if desired, the two papers may be given out to the same scholar alternately—thus forming a fortnightly issue.

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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

IT was announced in St. Michael's Cathedral last Sabbath that Archbishop Lynch will celebrate the 19th anniversary of his consecration on next Wednesday. The bishops of the Province and the priests of the archdiocese are to be in attendance.

THE services connected with the opening of the new Presbyterian Church on St. James' Square will be continued next Sabbath. The Rev. Principal Caven will preach at 11 o'clock a.m.; and Rev. W. Briggs, of the Metropolitan Church, at 7 o'clock p.m.

WE learn that the Sabbath school teachers of St. Andrew's Church, Scarborough, have about completed arrangements with eminent ministers and laymen from Toronto and elsewhere to deliver a series of public lectures in their church during the approaching winter.

MRS. JOHN PARKER, of Kirkwall, one of the teachers in connection with the Presbyterian Church in that place, was lately waited on by the members of her class and presented with a massive crystal set

consisting of twelve pieces, as an expression of their respect for her. Mrs. Parker made a suitable reply.

REV. MR. HAY of Scotland village, on a recent Sabbath in giving a review of his ministerial labours for the last thirty years, stated that he had travelled with his horse during that time no less than seventy-eight thousand miles in ministerial work—a little better than going three times round the world. He has preached about eight thousand sermons and married four hundred couples

IN inserting the brief notice of the induction of the Rev. A. Dawson at Gravenhurst last September, we omitted to state that the Rev. J. Gray presided on the occasion, and gave a narrative of the proceedings in the case; that the Rev. J. R. S. Burnett addressed the people in an able and appropriate manner, and that the newly inducted minister received a regular call from his mission field, being the first call given from the Muskoka District.

THE new church recently erected by the Presbyterian congregation of South Delaware was formally opened on the 10th inst. Rev. P. C. Goldie, the pastor, preached in the morning; Rev. R. Scobie, of Strathroy, in the afternoon, and Rev. G. Sutherland in the evening. On the Monday evening following a tea meeting was held which, notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the roads, was successful. The pastor occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. Henderson, and Messrs. Colin Campbell, Kaiser, McLachlin, and G. W. Ross, M.P.P. The collections at the opening services and the proceeds of the tea meeting amounted altogether to about \$200.

ON the afternoon of Monday last Rev. W. H. Taylor, D.D., of New York, delivered an address to the students of Knox College. Rev. Principal Caven presided, and a large number of ministers and others were present besides the students. In speaking of earnestness as one of the main elements in the character of an efficient minister, he related an incident of an English clergyman who while on a visit to Switzerland started out with his knapsack and alpenstock to climb the mountains. While trudging along he heard a shriek as of one in terror, and very soon saw whence the sound proceeded. He beheld a lady in a position of imminent peril of falling from a ledge of rock to the bottom of a chasm. He made his way toward her immediately, and succeeded in saving her life. Subsequently he related the incident to a friend staying at the same inn, and the two ascended the mountain next day to view the place of the accident, but to his great surprise he could not get any where near it. The speaker asked if they knew the reason. There was a whole philosophy of rhetoric in it. The first time, the minister wanted to save a life; the second, to make a display.

ABOUT eighteen months ago, the Presbyterian congregation of Knox Church, Oro, were unexpectedly deprived of a minister by the death of the Rev. John Maclean, and the people requiring worship to be conducted in the Gaelic language, great difficulty has been experienced by them in obtaining a successor to their late pastor. They at last succeeded in inducing the Rev. Henry Sinclair of Toronto to accept of a call from them, and the necessary steps were taken by the Presbytery of Barrie to induct him into the charge

of Knox Church, on the 31st October last. On that day, notwithstanding the inclement weather, a considerable number of people met in Knox Church. The Rev. J. Gray, M.A., presided on the occasion, gave a narrative of the proceedings, inducted Mr. Sinclair in the name of the Presbytery, and, in the absence from sickness of the Rev. S. Hutcheson, addressed the newly inducted minister as to his duties. In the absence of the Rev. D. Macdonald, M.A., the Rev. A. Macdonald, B.A., preached in Gaelic and English, and also addressed the people in Gaelic. The Rev. R. Fairbairn, B.A., likewise addressed the people in English. Mr. Sinclair received a hearty welcome from his congregation; he enters on his work with good prospects of success and usefulness.

A LARGE number of city clergymen met in the parlor of Shaftesbury Hall on Monday afternoon to form a Ministerial Association. Rev. Dr. Potts was called to the chair, and Rev. J. A. R. Dickson acted as Secretary. Rev. George Webber having offered up prayer, the Secretary explained the object of the meeting. He pointed out that it was desirable to form the Association on the basis of the Evangelical Alliance, which feeling was concurred in generally. A motion that the Association be formed was carried unanimously. The Secretary then submitted a constitution, which was read and adopted as follows:—1. That this body shall be called "The Toronto Ministerial Association." 2. That all ministers in good and regular standing connected with the denominations holding the doctrinal basis of the Evangelical Alliance may become members. 3. That its object shall be to promote fraternal intercourse, and to discuss, conversationally, subjects of general interest. 4. That its meetings shall be held on every alternate Monday, at ten o'clock. 5. That new members shall be admitted by open nomination and ballot, two-thirds of the members present electing. 6. That the officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, elected annually by ballot in December. 7. That the meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer. 8. That the remainder of the first half-hour after opening shall be devoted to conversation and the selection of topics for the following meeting, after which the subject of the day shall be taken up. 9. That the minutes of each meeting shall be recorded in a book, and read and approved. 10. That the members shall pay an annual fee of fifty cents. The election of officers was postponed until next meeting, on Monday, 25th inst. The proceedings closed with prayer.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Rev. Dr. Reid has received from the Representatives of the late Rev. James P. Baikie, in accordance with his expressed wishes, the sum of two hundred dollars to be appropriated as follows: Home Mission Fund, \$50; Foreign Mission Fund, \$30; French Evangelization, \$20; Knox College Building Fund, \$40; Knox College Ordinary Fund, \$10; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$25; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$25.

Mr. Baikie's representatives desire to express their sense of the prompt and honourable manner in which the Confederation Life Association, J. K. McDonald, Esq., Managing Director, paid the amount covered by a Policy in that office. Of this amount the sum given to the schemes of the Church as above is one-tenth.