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IN consequence of the departure of the Rev. Mr. King to Europe, the Rev. Mr. Macdonnell will act as General Treasurer of the contributions made by the ministers of the Church to reduce the deficit in the Home Mission Fund. *Conveners having remittances to make will take notice of this change.*

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met at Memphis on the 15th.

PERE HYACINTHE has petitioned the French Government for recognition of his sect equally with other denominations.

IN report of deliverance of the Presbytery of Peterboro' 57 should be 55 in the list of hymns mentioned, recommended to be deleted.

THE French Council of State has decided that the Archbishop of Aix is guilty of violation of law in his pastoral attacking Jules Ferry's Educational Bill.

IN the obituary of the late Rev. A. C. Morton, which appeared in our issue of 16th inst., the full name is incorrectly given as Rev. Alexander C. Morton. It ought to have been Rev. Alfred Clarence Morton.

THE anniversary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the anniversary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions were held in New York, on Sabbath, 11th inst. At the latter, Rev. Dr. Nicolls, of St. Louis, preached the annual sermon.

HIGH Churchism appears to have been carried to its absurdest extent in St. Clement's Episcopal Church, of Philadelphia, and the annual convention of the local diocese in session this month has passed resolutions of censure, and threatens excommunication if the Romish practices of St. Clement's are not abated.

A COMMITTEE was appointed at last meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto to receive suggestions upon the subject of the new hymn book, to be incorporated in the report which will be forwarded to the General Assembly. The Convener is Rev. G. M. Milligan, to whom communications upon the matter may be sent.

THE London "Methodist Recorder" says: "The Church can only cease to be missionary when it ceases to receive Scripture as Divine—that is, when it ceases to be a Church. And just as the Church's

faith in the Divine authority of Scripture is strong and vivid, and its obedience to God's voice speaking in Scripture is simple and unquestioning, will its missionary zeal burn clearer and brighter."

CALIFORNIA has adopted a new Constitution by popular vote, and it seems to be a thoroughly revolutionary measure. The Kearney party in the State regard it as a triumph for them. One article forbids any corporation formed under the laws of the State to employ any Chinese or Mongolian in any way. It looks as if this Constitution conflicted with that of the United States, and we hope that it does, for we want to see it set aside at once.

THEY have devised a novel method of collecting old pew rents in Baltimore. Several members of the congregation being remiss in their settlements, the pastor ordered their pews to be boarded up, and announced that he had adopted this means to secure the prompt payment of the money due him, as the delinquents were well able to pay. Their wives and daughters bristled with silks and satins, flounces and furbelows, and the pew rent remained unpaid.

Says the N. Y. "Tribune": There was a singular incident in one of the Hartford churches last Sunday. Wong Shing, in full Chinese dress—pig-tail, cork shoes and mantilla—officiated as deacon in the communion service in the Asylum Hill Congregational Church. He was one of the first Chinese boys who went to New England to get an education. At Monson, Mass., he was converted, and when he returned to China he became connected with a Christian mission."

THE American Bible Society now employs eighteen Superintendents, ninety-seven county agents, and 5,929 volunteer Bible distributors. The receipts the past year were \$426,274, an excess over the previous year of \$15,320. During the year the whole Bible was translated into the Turkish and portions of it into many other languages. During the year 1,265,958 Bibles were manufactured, of which 949,814 were issued at home and 258,040 abroad. The issues of the Society during sixty three years amount to 36,052,169 copies.

ON the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Religious Tract Society of London, the preacher was Rev. W. B. Pope, D.D., ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference. An idea of the extent of the operations of the Society may be gathered from the fact that nearly 9,000,000 of tracts have been granted to societies and individuals in London alone. The total circulation for the past year at home and abroad amounts to nearly 70,000,000, and since the formation of the Society to very nearly 1,853,000,000.

THE Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces met in Convention in Baltimore, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. The duties of the chair were well discharged by Mr. T. J. Wilkie, of Toronto. Mr. John McDougal, also of this city, was appointed first Vice-President, and Mr. John C. Thomson, of Quebec, sixth Vice-President. Among the members of the Business Committee we notice the name of Mr. Meadows, of Kingston. Full particulars were given of the different departments of work conducted by the Association. The expenditure during

the last two years was \$30,000. The addresses delivered at the Convention were earnest and encouraging.

THE Catholic hierarchy and newspapers of Ireland maintain a profound silence respecting the Bill for the establishment of the University of St. Patrick at Dublin, introduced by O'Conner Don in the Commons, in the absence of a knowledge whether it would be the end or beginning of difficulty. The Protestants of Ireland look unfavorably on the measure. They say they must be certain of its acceptance by Rome before it could do any good. Protestant Dissenters and the Church Liberation Society of England bitterly oppose the measure, and are organizing public agitation against it. Independent Liberal and Radical members of Parliament will endeavour to talk out the Bill. The attitude of the Marquis of Hartington and Gladstone is not known.

THE London weekly, "Nature," says: "News has arrived by the last mail from Zanzibar that Mr. H. M. Stanley is busily occupied in engaging porters for a journey into the interior of Africa, but that he preserves the utmost secrecy as to his intended movements. A rumour is current among the porters that their journey is to commence from the west coast. If this be the case, Mr. Stanley must have introduced a radical change into the original plans of the Belgian section of the International African Association, for whom he is believed to be acting. That, accidents apart, he will be more successful than the unfortunate leaders of the first Belgian expedition few will be so rash as to doubt, and he is sure to have good and sufficient reasons for the course he is adopting."

PEACE hath her victories. The celebration of the Queen's Birthday in Montreal last Saturday was a grand success. One of the most pleasant features of the celebration was the friendly visit of the 13th Brooklyn Regiment, one of the finest battalions of the National Guards of New York. They came to join "our boys" in doing honour to Victoria. They were accompanied by their chaplain, the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. The honour paid our loved Queen by the visit of this regiment was heartily appreciated by the citizens of Montreal, and by the Governor-General, and will long be remembered by Canadians. We hope that such fraternal greetings may be more frequent in the future. They do much to develop and cement the friendly feelings that exist between the two nations.

MR. D. L. MOODY spent the past winter in Baltimore, whither he went with the expressed intention of devoting most of his time, not to preaching, but to study preparatory to future work. His object in choosing that city was to benefit the health of his son. But Mr. Moody is one of those men who cannot see work lying round undone while he can by any possibility overtake it. So on the very first Sabbath he spent in Baltimore, he preached in the Penitentiary to an audience of nine hundred men, and he has kept up that service ever since. And not only so, but from that time he has preached every day except Saturday and Monday, often three and sometimes four times in each day, nearly every sermon being followed by an enquiry meeting, under his own personal direction. This is not the worst sort of preparation for future work—that is if the worker's strength holds out—but where is the time for study?