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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE course taken by Rev. D. J. McDonnell, of Toronto, in submitting the actual value of his property with a view to the rightful increase of assessment and taxation, is highly commended. But it is nothing more than the Rev. Prof. McKerras has done yearly in Kingston. He refused to accept any exemption from taxation.—*Kingston Whig.*

REV. DR. A. A. HOOPER was installed on the 8th inst. in the chair of Systematic Theology at Princeton as the successor of the venerable Dr. Charles Hodge, his father. It will be found to be a difficult task to occupy the chair so long and honorably filled by so great a master in Israel. But Dr. Hodge enjoys the confidence of the Church, and will doubtless walk worthily in the footsteps of his father.

THE Alumni of the Union Theological Seminary of New York met recently and resolved to raise ten thousand dollars, in shares of five dollars each, to endow the Reference library which has been established in memory of the late Rev. H. B. Smith, D.D., one of the professors of that institution. The library will be replenished every year with new works on Theology and collateral subjects. It is a capital idea. The name of Dr. Smith will be appropriately embalmed amongst books.

HERE is a timely suggestion. It comes from an American source, but is none the less pertinent on that account. It would undoubtedly be very useful if generally adopted in Canada. "In every town and city, the various churches should agree upon a given evening for the regular weekly service. If this be Wednesday, for example, those interested in political meetings, lectures and other entertainments, will avoid this evening, greatly to the convenience of all parties. It is a little matter, but important in many ways."

It is not often that a church is enlarged with the gratifying results visible in the improved Charles Street edifice. The congregation are certainly to be congratulated, not only on the great improvements effected, but also on the moderate expenditure involved. The sitting accommodation has been considerably increased, the proportions have not been impaired, and the whole appearance of the interior has been wonderfully changed for the better. A notice of the services connected with the re-opening, crowded out of last issue, appears in other columns.

THE Presbyterian congregation of Manchester and Londesborough recently presented their late pastor, Rev. S. Young, with substantial tokens of their regard. The gift of the Manchester congregation was an elegant silver tea service and other articles in connection therewith to the value of over \$100; that of the Londesborough congregation was a silver cruet-stand, butter-cooler, pickle-dish, spoons, knives and forks, etc., worth over \$50. These presents were accompanied by very warm and cordial addresses, to which Mr. Young made suitable replies.

SPECIAL services were held on the 11th inst., in connection with the re-opening of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, which has been undergoing extensive repairs and alterations, including the erection of a gallery. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Waits, assisted by Rev. G. M. Milligan of Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, who preached able and impressive discourses. On the following Tuesday the congregation and others enjoyed the pleasure of hearing Rev. D. J. MacDonnell deliver his lecture on "Business, Culture, and Recreation."

JAMES BROWN, of Brown Brothers & Co., the well-known bankers, died recently in New York. Besides the large sums Mr. Brown gave in his life time to missionary and benevolent objects, he has bequeathed a considerable amount to the various philanthropical institutions of New York, and to the several schemes of the Church. He has left no less than \$30,000 to the Union Theological Seminary, and a large sum to Princeton. He was a man of remarkable modesty, a Nathanael (as Dr. Booth said at his funeral) in whom there is no guile. The departure of a person like this leaves a great blank which it is impossible to fill.

THE Reverend Messrs. Ballantyne, Young and McMechan, addressed a missionary meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Demorestville, last Friday night. The Rev. Mr. Boyd opened the proceedings with singing, reading and prayer, and called upon Wellington Boulter, Esq., to take the chair, which he filled in an efficient manner. The speeches were all able, eloquent and full of valuable information, and were listened to with eager interest. The spirit of the meeting was most encouraging, and the response made, more than \$20.00, highly creditable to the numbers in attendance.

THE missionary meeting held in the Presbyterian Church, Picton, on the evening of the 25th ult., was, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, largely attended and very interesting. The introductory services were conducted by the Rev. J. McMechan. Thereafter Mr. Walter Ross, jr., was called to the chair, when appropriate and stirring addresses were given by the Rev. F. McCuaig, Kingston, Rev. Mr. Ballantyne, Cobourg, and the Rev. A. Young, Napanee. The collection exceeded \$70, which amount will be largely increased by a special canvas of the congregation.

ACCORDING to *The Rock*, the Roman Catholic party in the Anglican Church proposes the establishment next spring of another ecclesiastical order, to be known as the "Fraternity of Jesus." The Fraternity is to consist of three orders. The first will embrace those who live under the vows of holy poverty, celibacy, and holy obedience, and live in the college; the second order consists of those who live under the

same vows, but only board in the college, pursuing their regular business avocations; the third order embraces those who observe the vows of obedience and poverty. They may marry and live at their homes, contributing of their means to the objects of the Fraternity.

A SERIES of Presbyterian Anniversary Meetings will be held in Erskine Church, Montreal, on the evenings of the 27th, 28th and 29th November, commencing punctually at half-past seven o'clock. The design of these meetings is to afford our people in Montreal an opportunity of receiving information respecting the mission work of the Church at home and abroad. And, for this purpose, one whole evening will be devoted to the subject of French Evangelization, one to that of Home Missions, and one to that of Foreign Missions. Among the speakers who may be expected to address the meetings are Principal Grant, late of Halifax, Dr. Cochrane, of Brantford, Revs. J. M. King of Toronto, F. W. Farries of Ottawa, Dr. Waters of St. John, N.B.; and Principal MacVicar, Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Rev. C. Chiniquy and others of Montreal.

THE Ministering Children Mission Band of Cook's Church Mission School, Elizabeth street, held last Friday in the school-house, a sale of useful articles, which proved very successful. In the evening a very pleasant entertainment took place. After the report had been read by the secretary, Miss Dunlop, some of the younger members of the band gave recitations, solos, and duetts, after which an intermission took place, which was well occupied in selling goods and in conversation. Then followed a capital programme, consisting of piano solos by Miss G. Crean and Miss S. Patterson, solos by Mr. Ross, Miss MacLaren, Miss Currie, Mr. Montgomery, Miss Bell; recitations by Miss C. Ashby and Miss A. Brown, and a duett by Miss D. Brydon and Mr. Montgomery. The proceeds of the day's sale and entertainment, amounting to over \$90, will be devoted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of which this band is an auxiliary branch.

"AMICUS," writing from Manitoba, says:—The Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Winnipeg, visited this section in the end of September. From his report, it appears that there are between 700 and 800 men, within a distance of about twenty or twenty-five miles. They are utterly destitute of the means of grace, he being the only Protestant minister that visited them this season. They applied through him to the Presbyterian Church for a minister. They offer to pay at least \$70 per month, and Mr. Joseph Whitehead offers to board and lodge a minister. Our Church has been urged to appoint a suitable man to this important field immediately, and yet we do not hear of anything being done. With salary guaranteed, and men not scarce, where is the hitch? Methodism, Episcopacy, and even Rome, would have acted, and promptly, but this divinely-appointed Presbyterianism of ours is impotent. Our experience of the working of this much-lauded scheme in the North-west, with its advertisements and volunteering, is such as to make us doubt whether it is the best suited for weak and selfish human nature. It may be, however, that the engine is all right, but that the engineers do not know how to work it. Figure aside, let us appoint a man at once, or confess our inability, and let those do so who will, and who will be glad of the opportunity. The Church is not aware, surely, what this policy of procrastination is costing.