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Note and Comment.

An autobiography has been left by the late Professor Garden Blaikie for publication. It is now being edited, with a supplementary chapter, by Dr. Norman Walker.

Dr. Alexander, editor of "The Presbyterian" of Philadelphia, has died, making the third ministerial editor of that paper who has passed away within as many years.

Prof. Steen, whose difficulty with the Montreal Diocesan College over questions of theology led to his resigning from the faculty, may yet be honored with a call to Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. It is said the congregation is strongly in his favor.

The Unitarians of Hope Church, Liverpool, are about to repeat an experiment made some years ago, of inviting to their pulpit ministers of other denominations to deliver discourses explanatory of the faith and principles of the bodies to which they belong.

Mr. Neil McDougall, of Port Arthur, whose father was Sheriff of Victoria County for many years, as well as an active elder in St. Andrew's church, Lindsay, has been appointed special game warden for the districts of Thunder Bay and Rainy River. No better selection could have been made for the position.

Preparations for a worthy celebration of the Jubilee of Principal Rainy are well advanced, and the promoters have been met with singular cordiality, so that there is every sign that the Principal's long and remarkable services will be not unworthily recognized. Dr. Ross Taylor naturally takes a leading part in the arrangements.

The German Emperor has caused to be introduced in the Prussian diet a bill to check the use of alcoholic liquors. It prohibits sale to persons under sixteen and to habitual drunkards. It, also, provides for the display, in depots and public offices, of charts showing the injurious effects of intoxicants. The proposed legislation is a step ahead for Germany.

The wedding ring of Queen Victoria, says the Daily Chronicle, was by her own wish buried with her. As a matter of fact it had been her inseparable "wear" for more than sixty years. The rule of her married life had been never to remove it, and once when a cast of her hand was taken, her great alarm was that the ring might be displaced with plaster. With the single exception of its enforced removal in later years for a few hours to be enlarged so as to accommodate it to the increased girth of the finger, the ring was worn incessantly for over sixty years.

A pleasing feature of Queen's Medical convocation ceremonies last week was the founding of the Dean Fowler scholarship in medicine, to commemorate the retirement from the chair of principles and practice of medicine, of Dr. Fife Fowler, dean of the Medical Faculty, who retires from active duties after forty six years connection with the college, but he will still hold the honorable position of dean.

A recent issue of the London Advertiser had the following:—The serious illness of Principal Caven at Toronto will be heard with general regret, irrespective of denominationalism. Principal Caven is a singularly able man, and for many years no one has begun to approach him as regards influence in the General Assembly of Canada. His quietness of manner would at first give one no impression of his intellectual strength and lucidity of mind. As president of the Pan-Presbyterian Council, he may rightly be said to be at this moment, individually, the most highly placed and representative Presbyterian in the world.

During the Simultaneous Mission recently held in a Northern city, says the London Christian, a Unitarian approached one of the missionaries at the close of a crowded meeting, and asked how it was that he (the preacher) and his fellow-workers could command such large audiences day by day, while the Unitarians with all their advertising and culture, could get only a meagre hearing. The missionary's reply was brief, but to the point. "The reason is simple enough. You only present to the people a man, Jesus who lived nineteen centuries ago. We preach a Divine Saviour who lives now and saves people now. Your failure is explained by the fact that you are hopelessly out of date—nineteen centuries behind the times!"

"Cloughmacsimon, writing in the Belfast Witness, says:—I have heard with much satisfaction that the Senate of Knox College, Toronto, have unanimously agreed to confer, on the 4th April next, the degree of Doctor of Divinity on our worthy and distinguished Moderator, the Rev. John Hamilton, M. A., Edin. In making the intimation—so creditable to the Senate and acceptable to the Moderator's many friends in Ireland—Principal Caven writes—"The Senate wishes in this way to testify its appreciation of the great interest which the Church in Ireland has uniformly manifested in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as well as its respect for the high office which Mr. Hamilton so worthily fills in a Church which has given so many excellent ministers to Canada." I feel that our Church will fully recognize the kindness and consideration of our brethren in Canada for their promptness in doing honor to one whom our Church delighted to honor, when it unanimously called him to the Moderatorial chair, to a position which, all must admit, he has occupied with credit and dignity.

Dr Joseph Cook is giving his Monday lectures in Boston again under the auspices of the Evangelistic Association, and is attracting large audiences.

Buda-Pesth University has for thirty-five years been conducted on unsectarian lines under the direct control of the State. A clerical agitation has been started to sectarianise it. Not long ago the Senate, with the approval of the Minister of Public Instruction, declined the request of several clericalist professors to allow crucifixes to be placed in their class-rooms. On Monday about sixty clericalist students placed crucifixes behind the professors' chairs in the Law Faculty. On leaving they met a crowd of Protestant and Jewish students, who were much the more numerous and a free fight ensued. The Senate decided that the crucifixes should be respectfully removed in the presence of the Dean.

Archdeacon Sinclair gives, in the April "Temple Magazine," some particulars with regard to the numbers who flock to St Paul's daily and on occasions of special importance. The morning congregation is, from first to last, perhaps some 2,500, not all being present at once; the average afternoon congregation is a little under 2,000, and the evening congregation upwards of 3,000, so that nearly 8,000 people worship there during the day. On week days the morning service at ten has a congregation of about 100, the afternoon at four some 400, and on Saturdays something like 700 or 800. The seating capacity of the Cathedral is 5,000. The Archdeacon, it is interesting to note, considers that on the whole the tendency nowadays is towards increased church attendance. "I think if you can get the right man who is a really vivid and sympathetic preacher," he said, his church will always be full; and when there are empty churches it is because the man, however excellent, has not got the special gifts required."

The Assembly's Sabbath School Committee of the Presbyterian Church has inaugurated a forward aggressive movement in connection with Sabbath School work. A plan is shortly to be put into operation for the supplying of Sabbath School literature free or at reduced prices to new and mission schools. "Teacher Training" is receiving hearty co-operation on the part of the different theological colleges of the church. Lectures were given during the past session in all the colleges on Sabbath School work, with special reference to the work of the teacher and minister. The results have been so gratifying, that a course of lectures on Sabbath School work and training will in all probability continue to be given each session in all the theological colleges. The question of the Synodical Sabbath School missionaries is at present engaging the attention of the church. There is little doubt that the representatives of the two committees will be able to present to the General Assembly, at its meeting in Ottawa, a well-defined scheme of joint supervision.