

Notes of the Week.

• DR. THAIN DAVIDSON recently preached at Colebrooke-row Church, Islington, the last for the present season of his monthly sermons for young men. These have been carried on for thirteen years and uniformly attended by overflowing congregations. The subject was "Money: How to get it, and how to use it." The sermons will be resumed in September.

THE Rev. R. W. Dale, LL.D., has, it is stated, accepted the presidency of the International Council of Congregationalists, which will be held in London in July next. His nomination has been received most heartily on both sides of the Atlantic, and will give satisfaction to Congregationalists in all parts of the world. It is still hoped that the Rev. Dr. Storrs, of Brooklyn, will preach the sermon.

MR. JAMES HENDERSON, a well-known newspaper proprietor, has been a very generous friend to the new Presbyterian Church, East Dulwich, having defrayed the rent of the hall for several years, besides giving subscriptions from time to time for current expenses, and \$1,250 for the building fund. Mr. Henderson is a native of Scotland, and went to London with even less than the proverbial half-crown.

THE English Royal Niger Company has prohibited the importation or sale of intoxicating liquor in its African territory north of the seventh parallel of north latitude. The officials of the company state their conviction that the profits growing out of the liquor traffic are much more than counter-balanced by the pecuniary losses resulting from the demoralization among the natives and whites caused by the use of liquor. They do not claim to be actuated by moral motives, but are proceeding on business principles.

A PUBLIC meeting of the office-bearers and members of the Irish Presbyterian Church has been held in Belfast to take into consideration the Presbyterian representation of Ulster in Parliament. The Rev. Professor Robinson, D.D., presided, and there was a large attendance, including the leading ministers of the Presbyterian Church. Resolutions were adopted demanding the placing before Ulster constituencies of a fair proportion of Presbyterian candidates, Liberal Unionist representation in admittedly Liberal Unionist constituencies, and Government recognition of Irish tenant farmers' grievances.

A CONTEMPORARY says: Mr. John Hope, W.S., Edinburgh, has vested property and land securities worth \$422,295 in five trustees, of whom he himself is one, to carry on his propaganda in behalf of total abstinence and against popery. Rev. Jacob Primer is a trustee, and one of the objects specified in the deed of conveyance is the resistance of all attempts to introduce a liturgy into any of the Presbyterian churches. All the trustees and all the agents employed must be total abstainers from tobacco as well as from drink and in full communion with the Church of Scotland.

THE new Dean of Norwich is making himself very popular with all classes in his new sphere, and, as in Liverpool, is rapidly gaining the ear of the people. He is a thorough believer in the forward movement in the Church, and has announced that all seats in the cathedral are to be free and unappropriated, special provision being made for aged and deaf people. He has also commended popular Sunday afternoon services for the people, at which earnest Gospel addresses are given. The Dean is a strong evangelical, of liberal views, and speaks in plain, bold language which commands attention and goes straight to the heart.

THE people of St. John, N. B., are out with their notices of Canada's International Fair—competition open to the world, under the auspices of the Exhibition Association of the city and county of St. John. The Fair will open on the 24th of Sep-

tember and continue until the 4th of October. Having lately expended \$40,000 on the grounds, the committee will be in a position to offer the best of accommodation; \$12,000 will be competed for in premiums for manufactures, produce, etc., from all countries. The men whose names adorn the committee roll are enterprising citizens, and altogether the Fair may be looked forward to as a certain success.

THE Rev. A. B. Demill, of Oshawa, has issued a circular in which he says: During the sixteen years that I have spent in connection with female education in the Province of Ontario, the fact has frequently been forced upon my attention that in this large and influential Protestant Province, no provision has been made—except in charitable institutions—for providing a home and education for motherless, orphans, and other little girls requiring the advantages of such an institution, outside the Roman Catholic Church. Latterly, this want has become so apparent and pressing that I have felt it to be my plain duty to meet it, even though at great personal sacrifice. For the purpose of giving effect to my intention in this respect, I have purchased the property of the late Judge Duggan, corner of Beverley and Baldwin streets, in the city of Toronto, and am having it fitted up with every convenience and comfort for the purpose of a home and school. The arrangements for the efficient management and tuition in the academy are complete and the fees are surprisingly moderate.

THE *Christian Leader* says: That the British Government were guilty of a gross violation of the constitution when they sent Sir Lintorn Simmons on his mission to the Pope is a fact recognised, and keenly resented, by many of their own political friends; but the latest news from Malta shows that they have perpetrated a grievous blunder as well as a crime. The Roman Catholics on the island equally with the Protestants are up in arms, the former strongly objecting to their religious matters being settled for them by the Pontiff and the British Government. Not only the laity but the Catholic clergy object, the priests having united in a protest against being superseded by the proposed Jesuit educational body. On the marriage question the Anglican archdeacon, the Wesleyan pastor, and the Scottish Presbyterian minister, Mr. Wisely, who has been there for thirty years, unite in a joint protest against the monstrous and cruel proposal to invalidate all mixed marriages celebrated by a Protestant. Lord Salisbury must inevitably give way before the storm of indignant protest which this Malta muddle has roused. One good end it may serve if it puts a stop to those unauthorized and totally illegitimate diplomatic negotiations with the Pope.

A CURIOUS paragraph appears in a review of Mr. O'Brien's novel published in the *Christian Irishman*, edited by Dr. Hamilton Magee, head of the Presbyterian Mission to Roman Catholics. Dr. Magee says: The great result of that revolution has been to sweep all political power and influence out of the hands of the Roman Catholic bishops and priests. A few of them, indeed, still make a pretence of leading the people, but when we see a nephew of the Protestant Bishop of Derry sent over as a member of Parliament for Donegal, with instructions from Mr. Parnell to call on the Roman Catholic Bishops of Derry and Raphoe before he begins his canvass, we cannot but agree with Mr. O'Brien that the days when men "grovelled on their stomachs" in episcopal palaces are gone for ever. But the Irish Roman Catholic peasant, even if he gets Home Rule, will yet be only half emancipated. However, having broken one fetter he is not likely to hug the other all his life; so we expect that the record of the thirty years on which we are entering will display even a more startling revolution than we read of in "When we were Boys."

As some misapprehensions have been published in regard to the governing power of the Christian Endeavour Society and the authority which it exerts, it is proper to say that there is no central board of authority or control. The United Society

of Christian Endeavour simply serves as a bureau of information. It exercises no authority, demands no allegiance, levies no taxes and does not even record the names of Societies unless they wish to be recorded. It has only one paid officer, a general Secretary. Its Board of Trustees is composed of leading representatives of all Evangelical denominations, and it has always insisted upon the fundamental principle that every Society is responsible to, and governed by, its own local church and its own denomination. The yearly international conventions, like the great gathering recently held at St. Louis, are simply mass meetings. They are not delegated bodies in the strict sense of the term. No legislation is attempted and no votes are taken that are binding upon individual Societies. The conventions are simply for fellowship and inspiration and for the discussion of methods. The same is true of the Local Unions. No Society "is responsible to its city union" as has been erroneously stated, or to the United Society or to any other body than its own church and denomination.

IN an editorial on the Irish Presbyterian Jubilee Assembly the *Christian Leader* says: For fifty years the two great branches of the Presbyterian family, that which holds to the principle of a State Church and that which went out under the leadership of the Secession fathers to embrace Cavour's principle of "a free church in a free state," have dwelt together in amity—an organization singularly close in its coherence, and pressing forward with unrivalled solidarity for the accomplishment of the highest ends. The jubilee of the Irish Presbyterian Church is an object-lesson that inspires hope even amid the political difficulties that beset the mother churches in the land of John Knox. It is impossible when all the children scattered over the Greater Scotland beyond the seas are living together in unity, and securing increased prosperity and power by sinking the divisions of the past, that the parent churches should remain permanently estranged. Most of the voices making the greatest noise at present in the Motherland are unhappily emphasizing the points that keep the family apart; but there is, perhaps, more influence, as well as more wisdom, with the larger and quieter section of the Scottish people. And the day is assuredly hastening when, in answer to the prayers of those who are most in sympathy with the fundamental principles of that communion whose name is a synonym for freedom and evangelistic zeal, the now severed members of the Church at home will be brought together like the daughter churches abroad.

PROFESSOR W. W. MOORE, who occupies the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation at Union Theological Seminary, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, is to lecture during the month of August at the Bible Institute in Chicago, which is a part of the Chicago Evangelization Society, organized by Mr. Moody. Professor Moore, who is well known in the South as a man of eminent scholarship, has just returned from a visit to the Northfield Conference, where his addresses were exceedingly impressive, and students in attendance at Chicago may expect thorough and stimulating instruction. They will also have opportunities for aggressive Christian work in various forms, the Society having three Gospel tents in operation in different portions of the city, and a barge on the lake front, where services are held nightly and students of the Institute are present to follow up the speaker's words with personal appeals. Several missions are also connected with the work. An invitation is extended to all interested in Bible study and Christian work to attend the Institute for such a period as they find convenient, and avail themselves of its instruction in the Word of God, music, and training in aggressive Christian work. The Institute is open during the entire year and students may enter at any time. Four dollars per week will cover all necessary expenses in the Men's Department, and in the Ladies' Department the cost of board is \$3.50 per week. No charge is made for tuition. Any who desire to attend should write at once to Supt. R. A. Torrey, 80 W. Pearson St., or Mrs. S. B. Capron, of the Ladies' Department, 232 La Salle Ave., Chicago.