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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

SEVERAL Presbytery reports are crowded out of this issue.

A SEPARATE congregation of Presbyterians is spoken of for St. Mary's. A petition in reference thereto is to be presented to the next Presbytery session.

THE closing exercises in connection with the present session of Knox College will take place next Wednesday, commencing at 12 o'clock, when Prof. Gregg will lecture. A large attendance of the friends of the college is anticipated.

THE services connected with the opening of Old St. Andrew's Church were continued last Sabbath. Sermons were preached by Rev. Mr. Briggs in the morning, by Rev. Dr. Castle in the afternoon, and by Rev. G. M. Milligan, M.A., minister of the church, in the evening. Large congregations were present on each occasion.

IN the list of ministers chosen by ballot to be commissioners from the Presbytery of Toronto to the General Assembly as reported in our paper of the 15th current, there was a slight mistake. The list should have been Rev. Dr. Topp, Rev. Principal Cayen, Rev. Professor Gregg, Rev. Dr. Robb, and Rev. D. J. Macdonell.

THE last regular meeting of the Students' Missionary Society, Presbyterian College, Montreal, for the present session, was held in the College, on the evening of Friday the 15th inst. The following are the fields to be worked by the Society, during the ensuing summer, with the several missionaries: Cantley and Portland, Mr. A. Anderson; Chalk River, Mr. Jno. Mitchell; Coaticook and Massawippi, Mr. M. H. Scott, B.A.; L'Amable, Mr. John Munro, B.A.; Thanet, Mr. Jas. McFarland.

THE London "Advertiser" is now published as a morning newspaper—a step forward which is sure to increase its already large circulation. The unequivocal position always taken by the "Advertiser" on the side of prohibition, along with its general high character as an ably conducted newspaper has made it a favorite with the reading public of Western Ontario. The daily edition—morning or evening—is now offered to ministers at the exceedingly low price of \$3 per year, mailed to any address, free of postage.

WE understand that the Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., pastor of the Fifth Avenue Reformed Church, New

York, has consented to preach the anniversary sermons of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on the first Sabbath of May. Dr. Rogers is also to give a popular lecture in this church on the occasion of his visit. The visit of so distinguished a clergyman from the Empire City will draw large congregations, and the lecture will be eagerly looked forward to as one of the treats of a season, which has brought many eminent speakers to our city.

THE annual meeting of the Philosophical and Literary Society of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, was held on Tuesday 19th inst. A most encouraging report was read. The following office-bearers were elected for the coming year: Mr. C. E. Amaron, B.A., President; Mr. S. J. Taylor, B.A., 1st Vice-President; Mr. M. H. Scott, B.A., 2nd Vice-President; Mr. D. L. McCrae, Recording Secretary; Mr. T. Nelson, Corresponding-Secretary; Mr. J. R. Baillie, Treasurer; Committee, Messrs. A. Anderson, A. York, J. McFarlane, G. T. Bayne, and T. Bouchard.—COM.

IN our issue of Feb. 22nd we copied an incorrect report of the contributions of the Orillia congregation. The sum of \$1648.46 stated as having been contributed for all purposes was really the amount of the weekly collections, and the following sums were contributed in addition thereto: Sabbath School Erection Fund, \$142.55; Church Extension Fund, \$255.22; Sabbath School Fund—ordinary, \$91.67; Missionary Association, \$111.93; Young People's Association Fund, \$31.60; Testimonial Fund, \$70; Extra Congregational contributions, \$75; Making the total amount contributed for all purposes, \$2426.43.

MOODY and Sankey have lifted the interest in the meetings at the Boston Tabernacle to its old height of last winter. The audiences never were larger than they have been this past week, and both the preacher and the singer seem to be in their best working order. Even the afternoon attendance has risen to several thousands, and in the evening the immense building has been packed, standing room and all. The neighboring Clarendon and Berkeley Street churches have been called into requisition for after-meetings. The community at large does not seem to be as deeply moved as it was last year, but it is too soon to forecast results.

"MODERN Protestantism a Pillar of Popery," was the subject of a lecture recently delivered in Stanley Street Presbyterian Church, Montreal, by Rev. C. Chiniquy. The lecturer affirmed that Protestantism has made no progress during the last three hundred years, because it laid aside its original aggressiveness; that the present great increase of popery in England will yet lead to civil war and bloodshed; that the United States will be in the hands of the Roman Catholics within twenty-five years, that prosperous Protestants in Canada have mistaken their mission, which is, not to keep peace and make dollars, build fine houses and live in luxury, but to fight a great battle against Roman Catholicism.

ON Friday afternoon the Rev. John Marples, for some time back a resident of this city, swallowed ten grains of strychnine, from the effects of which he died at nine o'clock that night. An inquest was held. Deceased was at one time a Presbyterian minister, but some six months ago left the Church, and announced his belief in Spiritualism. Since then his mind has

been more or less affected, and it is believed that he was insane when he committed the rash act. He leaves a family in destitute circumstances. Any of our readers who may feel inclined to assist them may hand contributions for this purpose to Rev. Dr. Reid, or Rev. R. Wallace.

WE have received the first number of the "Protestant Standard," a weekly newspaper, published in Philadelphia by Mr. F. G. Bailey, formerly of the "Orange Sentinel," Toronto, and edited by Rev. Jas. A. McGowan. Its professed object is opposition to popery. But it does not rest content with a mere negative protest. It proclaims the following positive principles: "That the way of life and peace is through Christ alone; that His merits, and in no sense our good works, entitle us to God's favor; that the connecting link between the sinner and the Saviour is not churchmanship, not sacrament, but a living faith, and that this faith will be ever manifested by good works." This is a terse and concise statement of the main distinction between Evangelical Protestantism and Romanism; and we wish the "Standard" all success in defending the principles which it has so clearly enunciated.

THE St. Mary's Auxiliary of the W.F.M.S. held their first annual meeting on the first of March. This Society was started Nov. 7th, 1876, when thirteen united in forming the association. The following officers were chosen, viz.: Mrs. McAlpine, President; Mrs. Sanderson, Vice-President; Mrs. Moscrip, Secretary; Mrs. McLean, Treasurer. It was agreed that to become a member, one dollar yearly should be paid. As the parent society in Toronto began their year in April, we sent in March, 1877, the amount raised during the four months—the sum of twenty-three dollars. The Association was then reorganized, and the same officers appointed. There are on the roll for the year just ended the names of twenty-one members, also the names of twenty who have occasionally assisted by contributions. During the year seventy dollars was raised, which was forwarded to Toronto last month. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. Owing to the interesting letters we receive from different missionaries the meetings have been instructive and profitable.—M. MOSCRIP, Sec.

THE annual report of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, shews a membership of 386, the number of families being 285. There are two Sabbath Schools: the Upper Town School, numbering 201 scholars and eighteen teachers; and the Lower Town School, numbering seventy-eight scholars and nine teachers. The amount contributed by the Sabbath School in 1877 was \$125.93 which was devoted to the support of two orphans in India. The total amount contributed and collected by the congregation during the year was \$9,335.90, whereof the sum of \$2,635.96 was raised for the schemes of the Church, by means of the schedule system. The amount devoted to Home Missions, including \$50 to Lumbermen, was \$400; Foreign Missions \$200; French Evangelization \$150; Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$150; College Fund \$100; Presbytery Fund \$30.91; Assembly Fund \$20. Besides these liberal amounts to the regular schemes of the Church we find \$206.11 debited to the "Church Poor Relief Fund," and \$103.63 to the Protestant Hospital. It also appears that the Ladies' Aid Society devoted \$140 of their funds to the relief of the poor.