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## Notes of the Week.

THE lower hall of the Grassmarket Church, Edinburgh, which was erected as a memorial of the late Rev. Dr. Robertson, of New Greyfriars Parish Church, has been decorated by a number of ladies with pictures executed on the walls after paintings on sacred subjects by Mr. R. Scott Lander and Mr. Eckford Lander.

THE Executive Committee of the Pan Presbyterian Council, which is to be held in Toronto next September, is to meet in New York City on the fourteenth of April, at which date the Presbyterian Union of New York will tender the Committee a reception. An inviting programme for the occasion is being prepared.

THE latest production from the pen of the late Dr. Cairns is a brief but generous tribute to Dr. Donald Fraser. A very appreciative article on Dr. Cairns appears in one of the Newcastle daily papers from which we learn that, in his frequent visits to that city, Brunswick Chapel—the "Wesleyan Cathedral" as it is called from its great size—was always at his service.

WORD comes that the authorities in charge of the Mormon Tabernacle, at Salt Lake City, have placed that edifice at the disposal of the Presbyterians for a meeting to be held there on May 15. This is the first time in its history that the building has been given for any other meeting than those connected with Mormon services. This offer is made in view of the possibility that many of the delegates to the meeting of the General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, would spend that Sunday in Salt Lake City.

MR. THEODORE BENT has given to the Royal Geographical Society the results of his recent investigation of the Great Zimbabwe ruins in Mashonaland. He regards them as not connected with any known African race, but as plainly the remains of a garrison for the protection of a gold producing race in remote antiquity. That race he believes was in Arabia. The Bible is full of allusions to Arabian gold, and travellers tell that little gold was produced in that country itself. Mr. Bent actually found a gold-smelting furnace with crucibles, and also tools for extracting gold.

ONE of the clauses in the Scottish Home Rule Bill of Dr. Hunter, M.P., provides that the Scottish Legislature shall not make any law for the purpose of establishing or endowing any religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or imposing any disability or conferring any privilege on account of religious belief; or abrogating or derogating from the right to establish and maintain any place of denominational education, or any denominational institution or charity; or prejudicially affecting the right of any child to attend a school receiving public money without attending the religious instruction of that school.

A CONTEMPORARY says: A deep impression was made on Glasgow Presbytery recently by the addresses of Messrs. McLean and Stevenson, two students introduced as deputies from the Students' Missionary Society by Professor Lindsay. They represented that in the Glasgow College fifteen stud-

ents had signed an expression of their desire to go to the foreign field, and in the medical classes there were eight connected with the Church who have the same object in view. Dr. Lindsay said he had the names of thirty-five willing to go. It was agreed to lay the matter before the Church that the means might be obtained to take advantage of the offers.

GLASGOW Presbytery, after considerable discussion, has agreed not to print the notes of the Assembly's commission on the religious condition of the people lest injury be done by the publication of confidential communications. A digest, however, has been framed, and there is a desire on the part of many members that it should be printed. It recommends the erection of additional churches or mission buildings in the parishes of Cathcart, Maryhill, St. George's-in-the-Fields, Shettleston, Calton, and Govan. The speech of the Rev. Dr. Watt indicated a coming battle between him and the commission over their remarks about Anderson Church. Rev. Dr. Marshall Lang seems ready for him.

It is stated that the question of ordained home missionaries will be raised in the Free Assembly in connection with the case of Mr. Campbell N. Moody, a probationer of the Church, and at present missionary in Free St. Johns, Glasgow. Mr. Moody applied to the Glasgow Free Presbytery to be ordained to home mission work. The Presbytery found that the application raised interesting and important questions with which they were not in a position to deal, and they recommended that Mr. Moody should approach the General Assembly by petition, transmitted through the Presbytery with a recommendation that the Assembly would give the subject its earnest consideration. We have gone beyond this point in our own Church, for we have numerous mission stations worked by men who have been ordained for the purpose, although not inducted into a regular pastoral charge.

THE Toronto Children's Aid Society is about to issue contribution boxes, and asks that any of our readers who can make good use of them by placing them in banks, offices, stores, factories, also in church porches, would send word that they will take one. It is desirable that this be done within the next ten days, as on the number of offers will depend the number to be ordered of the manufacturers. The box is very neat, it is made of iron, of Japanese pattern, bronzed, and will take up but little room. Those offering to take them should say whether they want to fasten them or just leave them loose. This Society is doing a grand work for destitute children, and every lover of little children should help if possible. As the funds of the Society are low and it has now the care of the Children's Shelter, as well as its other necessary expenses, it is suggested that as many of those who offer to take boxes as can spare a contribution should send one to help pay for the expense of manufacturing the boxes. The secretary will be glad to forward a concise description of what the Society is trying to do, to any one applying for it. Address, J. Stewart Coleman, 32 Church Street, Toronto.

THE visitors appointed by the Synods of Toronto and Kingston, and Hamilton and London, the Rev. Robert Johnston, of Lindsay, and Rev. E. Cockburn, of Paris, were at the Ladies' College, Brantford, on Tuesday week, from nine a.m., to six p.m., examining the various classes. The classes of Mrs. Rolls, the lady principal, in history, of Miss Macdonald in English literature, Miss Oughtred in mathematics, Miss Brandt in French and German, Dr. Cochrane's class in natural theology, and Mr. Cockburn's in Biblical literature, as well as the primary class under Miss Lundy, and Miss Hart's calisthenic class, were all thoroughly examined and tested as to their proficiency. The Rev. Mr. Johnston at the close expressed his unqualified admiration of the manner in which the

classes were evidently handled by the governess and teachers. He had always entertained a high opinion of the thorough training given in the Brantford College, but did not expect what he had seen. The prompt replies given, and the evidently intelligent grasp that the pupils had of the different subjects, reflected the highest credit upon the staff. At the close of the examinations the pupils assembled in the drawing-room, where music, vocal and instrumental, and readings were given by Misses Boles, Scott, Austin and McCallum. The examiners did not confine their examination to the classes, but went minutely over the whole building, which they found admirably kept, and adapted in every respect to ensure the happiness and comfort of the pupils.

DANIEL LOTHROP, member of an eminent Boston publishing firm, died recently. His funeral services were simple but impressive. No words of fulsome eulogy were spoken, but those of honest praise as befitted a stalwart man who had an honourable object as the goal towards which his life-work tended and, having it, laboured for and attained it. Before a full representation of those who had laboured with him and looked up to him as head and inspiration of the extensive business plans his energy matured; before a large proportion of the book men of Boston and of the associate trades that contribute toward the manufacture of books; before a host of friends and acquaintances who honoured and loved him, the words were spoken that ended the last chapter of his life-story, fittingly typified by the great closed book that lay before the altar as the floral tribute of the hundred employes who had helped him in the manufacture of the thousands of books his business tact has given to the world. A brief service in the parlours of the Hotel Bellevue, led by Rev. Dr. Smith, the author of the famous hymn, "America," prefaced the reception of the remains at the New Old South where the pastor, Rev. Dr. Gordon, in brief but strong, earnest and sympathetic words of characterization and consolation displayed the attributes that served to make Mr. Lothrop's life one to remember with satisfaction and to refer to only in praise. The Beacon Male Quartet made the simple service still more impressive by their choice rendering of the three hymns that were especial favourites with Mr. Lothrop, a fitting accompaniment to his favourite poem, feelingly read by Dr. Gordon.

THE *Christian Leader* says: Rev. Alexander Stewart, LL.D., of Ballachulish, lectured on Monday week in Oban on the "Philosophy of Gaelic Proverbs." Dealing with Gaelic proverbs, he said, was like tossing up new-mown hay—all was fresh and pure and heartily exhilarating. It was simply wonderful how very rarely a Gaelic proverb was in the least degree indelicate or offensive; and even the very few that one could reject because of their indecency were on examination found to be importations from foreign sources. Rolled up in Gaelic proverbs there was much quiet humour and sly inuendo; but sound, shrewd sense, couched in brief felicitous phrases, was above everything else their distinguishing characteristic. The more closely were these proverbs examined and sifted, the more apparent did it become that the Gaels of Albyn were—as to a large extent they still are—a highly moral people. The proverbs that inculcate truth, justice, and uprightness of character and conduct were very numerous, many of them as old as the Píngalian times, and a few from the times of the Druids. Dr. Stewart quoted many proverbs peculiar to the districts of Lorn and Lochaber, and gave a racy explanation of their meaning and application. The following, amongst others, were quoted: Bette be poor than a liar. He that lies would steal if he was not afraid. Say but little, but say that little well. The spoken word or the bird on the wing cannot be recalled. If you are athirst God has given you the stream. Eat to satisfy your hunger and you will always be healthy; a man may eat quite enough without besmearing himself up to the very ears and eyebrows. The belly is a hard taskmistress. He that makes his bed in the mire must necessarily be dirty.