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## Notes of the Week.

TOWARDS the cost of the approaching conference at Florence of the Evangelical Alliance, the American branch has contributed \$1,000 and the British organization \$5,000; the total will enable the council to meet all the responsibilities they have undertaken. The principal item of expenditure will be for the travelling expenses of ministers and evangelists of the various denominations in Italy. Lord Kinnaid is to be one of the presidents, and the programme also includes the names of Prof. Charteris, Principal Culross, Dr. Donald Fraser and Dr. Murray Mitchell.

THE *Christian Leader* says: A protest against the candidature of Sir Charles Dilke for the Forest of Dean has been signed by Canon Scott Holland, Dr. Moulton of Cambridge, Dr. John Brown of Bedford, Dr. John Clifford, Mr. Price Hughes and Mr. Percy W. Bunting, editor of the *Contemporary Review*. Sir Charles has taken no practical steps to fulfil his pledge to clear his character before attempting to re-enter public life. It is therefore argued that were he permitted to prosecute his candidature a disastrous blow would be struck at the growing sentiment which demands that when anyone is branded by judicial decisions as guilty of aggravated adulteries, and by implication of perjury, he should disappear from public life equally with those who steal spoons or cheat at cards.

OF the 15,730,000 people of Hungary, 3,200,000 are Protestants. Of these again 2,030,000 are Reformed and 1,120,000 Lutherans. The latter have 1,195 pastors and 1,433 congregations, the former, 4241 congregations served by 2,283 pastors. The Unitarians number about 50,000, organized into 187 congregations with 107 pastors. The most serious difficulty in the way of the prosperity of the Pro-

testant Church in Hungary is its poverty. Down to 1848 the Roman Catholic was the State Church, and as such the sole recipient of the benefactions of the State. The Protestant since 1791 has been only a *religio recepta*. To the present day the Protestants receive no support from the State, except a small sum paid since 1883. They are very active in educational and literary work. The number of Protestant schools is 3,826, besides fourteen preparatory schools for teachers. In addition there are fifty two other Protestant high schools. The property of the fifty-four middle grade schools is valued at 9,000,000 florins. The Protestants have also thirteen theological schools, with an attendance of 400 preparing for the ministry. There are also many Protestant Hungarian students at the German universities.

THE *Sydney Presbyterian*, referring to the fact that the Church of which it is the organ is to be asked to follow the lead of the English Synod, expresses the opinion that it is imprudent, nay presumptuous, in a small church like that of England, or Victoria, or New South Wales, to attempt the construction of a new creed. The Westminster Confession is the chief bond uniting the world-wide Presbyterian Churches. Supposing it to be abundantly demonstrated that in consequence of fuller knowledge the Church has advanced far beyond the position held by our fathers, the practical question arises: What body should revise the existing creed, or frame a new one suitable to the needs of the Church? Unquestionably the Presbyterian Church alone should authoritatively set forth the faith of the Presbyterian Church. No section, be it small or great, is entitled to arrogate to itself the doing of this work; not even the Churches of Scotland, or the great Church of the United States. Let discussion go on, and opinion be matured. But the framing of a new creed, if a new creed must be had, should be relegated to the one body which represents all the Churches, the Pan-Presbyterian Council.

A CONTEMPORARY states that Prof. Thomas Smith, and not the author of "Olrig Grange," is to be the next Moderator of the Free Church. At the private conference recently four names were submitted—those of Principal Douglas, Dr. Stewart of Lovedale, and the two Smiths. Only a preliminary vote was taken on the names of Drs. Douglas and Stewart, it being understood that the distinguished missionary did not desire nomination. The final vote showed one hundred and eighteen in favour of Prof. Smith, against eighty-nine for Dr. Walter Smith. A son of the manse, Prof. Smith had a distinguished university career, and on his ordination in 1839 proceeded immediately to India, where he served with Dr. Duff and others for nearly twenty years. On his return he laboured for well-nigh twenty years more as pastor of Cowgatehead Church, Edinburgh, until in 1880 he succeeded Dr. Duff as professor of evangelistic theology in New College. His degree of D.D. he received from Edinburgh on the completion of Nichol's edition of the Puritan divines which he edited; but he can hardly be said to have added to his literary reputation by his memoirs of Dr. Duff and Dr. Begg, works which betray a sad lack of the biographic instinct. Dr. Smith is distinguished for his transparent honesty as well as for the singular kindness of his nature, and his election will be acceptable to very many on both sides of the Assembly.

LORD JERSEY, says the *Christian Leader*, has made an unfavourable impression upon some minds at Sydney by an apparent lack of courtesy to the deputies representing the Presbyterian and Wesleyan Churches. In his reply to the address of the Anglicans the formula was, "My Lord, Reverend Gentlemen and Gentlemen," but the Very Reverend the Moderator was simply "Mr. Clouston," and the other Presbyterian ministers simply "Gentlemen," the Wesleyans were also addressed as "Mr. Clarke and Gentlemen." Whether the result of ignorance or intention, the contrast is a disagreeable one, and it might be as well if the young aristocrats sent out to officiate as figure-heads in our colonies were to

realize the fact that the countries to which they have gone are in the enjoyment of religious equality. One of Lord Jersey's earliest functions at Sydney was to assist at the unveiling of the monument which has been erected to Rev. Dr. Lang, the fine old pioneer in the settlement of New South Wales, and a minister of the Church of Scotland. It is, indeed, supremely ridiculous, in view of the part which Presbyterians of Scotland and Ulster have taken in the establishment of our colonial empire that English placemen like Lord Jersey should make distinctions disrespectful to all the churches with which they do not happen to have any connection.

MR. A. M. ZELENSKY, 66 Murray Street West, Hamilton, writes: The time has come to recognize that civilization is worthless, if it is not the highest form of human life and does not embrace all men in its brotherhood. The barbarities practised now in Russia against the unfortunate Jews have thus disturbed the equilibrium of civilization. The persecutions and sufferings undeserved, the stifling of the spiritual life of the gifted, moral and industrious Jewish race in Russia—such brutal actions of the Russian Government toward the Jews have mocked the humanitarian age. Every civilized country has widely opened its gates to the poor victims of oppression. Many emigrants are transported to the friendly shores of the United States. Our free Canada is also gradually becoming a sheltering place for the Jewish refugees. As the stream of emigration is increasing, it would be a menace and discomfort if the emigrants will herd in the cities. With the help of Baron de Hirsch, the great Jewish philanthropist, an experimental farm will be established near Hamilton in the nearest future, where the emigrants may learn the method of agriculture suitable to this country, and thus they may become useful settlers. Besides a munificent gift from Baron de Hirsch, I expect to raise an additional sum from my Canadian friends. The Model Farm will be under the guidance of the Dominion Government, which has always welcomed and helped such an institution. Anyone who sympathizes with my plan, or who might give me an idea of development of this noble work, will be heartily welcomed to write me his opinion.

AN especially interesting programme for the coming spring and summer has been planned by the Bible Institute at Chicago, of which Mr. Moody is president. About the middle of April Rev. Dr. W. G. Moorehead, of Xenia, Ohio, whose scholarship and ability as a Bible teacher are well known, begins a three months' course of lectures. Rev. James Stalker, whose life of Christ is familiar to Bible students, will be at the Institute a few days in May. In July and August, Rev. F. B. Meyer, of Regent Park Chapel, London, will be the leading lecturer. Mr. Meyer's personal work among the poor of England has fitted him to be a competent authority on work among the masses, and his books on spiritual themes are among the most reliable and helpful now published. Three gospel tents, accommodating variously from 350 to 1,000 people, will be located in neighbourhoods where the Gospel is sadly needed, and placed in the charge of experienced evangelists. Ministers, evangelists, missionaries, lady teachers and Christian workers of every class will have an opportunity to learn the best plans and methods along aggressive lines in these tents, and in the various forms of mission work connected with the Institute. Mornings are spent in the class-room, and afternoons and evenings occupied with study and personal efforts among the unconverted. The entire course covers two years, but the school is open the year round and students may enter at any time and stay as long as convenient. Four dollars per week will cover all necessary expenses in the men's department, and in the ladies' department the cost of board is three dollars and a half per week. As far as possible, all will be accommodated in the Institute buildings. Those obliged to room outside will find the cost a trifle more. No charge is made for tuition. Any who desire to attend should write at once to the Supt., R. A. Torrey, 80 W. Pearson St., or Mrs. S. B. Capron, Supt. of the ladies' department, 232 La Salle Avenue, Chicago.