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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE Presbyterian Church of England is making strenuous efforts to have its Sustentation Fund supported by every congregation connected with the Church.

REV. THOMAS GARDINER, Free Church minister of Old Aberdeen, who led the party in the Aberdeen Presbytery most hostile to the views of Professor Smith, died on the 14th ult., of scarlet fever.

THE Synod of Albany adopted a report at its last meeting, which strongly urged a present duty, the enforcing of the laws now existing in the State of New York, in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

THE United States Supreme Court has decided that a stipulation against suicide in an insurance policy releases the company from payment in case of self-destruction, even if the victim is unquestionably insane.

THE victory of the Republicans in the French elections has caused great satisfaction in Germany. If the priest party had prevailed, Germany would have on its hands the work of protecting Italy from French invasion.

IT is understood that Rev. Dr. Inglis, formerly of Hamilton, but now of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been called by Knox Church of this city as colleague to Rev. Dr. Topp. The many friends of Dr. Inglis will be rejoiced if he accepts.

THE Roman Catholic Total Abstinence League of the Cross celebrated the birthday of the late Father Matthew at Exeter Hall, London, Eng. Resolutions were passed pledging the meeting to extend the cause of temperance and approving of the Permissive Bill.

FROM the report of the Free Presbytery of Inverness, Scotland, we find that the 18th October had been appointed for the induction into the pastoral charge of the Free East Church, Inverness, of the Rev. John McTavish, recently of Woodstock, Ont.

THE United Presbyterian Presbytery of Paisley having been as usual annoyed by the oratory of Mr. Macrae of Gourock, Mr. France gave notice of motion that on the next occasion, the Presbytery resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to ascertain, if possible, Mr. Macrae's real theological views.

THE complaint of the late Rev. Dr. Skinner to the Synod of Cincinnati from the decision of the Presbytery of Cincinnati in the McCune case was not sus-

tained by the Synod, by a vote of twenty-eight to four. Dr. Skinner gave notice of appeal to the General Assembly.

THE Kingston *Daily News* says: The "get up" of the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN is far superior to the late journal. We congratulate Mr. Robinson on the appearance of his paper and on the excellence of its contents. The change should have the effect of increasing its circulation.

DR. TALMAGE, of Brooklyn, N.Y., has retired from editorial life. In the last number of the *Advance* he announces his withdrawal from the position he has held in that paper. His sermons are still to be printed in the *Advance*, at least until their discontinuance becomes one of the "anticipated changes in the arrangements" of that prosperous journal.

AT the meeting in Columbus, Ohio, of the Ladies' Missionary Society, eleven hundred dollars were contributed to start a fund for the education of missionaries' children. A gold watch, given by the wife of a home missionary in Kansas, was brought out and \$223 offered for it, and then it was directed to be returned to its home missionary owner, having done its work.

IT is the proper thing just now for churches to be inquiring whether the salaries of ministers have been fully paid. Promptness in this matter is always useful to both parties, but at this season of the year ministers as well as others are in special need of money that they may make provision for the approaching winter, and enter upon its duties free from the distracting cares occasioned by unpaid salaries, and consequently unpaid accounts.

THE London *Times* is not apt to deal in sensational stories, and generally has good authority for its statement of facts. It gives a seeming of truthfulness to the report that the Jesuits are moving to make Jerusalem the headquarters of the Papacy to find it in the *Times*. It says that money is being collected for the erection of a magnificent palace for his holiness on Mount Zion, to which the wealth of the Vatican is to be transferred.

AT the recent meeting of the Free Synod of Dumfries, Scotland, a member drew attention to the proposal to establish a Papal hierarchy in Scotland, which, he said was dangerous alike to the civil and religious liberty and independence of the nation. It was agreed to recommend the ministers within the bounds to call the attention of their congregations to the evils of Popery on an early Sabbath.

AS the reports of special correspondents drop in one by one, it is every day becoming more apparent that what befell the Turkish army in Asia was not only defeat but overwhelming disaster. It was broken up and divided—three entire divisions surrendering on the spot. One of the fragments was compelled to surrender shortly afterwards, and the other was completely beaten and dispersed in the neighborhood of Kars. It was a blow which the Russians had long waited for before striking, and now that it has fallen with such crushing force, they feel compensated for many previous disappointments and disasters.

THE present times are prolific in the way of church enterprises for attracting attention and entertaining the young, but the Church of Christian Endeavor, in

Brooklyn, N.Y., where Rev. Edward Eggleston serves, is certainly ahead in this line. Among its means of amusement is a "Shooting Gallery," and the instrument used is a "parlor rifle, making a noise like a pop-gun." This may be considered about the latest modern improvement of even the "broad" modern Christianity, under whose banner Edward Eggleston now marches, although he was once a soldier in the Methodist ranks.

THE House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church, U.S., has issued a pastoral letter to the members of that Church. Among other topics it treats of religious education, and especially warns against sending young persons to institutions of learning in which they will be subject to the influence of the Roman Catholic Church. Children so educated become either negative Protestants or positive Romanists, and such a result is a heavy price to pay for instruction in music, dancing and painting. So say all true Protestants, and still the "heavy price" is paid by many who believe that they will escape the penalty.

THE Spanish Government fail to fulfil their promise of toleration. The priests are permitted to take the children of Protestants by force and make them members of the Church of Rome by baptism. An instance occurred not much more than a month ago. The two children of a colporteur of the British and Foreign Bible Society were taken forcibly by the priests with the assistance of the police. One of the children was only twenty-four hours old. The mother wept, the father protested, but the children were borne off in triumph, baptised amid a crowd of peasants and the ringing of bells, and then given back to their parents. Is this what the Spanish Government call toleration?

THERE are rumors of some conversions to Rome from among the Americans who have been travelling in Europe. They have gone over from the Episcopal church, which contributes so many to the subjects of Pio Nono. The Rev. H. Van Rensselaer, an "Anglican" of New York, and Rev. F. Mackall, another "Anglican" of New York, and a Miss Van Rensselaer, "a member of a well-known Anglican Sisterhood in London," are among the names mentioned. These three persons were received on the 18th of September last, into the Roman Catholic Church, by the Abbe Rogerson, in St. Roch's in Paris, and from thence went to Rome to pay homage to the Pope.

"A MINISTER," writing to us under date 1st Nov., "cordially recommends" as follows:—"Thanksgiving Day is at hand. Congregations are expected then to show practically their gratitude to God who crowneth the year with His goodness. What offering shall be brought with them when they come into His courts? Let me suggest special gifts for our COLLEGES, which, by all accounts, stand in urgent need of funds, and on behalf of which *no appeals at similar seasons* have been addressed hitherto. The Home Mission Convener has issued a circular, asking the people to remember the claims of his Committee; but without intending to disparage the worth of that cause (*so often set* before the churches for *extra* contributions), I think some measure of notice should be turned to the support of our theological schools, and feel that were their case duly put on the approaching occasion, the liberality of hundreds who will meet to render thanks unto the Lord for all His benefits toward them would run in a most reasonable channel."