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The SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN has been received with increased favor during the year, although there are still very many schools in which no copies are taken. It is encouraging to know that the patrons of the paper look with approval upon the efforts made to provide such publications; and we bespeak largely increased orders for the coming year—promising on our part to make the paper more attractive than ever to our young folks.

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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The distress in Sheffield, England, is so great that the Mayor and the clergy are holding conferences to devise means of relief. A series of public works will be begun by the corporation.

THE "Westminster Question Book" for 1879 has just arrived and can be procured from Mr. James Bain, Bookseller, Toronto. This is an excellent publication. It is the manual published by the Philadelphia Board of publication to assist Sabbath School teachers and the older pupils in the study of the International Series of Lessons; and it is admirably suited to its purpose.

AN exciting controversy has arisen out of an announcement made at the laying of the foundation stone of the new buildings connected with the Presbyterian College, Belfast. The secretary of the faculty stated that the windows of the college chapel would be stained glass, the gift of a Scotch lady, and that they would be adorned with representations of the "Burning Bush" and an open Bible. The Presbytery of

Limavady a few days after condemned the proposal in the strongest terms, because the use of emblems is ritualistic."

THE Philadelphia "Presbyterian" says: "Professor Flint, of the University of Edinburgh, who opened the Presbyterian Council of last year with a sermon, has lately assumed the post of defender of the Scotch Establishment. His theme at his introductory lecture was the 'Unreasonableness of Dissent,' and the proof of the unreasonableness was that Dissent would not let the Establishment alone. We have heard that kind of talk on this side of the ocean, and just at a time when a great upheaval was at hand, when some old institutions perished."

WRITING of Mr. Sandford Fleming, the Collingwood "Bulletin" says: "This distinguished engineer paid a short visit to his brother in this town, Mr. David Fleming, last week, and spent last Sabbath with his esteemed father, Mr. A. G. Fleming, at Craighleith. While in town he had a look at our harbour, and promised to do what he could to assist the town deputation in securing a Government grant. We are glad to learn that Mr. Fleming has improved in health, and looks exceedingly well. He intends to remain at Ottawa where his family are now residing after a residence of over a year in England."

THE annual social meeting of the Bay street Presbyterian Church, in this city, was held on the evening of Thursday, the 12th inst. After partaking of a rich and well-served repast in the basement, the company adjourned to the body of the church, where, the chair having been taken by the pastor, Rev. John Smith, they enjoyed the privilege of listening to addresses from Rev. Messrs. Poole, of the Methodist Church; Gilray, of College street Presbyterian Church; and Powers, of Zion Congregational Church, Bay street. The pleasantry, the humour, the shrewdness, the wisdom, and the earnestness, that characterized the speeches seemed to be appreciated by the audience. The musical part of the proceedings consisted of a duet by the Misses Jackson, a solo by Mr. Summerfield, and several anthems by the choir—all rendered with skill and spirit.

ON Sabbath, the 10th ult., the beautiful new brick church which the Presbyterians of Greenbank have built during the past summer, was dedicated to the service of the triune Jehovah. The Rev. R. Leask of St. Helen's preached morning and afternoon, and the Rev. S. Acheson of Cookstown in the evening, to very large audiences. On the following Monday a grand entertainment was given. An excellent dinner and tea was provided for the occasion. Appropriate addresses were delivered during the afternoon by Rev. Messrs. Cockburn, Young, Pattison, Leask and Acheson. In the evening the congregation was favoured with a highly interesting and eloquent lecture from the Rev. John Smith, of Bay street Church, Toronto. The Greenbank union choir enlivened the entertainment by choice music. There was also a very enjoyable social on the following Thursday.—COM.

THE Guelph "Mercury" of a recent date has the following interesting item: "There is on exhibition at the Mechanics' Institute Art Exhibition in the Caledonian Hall, a well-worn stone cutter's mallet which was once the property of the great Hugh Miller, but now belongs to a relative of that distinguished person,

Mr. Robert Williamson, of Maplewood Farm, Waterloo. Mr. Williamson states that the little mallet was first made use of by Hugh Miller in hewing an ornate dialstone for his uncle, and the dial stands in a garden where it was first erected. Some years after the death of Hugh Miller, the Duke of Argyll and the Marquis of Lorne, the present Governor-General of Canada, were visiting Cromarty, and went to see the dialstone. This little mallet referred to has in the hand of Hugh Miller left some first class work in the old chapel of St. Regulus, in the burying ground of Kirkmichael, in the churchyard of Nigg, and in the parish burying ground of Cromarty. If the mallet could speak it could tell volumes regarding the life of its original owner. It was with mallet in hand that Hugh Miller first met Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, Professor Pillans, and a host of the most noted men of his day. In "Schools and Schoolmasters," at page 475, mention is made of the little mallet. Mr. Williamson adds: The fact is that the greatest powers and best trials of Hugh Miller's character were to be seen and felt when he had mallet in hand, and for that reason it is the best relic of this great man."

THE Sydney (Australia) "Herald" of October 4th contains the following item:—"Ex-Priest Chiniquy delivered another lecture last night at the Protestant Hall. The room was crowded to overflowing, although the crush was by no means so great as on the previous evening. The subject was: 'Is the Church of Rome a branch of the Church of Christ, or is it old heathenism under a new name?' On another page the same paper gives a very full report of a lecture delivered on the previous evening—subject: "Why I, with twenty-five thousand of my countrymen, left the Church of Rome," and states that "an immense number of people were awaiting the opening of the doors; and although the lecture was not to commence until eight o'clock, the building was sufficiently filled, for comfort, shortly after seven o'clock, and was soon crammed in every corner in the galleries as well as below stairs, the aisles as well as the seats. There must have been over 3,000 present—in the estimation of some over 4,000." A glance at the lecture as reported shows that it is in Mr. Chiniquy's usual forcible and unsparing style, so well known in this country. We are glad to find that Mr. Chiniquy has been accorded a most enthusiastic reception in the Southern Hemisphere. Immediately on his arrival in Sydney a public meeting was held which was attended by thousands, and the following address was read by Rev. G. Sutherland: "The Rev. Pastor Chiniquy, French Canadian Reformer. Rev. Sir and Brother,—We cordially welcome you to Australia, and to this city (the metropolis of all the Australias). Your valiant contests with the gigantic power of Papal Rome have long evoked our deepest sympathy; and the glorious Gospel liberty which God has given you, and through you to thousands of your fellow-countrymen, has called forth our fervent gratitude. In your efforts in these great colonies to arouse Protestants to a sense of their privileges and danger, and to liberate from the bonds of superstition the many thousands of your former co-religionists who have settled in these lands, you may reckon upon our presence, protection, and earnest co-operation. May the wisdom, power, and grace of the Eternal Spirit attend you wherever you go, and render your addresses the power of God unto salvation to tens of thousands, and a blessing to unborn generations in this southern hemisphere."