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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

IN the list of subscriptions acknowledged in our issue of 25th ult., the name of Mr. Colin Macdougall, \$10, was printed John Macdougall.

THE Rev. D. B. Whimster, of Meaford, says:—"I am very much pleased with the 'Presbyterian Year Book.' A copy should be in every house."

A CALL from St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, to the Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, of Jefferson Avenue Church, Detroit, has been sustained by the Presbytery of Hamilton. The salary is to be \$2500.

THE unwelcome intelligence reaches us that the venerable Dr. Duff, the pioneer missionary from Scotland to India, is so seriously unwell at Sidmouth, that nearly all hope of his recovery has departed. Many of our readers will learn the news with sincere regret.

A NEW YORK contemporary gives good advice when it says:—"Don't wait for Mr. Kimball or any one else to take hold of your church debt. Take hold firmly, too, and lift hard. Only the stingy ones in the church will be hurt by pushing the movement boldly, and pushing it right through."

THE Rev. S. Lyle, late of Connor, Ireland, has accepted the call from Central Church, Hamilton, and his induction is to take place (D.V.) on Tuesday, the 12th February, at 2 o'clock p.m. Mr. Burson to preside, Dr. James to preach, Mr. Black to address the pastor, and Mr. Laing the people.

THE Manilla correspondent of the Lindsay "Post," makes the following sensible suggestion: "As the Presbyterians and Congregationalists of Manilla, separately are incapable of sustaining a pastor, we would suggest that they should unite into one congregation, and then a minister could be tolerably well supported by them."

THE Presbyterian Ministers' Meeting in Chicago has discussed the question of the preaching of women. The "Interior" gives the following as the "net result": "Exegesis, clear; logic, unassailable; philosophy, mixed; line between social and public meetings, shadowy and wavering; general conclusion, let a woman

keep silence in the churches, not prophesying without a veil on her face, and in fact, not prophesying at all. Unanimously adopted."

THE death is announced of an eminent American missionary, the Rev. Dr. Binney, who expired on board the steamer "Amarapoor," in the Indian Ocean, within five days of completing his seventieth year. At Burmah he was in charge of the Karen Theological Seminary at Rangoon, of which he was, from 1846 to the time of his death, the moulding and controlling spirit. Within the thirty-one years of his connection with the seminary, not fewer than 300 Karen Christians have been trained for effective service as preachers or teachers. It appears that the whole Protestant missionary force in China consists of 457 clerical and medical missionaries, of whom 229 are from America.

WE direct the attention of our readers to the Appeal in behalf of the "Haven," or "Prison Gate Mission," which will be found in another column. The scheme is one well calculated to be eminently useful. The object is to extend sympathy, assistance, protection and guidance to female criminals just discharged from prison, in order to save them from going back to their former courses, and place them in a position to enter upon a life of industry and good behaviour. It would be difficult to find a more suitable point at which a "good Samaritan" might take his stand than just outside the prison gate. Here it is that the stream of criminality can most conveniently be intercepted, and some, at least, of its helpless waifs diverted from their downward course. We hope the appeal of the committee will evoke a liberal response.

LAST Friday evening a farewell party met in the lecture room of the Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, in honor of Rev. Mr. Junor, the new missionary to the island of Formosa, and Mrs. Junor. The party was given by Rev. Mr. Moore, to whose invitations about 175 persons responded. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. C. Innes Cameron, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Mr. George Hay, Mr. Thorburn, M.A., and Rev. Mr. Farries, after which Rev. Mr. Junor delivered an address in reply. All the speakers made reference more or less directly to the report which has recently appeared in the press to the effect that the Rev. G. L. McKay who is at the head of the Formosa Mission had been attacked by a mob of Chinese and ordered to leave the island; and all, including Mr. Junor who is not in any way discouraged, expressed the firm conviction that George McKay is not the man to abandon his post, and that with a British force at Hong Kong, there is no danger of anything serious being allowed to occur.

FROM the Mitchell "Advocate" we glean the following cheering item:—"Never perhaps in the history of the town was there such a revival in Mitchell as at present. During the week, prayer meetings have been held daily, at the hours of 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7.30 p.m., and all were largely attended. On Sunday evening, after service had closed in the various churches, a general meeting was held in the town hall, and never since its erection did so many meet within its walls at one time. It was literally jammed, and several were unable to gain an entrance. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Paynter, of Chicago, who aided Messrs. Moody and Sankey with their good work when

in that city. The gentleman seems to be remarkably earnest in his work, and is not long in winning the hearts and attention of his hearers. He is, without exception, one of the greatest revivalists that has ever been in this county, and the Christian work which he has accomplished during the short time he has been here is something wonderful. The rev. gentleman has been ably assisted by the pastor of Knox Church and the other local clergymen."

WE learn that our Montreal friends have arranged a course of six lectures on "Presbyterian topics," to be delivered in Knox Church on six consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning on the 14th February. They are under the auspices of all the congregations of our Church in that city, and will doubtless be very largely attended. The subjects are to be treated in a popular style, and from the names of the lecturers, a rich treat may be expected. The tickets for the course are one dollar each; the proceeds to be applied to the College Library. The following is the programme of the course:—I. Thursday, 14th February, "The Pioneers of the Presbyterian Reformation," by Rev. J. S. Black. II. Thursday, 21st February, "The Catholicity of the Presbyterian Church," by Rev. Prof. Campbell, M.A. III. Thursday, 28th February, "Church Psalmody and Music," by J. McLaren, Esq., Professor of Music. IV. Thursday, 7th March, "The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church," by Rev. Principal MacVicar, LL.D. V. Thursday, 14th March, "The Presbyterian Church in relation to Civil Liberty and Social Progress," by Rev. S. S. Stebbins. VI. Thursday, 21st March, "The Presbyterian Churches of America," by Rev. G. H. Wells. Each lecture to commence at 8 p.m.

THE "Temperance Wave" has reached Manitoba. A very large and influential meeting was recently held in the Temperance Hall, Winnipeg, at which the present aspect of the temperance cause, and the steps necessary to create a deeper interest in it were ably discussed. Rev. W. C. Pinkham, of St. James', occupied the chair. The speakers were Mr. J. W. Sifton, Rev. E. Morrow, Mr. Thomas Nixon, Revs. Prof. Hart, A. McDonald, O. Fortun, Mr. German, Prof. Bryce, Mr. Bell, J. Robertson, and Dr. O'Meara. Letters of apology were read from Rev. S. Pritchard, Rev. Dr. Black, and Dr. O'Donnell. The meeting adopted the following resolutions: (1) "That this meeting deeply deplores the terrible evils done by intoxicating drinks in this city and province, and pledges itself to do all in its power to suppress the traffic and indulgence in strong drink." (2) "That it is important that public opinion should be educated in order that those who occupy seats in our municipal councils and legislative bodies, and others in public positions, should be men of personal sobriety, and favorable to the destruction of this great evil." (3) "That, in the opinion of this meeting, measures should be taken at once to induce the Dominion and Local Houses to adopt necessary legislation in connection with the liquor traffic." (4) "That the total abolition of saloons is a matter to be earnestly aimed at, and that a strong effort should now be made to have them abolished." (5) "That W. F. Luxton, M.P.P., W. R. Dick, M.P.P., T. Nixon, Rev. J. B. Baudin, Rev. Canon O'Meara, Rev. O. Forin, S. C. Biggs, J. Sutherland, M.P.P., and Rev. Prof. Bryce (convener), be a committee to draw up petitions, circulate them, and watch over legislation in this important matter."