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Notes of the Week.

THE Legislature of New York State having voted a second time to submit a Prohibitory Amendment, a convention of all wings of the temperance army was held in Syracuse lately to decide upon a plan of campaign. A State Central Committee was provided for, which is to organize the State and every county for the campaign.

THE Council of the "Cunningham Lectureship" have unanimously appointed the Rev. Mr. M'Crie, of Ayr, to be the next lecturer. Mr. M'Crie has chosen for his subject, "The Public Worship of Presbyterian Scotland," treated historically. The lectures fall to be delivered some time before the close of the session of the New College, Edinburgh, 1891-92, in presence of the professors and students. Mr. M'Crie has eminent qualifications for the work, and it is a step in the right direction to choose a minister, and not a professor, to deliver the lectures.

THE Presbyterians in the North-Western District of London have arranged for a united open-air Sunday afternoon service to be held in Regent's Park on the fourth Sunday in June. The ministers and choirs of St. John's Wood, Regent's Square, Kentish Town, Haverstock Hill, Camden Road and Somers Town congregations will take part in the services. Mr. Woffendale, in issuing the notices, says: It was felt last year that the inaugural services in Regent's Park gave a splendid impetus to our open-air work, which, partly in consequence of this, was larger and better sustained last season than it has ever been. This year the committee hopes for still better work being done.

THE closing exercises in connection with Columbia Theological College, held at Columbia, South Carolina, recently, were of more than ordinary interest. On the Sabbath preceding the venerable Dr. Palmer preached the Baccalaureate sermon, which was listened to with breathless attention by a large audience. In the afternoon Dr. Girardeau addressed the senior class, and Dr. Palmer again preached in the evening. It is in this institution that the Rev. Dr. F. R. Beattie, formerly of Brantford, fills one of the professorial chairs. In connection with the closing exercises Professor Beattie delivered an inaugural address, which was so favourably received that its publication was urged. Columbia Theological Seminary has evidently entered on a new era of prosperity.

THE Dods case has caused profound interest in the Free Church General Assembly. It is stated that notice was given of two motions in the case of Dr. Dods; that of Dr. Adam, who, it is understood, represented Principal Rainy, being unexpectedly severe and stringent in its terms. Mr. Howie was to move for a committee to meet with Dr. Dods, and the terms of his proposal include a repudiation of the idea that there are errors in Scripture. A preliminary skirmish took place on the Dods case, Mr. M'Askill, of Dingwall, and others appealing against the procedure of the Presbytery of Edinburgh. It was, however, unanimously agreed to dismiss the protest and appeal, and to defer the whole case for consideration till the following Tuesday. A large meeting of Mr. Dods' supporters was also held, Dr. Walter Smith in the chair, Dr. Whyte, Mr. Taylor Innes and others being present. The tone of the speeches was defiant, but the gathering estimated their strength very low.

A MOST interesting discussion on betting and gambling took place in connection with the giving in of the report of the Religion and Morals Committee in the Free Church General Assembly. Mr. Falconer, of Edinburgh, who has given great attention to the matter, spoke of the evil as carried on in large offices and works and on ocean steamers. He made the startling statement that there were ministers and elders and prominent Christian citizens who took part in continental lotteries. Mr. J. R. Miller, of Glasgow, condemned gambling on the Stock Exchange, saying he could speak with some knowledge regarding the subject of iron, for which he had been obliged to pay double price of late be-

cause there was a "boom" in it. Mr. Johnman, of Hawick, very wisely said that legislation was more necessary than teaching, and that legislation must affect the princes of the blood and the nobility as much as others, must bring within its sweep the private club as well as the public house.

THE Mackay Mission Hospital in Tamsui, Formosa, has a very encouraging report for 1889. There were 3,055 patients, outdoors and indoors, and 7,224 who returned for medicines and dressings. There have been fewer sicknesses and fewer admissions of soldiers than in former years, the greater number of the patients being soldiers, but this year there were only 384 new patients of this class. During the year enquiry was made of all new applicants whether or not they had been taking native medicine before seeking hospital advice, and eighty-three per cent. were found to have undergone other treatment. Some natives seem to be afraid to go direct to the hospital, trying all sorts of remedies first. Others say that while foreign remedies no doubt may act properly enough on a foreign constitution, they are quite unsuited for administration to a people whose food, drink and habits of body differ so materially from ours. Many cases are quoted showing that nearly all who received medical treatment are either friendly to the Mission or become converts.

THE statistics of the Christian Endeavour Societies on record to June 1 have just been completed in preparation for the International Convention at St. Louis. It has been found that societies exist in every state and territory in the Union, and in every English-speaking land in the world. In all there are 11,013 societies, with 660,000 members, a gain of 3,341 societies and 185,000 members in eleven months. This is by far the largest gain ever recorded in the same length of time, and equals the entire membership of the Society during the first seven years. New York leads the list with 1,795 societies; Pennsylvania follows with 818; then comes Massachusetts with 813, Illinois with 800, Ohio with 681, Iowa with 494, Connecticut with 442, New Jersey with 414, and Michigan with 408. The Society is making gratifying progress in the south, Maryland, Kentucky and Florida having the largest numbers. In the British provinces are 413 societies. So far as can be ascertained an average of about seven from each society have joined the evangelical churches during the year, or a total of 70,000, a number equal to about two-thirds of all the associate members at the beginning of the year.

THE *British Weekly* says: As we have to go to press early on Wednesday morning, and have only a brief telegraphic summary of Tuesday's discussion in the Free Assembly, our comments must necessarily be brief and reserved. There seems no reason to complain of Dr. Dods' opponents. Mr. Winter's proposal for a libel was perfectly straightforward, and Mr. Howie's motion was, from his point of view, equally reasonable. But what is to be said of Dr. Dods' friends? When the motion proposed by Dr. Adam was first read, the universal feeling was that a censure more sweeping, more insulting and more reactionary could not be put into English speech. Yet it seems that it was really meant to make room for Dr. Dods' views in the Free Church, and that its loud pretence of orthodoxy was intended to soothe timid voters. If that is not the case, plain men must admit their inability to understand the speech of ecclesiastics. The conduct of those more intimately connected with Dr. Dods than Dr. Adam is, perplexes us still more. Why did they make such a weak motion? Why did they not choose a stronger man to lead them? How did they come to under-estimate their own strength so completely? It is said they counted only on 115 votes, whereas the turning of some forty votes would have given them a majority. All this, however, we say with reserve, as public explanations may make intelligible what is now dark. On one point, however, there will, outside the Free Church, be no difference of opinion. No man with any vestige of self-respect would accept tamely such a censure as that conveyed, whether intended or not, in Dr. Adam's motion, and Dr. Dods may very well be

trusted to take such action as will vindicate his honour.

THE great debate on the Dods case in the Free Church General Assembly awakened deep interest. The Assembly Hall was crowded, and the discussion lasted a whole day until midnight. There were no fewer than five motions before the house. The first was moved by Dr. Adam, and may be regarded as the official motion, as was often remarked during the discussion. Dr. Adam's motion was seconded by the ex-Moderator, Dr. Laird. The second motion was moved by Rev. Robert Howie in a strong speech. Mr. Howie's seconder was Mr. J. Galloway, who was heard with manifest impatience. The motion of Dr. Dods' own friends, of which Rev. W. Patrick originally gave notice, was proposed by Mr. G. Renny, who has published in pamphlet form a statement of the Professor's position. He declared that if men would study all Dr. Dods' writings with impartial minds they would be more fully convinced of the divinity of Christ than ever before. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Murray Garden. Rev. Alexander Lee's motion differed but little from Dr. Adam's save in declaring that the Assembly did not think it advisable to institute libel against Dr. Dods. The fifth motion, calling on the Assembly to libel Dr. Dods, was moved by Rev. W. Winter and seconded by Rev. M. M'Askill. Thus ended the moving and seconding of the resolutions. The debate which followed was taken part in by Principal Brown, Dr. Baxter, Rev. W. Patrick, Rev. D. Pritchell, Rev. M. Mackenzie, Rev. R. G. Balfour, Major MacLeod and several others. At ten o'clock the voting began. The first vote showed Mr. Lee's motion to have a majority over Mr. Winter's; the second that Mr. Renny's had beaten Mr. Lee's; the third that Mr. Renny had also a larger following than Mr. Howie; and the fourth that Dr. Adam's motion was carried by a majority of eighty-three as against the resolution favoured by Dr. Dods' friends. On the final result being declared at midnight, Mr. Howie read and handed in a formal dissent signed by himself and Mr. McEwan.

MR. D. L. MOODY has announced the following list of summer exercises at his Northfield, Mass., school: June 1-14, Rev. George F. Pentecost, D.D., will speak daily at Stone Hall and Recitation Hall, Mount Hermon, on Wednesdays and Fridays. He will also speak in the Northfield church each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, and the rest of the month, once a day, in the church. June 14, meeting of the Students' Aid Society at Northfield Seminary. Evening, alumni prize debate at Mount Hermon. June 15, in the Northfield church, the annual sermon to the graduating classes of both schools by D. L. Moody. Evening, in Recitation Hall, Mount Hermon, sermon before the Missionary Society and the Young Men's Christian Association, by the Rev. Lyman Whiting. June 16, at Mount Hermon, class day exercises in afternoon, and Allen prize declamations in the evening. June 17, graduating exercises at Mount Hermon. The address will be delivered by Major-General O. O. Howard, U. S. A., who will also deliver his lecture on General Grant. June 18, commencement exercises at Northfield Seminary. Rev. George F. Pentecost, D.D., will deliver the address. June 28 to July 9, college students' summer school; when students from all parts of the world will meet eminent speakers and Bible teachers, such as Rev. Marcus Rainsford, of London; Dr. L. W. Munhall; Rev. George F. Pentecost, D.D.; Prof. L. T. Townsend, D.D., of Boston University; Prof. Revere F. Weidner, D.D.; Major D. W. Whittle and Dr. MacArthur, of New York. The singing will be conducted by Prof. D. B. Townner. The athletic exercises will be in charge of Mr. A. Stagg, of Yale College. July 31 to August 9, eighth general conference for Bible study and equipment for Christian work. Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D., of Boston; Prof. Moorhead, Bishop Newman, D.D.; Major D. W. Whittle, Dr. Marcus Rainsford, of London; Dr. John G. Wooley, Mr. George D. Mackay, of New York, and Rev. Mr. Gumbart, of Boston, will be among the speakers of the occasion. Mr. Ira D. Sankey and Mr. George C. Stebbins will be the leaders of song during the conference. A general cordial invitation is extended to all who desire to enjoy the benefit of these meetings.