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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE members of the Presbyterian Church, Walton, intend erecting a new manse for their pastor.

THE address of the Rev. Roderick Henderson, until October 1st, will be Tiller's Ferry, Kershaw Co., South Carolina.

DOMINION DAY will be celebrated at Granton by a grand temperance pic-nic, the proceedings to close up in the evening with a lecture by Rev. G. M. Milligan, Old St. Andrew's, Toronto, on "Words for the Times."

ON Monday evening, 17th inst., Rev. Mr. Burns, of Knox Church, Perth, was presented with a purse of money by his Bible class. On the following Wednesday Mr. Burns set out for Europe with the view of re-establishing his health after his late illness. He will visit the Paris Exhibition while away.

THE sermons before the General Assembly last Sabbath were preached by Rev. McLean Sinclair, of Halifax, in the morning, and Rev. Wm. Armstrong in the evening—the services being held in the Central Presbyterian Church. The sermons were appropriate to the occasion, and were listened to by large congregations.

THE induction of the Rev. D. B. Whimster into the pastoral charge of English Settlement and Proof Line in the Presbytery of London, is appointed to take place at Proof Line on the 3rd of July, at 11 a.m.—Rev. J. M. Munro to preach; Rev. Dr. Proudfoot to preside and address the minister; and Rev. John Ferguson of Lobo to address the people.

THE Sabbath school breakfast annually held in connection with the Free Church Assembly took place on the 29th ult., in the Free Church College, Glasgow, under the presidency of Mr. Thomas Morrison, rector of the Training College. Among other gentlemen who delivered addresses was Mr. William Dickson, Edinburgh, who reported that in connection with the Free Church schools were 186,979 pupils, placed under the care of 16,937 teachers.

TWO missionaries have recently arrived at the mouth of the Congo from Liverpool, as pioneers of a band to be organized to penetrate the very heart of Africa. One of them, Mr. Strom, is a Dane, of about forty years of age, a linguist, a man of great executive ability, and possessing, with true missionary zeal, great decision of character and practical common sense. Mr. Craven has had much experience in evangelistic work, and by his earnestness and enthusiasm, and his scriptural knowledge, is eminently fitted for so important a mission. These go for a two years' service, equipped with goods to be exchanged in the interior for pro-

visions, and with things needed for their support. A few Christian friends in England are responsible for their support.

ON Wednesday evening, 19th inst., a social and concert were held at Mount Forest under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church. During a short intermission in the programme, Rev. John McMillan, pastor of the congregation, was presented with a purse containing \$100. An address presented at the same time hinted at a five weeks' holiday trip during the heated term, and suggested that the contents of the purse should be devoted to defraying the necessary expenses connected with it.

THE Free Church Assembly closed on the 4th of June. The closing address of the Moderator was characteristically striking and impressive. Dr. A. Bonar's geniality is one of his finest qualities. He mingles no acrimony or austerity with his exalted spirituality, and invariably speaks like a cultivated, kindly, earnest Christian. He happily congratulated the Assembly on the spirit that had pervaded its debates, and the success of its manifold labours. Alluding to the discussion of cases relating to the Word of God, he noticed with satisfaction that all the brethren had professed full belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures and in the doctrines taught in the Confession of Faith. In such a solemn, impressive, and satisfactory way closed the Glasgow Assembly of 1878.

THE news from the Labrador coast is disheartening. Last fall there was a failure of the fisheries, and the traders who used to supply the fishermen with provisions in exchange for fish and oil have abandoned the territory, leaving whole families to live through the winter on fish offal, for crops are impossible on that sterile shore. There have been many deaths from starvation. Of five families, containing forty souls, in one settlement, only five persons survived the winter. Scurvy is epidemic, and the women haunt the shores like spectres, picking up the dead seal, while the men and boys gather sea moss or shell fish. The people have been cut off from the outside world since last September, when they found death staring them in the face, but it was too late to make their wants known, for navigation had closed and they were 200 leagues distant from Quebec without any means of overland communication in winter.

ON the 4th inst. there was read before the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, sitting at Glasgow, a copy of the recent deliverance of the Established Assembly on the subject of Presbyterian Union, sent by Professor Charteris, and accompanied by a short letter from himself. Principal Rainy, in a kindly and courteous speech, moved that this communication should be remitted to the Assembly's Arrangements Committee, who would return to it a suitable answer. Dr. Begg, with special cordiality, seconded Dr. Rainy's motion, and commended the spirit in which it was made. The proposal was unanimously agreed to, and the incident was felt to be more of a singular than of an important character. Exchange of courtesies and good wishes between rival Churches can never do harm, and may even be expected to be useful in various ways. But this communication from the Established to the Free Church, while it may help to mitigate acrimonious feeling, will not do much in the way of removing the obstacles that prevent the

desired union. The grounds of difference, as hitherto understood, are fundamental, and the Established Church cannot and will not satisfy what the Free Church, as a matter of principle, considers her just and lawful claims.

THE annual meeting of the subscribers and friends of the Church of Scotland College for Daughters of Ministers and Professors was held recently in Edinburgh. Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, occupied the chair. The Rev. Dr. Esdaile, Rescobie, read the nineteenth annual report, in which the council stated that during the last twelve months fifty boarders had been maintained, and the classes had been attended by nine day pupils. Last session the expenditure exceeded the income by £121 15s. 7d., and they expected about the same deficit this year. The council wished that a capital of at least £5,000 should be raised. Though in one sense the financial position was not satisfactory, it was much improved since last year by the payment, free of income tax, of a legacy of £1,000 from the late Rev. Alex. Torrence, minister of Glencorse. On the 1st May the treasurer reported to the Finance Committee that the capital of the college amounted to £3,608 1s. 2d. The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said he thought the Church at large was in duty bound to help their ministers, more especially as many of them had shown a desire to help themselves. It was a striking proof of what could be done by co-operation. Captain Kinloch of Gilmerton seconded the adoption of the report. After addresses from several other gentlemen, the proceedings terminated.

THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland commenced its annual deliberations on Monday evening, 3rd inst., in Belfast. There was a large attendance of ministers and elders, and an overflowing assemblage of the general public. The outgoing Moderator, Rev. Geo. Beltis, of Belfast, preached, after which the court was duly constituted. The election of a Moderator was proceeded with, when it appeared that thirteen Presbyteries had nominated Professor Witherow, of Magee College, Londonderry; that seven had nominated Rev. Professor Watts, Assemblies College, Belfast; that two had nominated Rev. William F. Stevenson, of Dublin; two had nominated Rev. Robert Black, of Dublin; one had nominated Rev. Jackson Smyth, of Armagh; one had nominated Rev. Mr. Brick, of Ahoghill; and eleven had nominated nobody. Professor Watts withdrew from the contest, and begged to move the election of Professor Witherow. The Assembly unanimously elected Professor Witherow amid loud applause. The Moderator-elect then ascended the platform and delivered an able address.—On Tuesday a committee was appointed to confer with the deputation from the Free Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian Church of England on the subject of deputations. The Rev. William Park, Convener of the Committee on Statistics, reported that the sum total raised for all purposes by the congregations during the year was £154,953, by far the largest total ever reached, and more than £12,000 in advance of last year. The average contribution of each family is less than £2 a year, or exactly 9d. a week; or of each communicant less than 30s. a year, or 6½d. a week for all religious purposes. The report was adopted. Reports were also submitted and adopted on the State of Religion, Sabbath Observance, and Temperance.