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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE congregation of Dover and Oliver sections have given a cordial and unanimous call to Mr. Donald Currie, preacher of the gospel.

REV. G. M. MILLIGAN lectures on October 18th at Napanee before the Teachers' Association of Lennox and Addington, on "The Moral Aspects of Secular Education."

A SUBSCRIPTION at Liverpool in aid of the fund for relieving distress from yellow fever at New Orleans has resulted in \$12,000 being collected, which has been remitted to New Orleans.

DR. BENJAMIN WORKMAN, for many years superintendent of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, died at Uxbridge, last week, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. His remains were removed to Montreal for interment.

A STATEMENT from one of its ministers shows that the Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church, not generally known to exist until recently, has two Synods and twelve Presbyteries, with 101 ministers, 82 licentiates, 170 candidates, and 30,000 communicants.

REV. W. S. RAINSFORD arrived in this city on Wednesday. We suppose he now enters upon his duties as Assistant Minister of St. James' Cathedral. His evangelistic labors in the cities of the United States have been highly spoken of by the American religious press.

THE American Board has received a letter from Robert Arthington, of Leeds, urging it to undertake a mission in Africa, as proposed by Major Malan. Mr. Arthington is the gentleman who has given upward of \$55,000 to the Central African enterprises of the Church, the London, and the Baptist Missionary Societies, and he now offers \$5,000 to the American Board toward the establishment of its proposed mission.

A MEMORIAL, signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Gibraltar, and a large number of the members of the Church of England Temperance Society, has been forwarded to Sir Garnet Wolseley, asking him to prevent the extension of the number of drinking-houses in the Island of Cyprus. It is urged that English influence and civilization ought not to carry with them so serious a blot and drawback as the inducement afforded by such places to habits of intemperance.

THE Cincinnati papers mention an unusual case of

the voluntary sacrifice of property to stop the yellow fever contagion on the Upper Ohio. One Captain Porter brought the disease up by his barges. Cautioned by the health officers that his best boat (costing \$8,000) was a pest, he promptly burned it, setting the craft on fire with his own hands. The Cincinnati physicians publicly call attention to this act as one "deserving the gratitude of the people of the Mississippi Valley."

A CROWDED and enthusiastic meeting of temperance reformers was held on Tuesday night, 10th ult., in the Music Hall, Edinburgh, under the presidency of Mr. Duncan M'Laren, M.P., at which addresses were delivered by the Rev. Canon Wilberforce and Mr. Sullivan, M.P., and resolutions unanimously adopted expressing satisfaction with the rapid growth of public opinion in favour of local control of the drink traffic, and pledging those present to persistent and united efforts in favour of the Permissive Bill.

THE "Church Missionary Intelligencer" for September publishes two large maps of the explorations of Lieut. Smith and Mr. O'Neill on the Victoria Nyanza. By the photographic process exact copies are given of the drawings made by Mr. O'Neill, under Lieut. Smith's instructions. It also publishes in full the journals of Prof. Smith while engaged in these explorations. The Rev. Mr. Wilson writes from Mtesa's capital in Uganda that the king expressed great satisfaction at his return and sent him a good supply of food.

SOME negotiations have taken place regarding a union of the two Reformed Presbyterian Churches in the United States, but the following deliverance adopted by one of the Synods at its recent meeting shows that such union must now be regarded as indefinitely postponed: "After a frank, earnest and friendly conference, it was agreed that there was not at present any special encouragement to take steps in the direction of attempting to heal the breach between these two branches of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; and, while it was agreed that we should foster in all proper ways friendly, fraternal feelings, that it was not advisable to continue the conference further."

THE English Congregational Union will hold its Autumnal session this year at Liverpool, England, beginning on the 14th of October. Of this meeting the New York "Church Union" says: "The same interest which attached to the Spring meeting, on account of the resolutions then offered affirming the evangelical character of the Union, will scarcely be felt at this time, and yet the topics to be discussed are not unimportant. Mr. Baldwin Brown's presidential address is anticipated with a good deal of interest; and the resolutions to be offered upon the strengthening of a healthy denominational sentiment, and upon calling a conference of representatives of free churches, will no doubt excite considerable attention."

A SPECIAL telegram to the London "Daily News" from Rome says: "A third Baptist meeting house will shortly be constructed in the Frastevere. Its pastor is the Rev. Alessandro Petocchi, who has been for two years a labourer in that field. There are now nine different evangelical bodies in Rome—namely, the Waldensians, the Wesleyans, the Methodists, the Episcopal Methodists, the Free Church, the Presby-

terians, the Plymouth Brethren, the American Baptists, and the Apostolic Baptists, numbering 700 Italian adherents in all. The Waldensians have purchased a site for a new church in the Piazza Dei Santi Apostole, and the American Baptists are at this moment building a place of worship near the Peatro Della Valle which will be opened next month.

SEVERAL of our American exchanges express the opinion that the universal demand for young ministers, in preference to those of maturer years, has reached its highest point, and that a re-action has now set in. Over this change the "Methodist Protestant" rejoices as follows: "The gosling mania is about over. The mushroom dispensation nears an inglorious termination. There are hopeful signs of a millennium. For only think of it! Old ministers approaching sixty have actually been called by prominent congregations, one to a Baptist Church in Albany, one to a Reformed Church in New York, and another to a Presbyterian Church in Troy. And as if to emphasize the significant tendency, a minister of nearly four score years of age was called, the other day, to a church in Allegheny City. There is hope of the kingdom. We speak soberly."

THE Sustentation Fund Committee of the English Presbyterian Church have just issued a special appeal. Last quarter the committee felt it their duty to pay once more an equal dividend at the rate of £200 per annum. This, however, could not be done without borrowing, leaving the fund in debt at the end of the half year to the large amount of £1,600, and the attention of the whole Church is drawn to this grave fact. An effort is now being made to raise a reserve fund of at least £2,000, which is meeting with hearty response. The committee say they cannot believe that after having sustained an equal dividend for two years at £200 per annum, and in the presence of the fact that both the sister Churches in Scotland have virtually reached the same point, the Church in England is prepared to revert to a lower figure. Neither can they believe that a Church, reported to have last year raised £228,727, can experience any insuperable difficulty in raising the additional £3,000 necessary to secure the equal dividend of £200.

THE Free Presbytery of Aberdeen, at a special meeting held on Sept. 13th, proceeded with the trial of Professor Robertson Smith upon the libel as amended by the General Assembly. After much time had been spent in settling preliminaries and listening to a protest from Professor Smith, the Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the first particular under the second general charge, which had reference to Professor Smith's alleged mis-statements regarding the Aaronic priesthood. After a long and acrimonious discussion, Professor Salmon's motion, finding the particular not relevant, was carried by a majority of twenty-six to seventeen. At the evening sederunt by a majority of twenty-six to nine it was resolved not to deal with the second particular (that on Deuteronomy), which had been found relevant by the General Assembly. The third particular, having reference to Prof. Smith's views on inspiration; and the fourth, under which he is charged with imputing a fictitious character to certain books of Scripture, were both found irrelevant by large majorities. Appeals were taken against these decisions, and the further consideration of the charge was adjourned.