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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

WE are requested to say that the Rev. J. W. Handford, of this city, will (D.V.) deliver his celebrated lecture on Martin Luther, at Oakville, on Friday, 10th Jan. next. Proceeds in aid of the Manse Fund.

THE American and Scottish Presbyterian and the American Reformed Churches have formed a union in Japan, and combine their theological schools in a seminary at Tokio. A building for the seminary, to cost \$3,000, is to be erected.

TOWARDS the close of the term the pupils of Weston High School had a highly successful social and literary entertainment, at which the Principal, E. Wallace, B.A., was made the recipient of a congratulatory address and a copy of "Chambers' Encyclopedia."

THE Rev. Mr. Andrew, Presbyterian missionary of Muskoka, has been canvassing the congregations in the Lindsay Presbytery for the erection of a church at Huntsville. Taking circumstances into consideration he succeeded very well. He speaks in very high terms of that part of the country around Huntsville.

THE Roman Catholic journals of Mexico are very violent against Diaz, and urge war with the United States. A Journal called the *Bandera Nacional* denounces the Americans as enemies of God. The toleration of Protestantism by President Diaz is considered the highest of crimes by the Romanists.

It is said that Dean Stanley will shortly publish a pamphlet containing his opinions on the Disestablishment question in Scotland. He thinks that the Church in the Highlands should be disestablished and disendowed, and that a royal commission should be appointed to inquire into the circumstances of Scottish Churches generally.

WE notice that there is an article on "The Shorter Catechism" going the rounds of the American Religious press, credited to the "Earnest Worker." The article in question first saw the light in our editorial columns on 7th September last. The "Earnest Worker" must, we hope inadvertently, have taken it without giving due credit.

THE annual missionary meeting of the East Puslinch congregation was held in Duff's church last Monday night. The pastor, Rev. Alexander McKay, D.D., presided. Addresses were given by Rev. D. D. McLeod, Rev. R. Bentley, Rev. W. Masson, Mr. J. Dalgleish of Galt, and James McLean, Esq., merchant at Aberfoyle. There was a large attendance and a good collection for Foreign Missions.

THE leading French newspapers congratulate the country on the satisfactory solution of the recent difficulty, and seem satisfied with the composition of the new ministry. The clerical journals, however, are loud in their denunciation of the new arrangements. They affirm that "insurrection has triumphed"; and the fact that a Protestant holds office in the administration adds an element of bitterness to their hostility which it would not otherwise have possessed.

THE Rev. G. M. Milligan, M.A., of this city, lectured at Strathroy recently on "What the Sun-beams Say." The "Dispatch" gives an outline of the lecture, and adds:—"It was in the filling up of the frame-work that the power of the lecturer was displayed; and those who heard him enjoyed a rare treat. The audience was delighted and instructed for about an hour with a perfect avalanche of wit, humor, apt illustrations and sound deductions." Our London readers will have an opportunity (D.V.) of listening to Mr. Milligan, on the same subject, on the evening of the 28th inst., in St. Andrew's Church.

ANOTHER case of ultra-ritualism in the English Church will probably come before the law courts shortly. Rev. A. H. Mackonochie, already known to fame in connection with such matters, refuses to remove from his church (St. Alban's, Holborn) a picture of the Virgin Mary and a large crucifix, lately introduced. The Bishop of London wrote to Mackonochie requesting him to have the objectionable articles removed; but he declines to do so. The correspondence between them appears in the "Times," and in his last communication, the contumacious incumbent expresses his determination to abide whatever consequences may arise from his disobedience.

A SOCIETY called "The Sabbath Alliance of Philadelphia" has recently been organized in that city. Its object is "to awaken a deeper interest in the Sabbath; to instruct more fully the public, by means of addresses, tracts, books, etc., in relation to its nature and binding obligation; to seek to enforce existing laws of the State forbidding its violation, and if necessary to secure additional legislation for its further protection." All members of Christian churches, in the city and State without reference to denominational distinctions, are eligible to membership in this association. No doubt the need of such an organization was felt during the late contest with the managers of the Permanent Exhibition. We hope that it will be found useful, and that similar associations will be organized in other places, for unfortunately the need of them is not confined to Philadelphia.

A PUBLIC meeting of the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society, was held in the Convocation Hall of the College, on the evening of Friday the 14th inst., presided over by Rev. Professor Gregg, M.A. An essay by Mr. J. C. Tibb, B.A., on "The Covenanters," and a reading entitled, "The Deluge," by Mr. Angus McKay, were well received. The College Club then relieved the proceedings by rendering "Winds gently Whisper" in good style, and a debate followed on the question, "Does a Republican System of Government tend to foster communism and infidelity?" Messrs. John Johnstone and A. B. Baird, B.A., maintained the affirmative side of the question, and the negative was taken by Messrs. David Ross, M.A., and W. A. Hunter, B.A. The debating power of the disputants was frequently applauded by an intelligent

and attentive audience. After singing the doxology the meeting was closed with the benediction.

THE first social re-union of the season in connection with the Gould street Church Band of "Hopeful Gleaners" was held at the residence of Mr. John Y. Reid, Pembroke street, on the evening of last Friday, and was a most agreeable gathering. An attractive programme, made up of songs, readings, and piano solos, having been exhausted, a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Reid (who, by the way, spared no efforts to make the evening a pleasant one to those assembled in their comfortable parlors) brought the proceedings to a close. Such meetings are calculated to be useful in more ways than one. Not only is the treasury of Mission Bands replenished, but members of the same church are brought together to an extent unattainable in almost any other way.

THE Woodbridge Congregation, organized about two years and eight months ago, have the near prospect of entering a neat, substantial brick church, which has been erected during the past summer. The Church will be dedicated next Sabbath, the 23rd inst., when services will be conducted by Rev. Principal Caven, Rev. J. M. Cameron, Toronto, and Rev. W. Aitken, of Vaughan. On the following Monday evening, the 24th, there will be a Social Meeting. Addresses will be delivered by several well known ministers. The Choir of Gould Street Church, Toronto, has kindly promised to be present. Arrangements have been made with the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway to run a special train. Regular train leaves Union Station, at 3.45 p.m. Special leaves Woodbridge at 10.30 p.m., for Toronto. Tickets to Woodbridge and return, 75 cents.

REV. K. JUNOR, who was lately appointed as a missionary of our Church to the island of Formosa, and who has in the past been laboring in Bermuda, preached in Cote Street Church, Montreal, last Sabbath. He said there were three missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa; of these Dr. Fraser, who went out two years ago, was obliged to return on account of the loss of his wife. Rev. Mr. McKay went out six years ago, and already there were twelve churches there. More help was required. So great was the population of the Chinese empire to which Formosa belonged that if the Chinese were proportionately distributed over the whole world one in every three of the world's population would be a Chinaman, and yet in China there was but one Christian missionary to each million of people. The Island of Formosa contained three millions of people. The missionaries there itinerated among the villages, preaching the gospel and teaching the young. There were two races on the island, the aborigines on the west, a treacherous and somewhat barbarous people, and the Chinese on the east, hard-working and peaceable. The attempt of the English Presbyterian Church to establish a mission among the former was unsuccessful, but Rev. Mr. McKay landed in an unknown part of the island without a knowledge of the language, and had secured glorious results. A large hospital was established in connection with the Mission, in which nearly four thousand patients had been annually treated, and patients on leaving it went to their distant homes telling of what they had seen and heard, and what had been done for them. He asked them to remember the mission in their prayers and contributions.