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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

REV. DR. TAYLOR has been appointed to the chair of Church History in the University of Edinburgh.

THE health of the Rev. Dr. Duff is such that he has been ordered by his medical adviser to spend the winter in the south of Europe.

THE New York Bible Society distributed during the month of October 4,371 Bibles and Testaments among 3,717 families and 265 vessels.

POMARE IV., Queen of the Society Islands, died on the 15th of September. On the 24th of the same month Arilane, her eldest son, was proclaimed king.

THE intelligence comes from Winnipeg of the safe arrival there of the Rev. W. R. ROSS, late of Pickering, recently appointed to the Boyne and Pembina Mountain Mission.

ANOTHER breach has occurred in the missionary ranks. Rev. T. L. Wells, B.A., a missionary of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, died of fever at Surat in Western India on the 30th of September.

A TELEGRAM from Madrid states that a ministerial circular is shortly to be issued, conceding in accordance with the Constitution, a "large and comprehensive toleration of dissenting religions." Promises are good; performance is better.

THE recent complaints about the forcible baptism of Protestant children at a provincial town in Spain were echoed from so many quarters that the thing became unpleasant to the Government; so the parties who had been engaged in the shameful proceeding had a Royal rebuke administered to them and were told that they must not do it again.

IN a recent note Dr. Nichol, of Brantford, who is an active and intelligent Sabbath School worker, speaks in high terms of the Sabbath School Lesson regularly published in THE PRESBYTERIAN, and expresses the hope that so valuable a help to teachers and scholars will be continued in the future.

THE American Bible Society sends out a circular signed by the secretary and assistant treasurer, cautioning the Churches against the doings of the American Bible Union, whose agents it is alleged, are industriously soliciting subscriptions for the circulation of a denominational version of the Bible, and receiv-

ing moneys which the donors have supposed would reach the treasury of the American Bible Society.

OUR friend the *British American Presbyterian* comes to us this week as the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, greatly improved in appearance, and admirably filled with editorial and other matter. We congratulate our fellow-worker on its very handsome face and form, and wish it a long and prosperous career.—*Halifax Pres. Witness.*

AFTER the closing of a magistrate's court at Chatsworth, at which a number of persons had been convicted for the unlawful sale of liquor, about fifty rowdies attacked the County Attorney, the License Inspector, and a whiskey detective. The officials were stoned and beaten. We trust that those whose duty it is to enforce the laws will be properly supported in the performance of that duty, and that signal examples will be made of all who are found opposing them.

OUR contemporary, the *British American Presbyterian*, appears this week in a new dress and in an enlarged form. Its name also has been changed to CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, which is much more simple, as well as appropriate; and it is now a sixteen instead of an eight page journal. Altogether the paper presents a handsome appearance, and is much improved in other respects, which must render it increasingly attractive to its numerous readers.—*Christian Guardian.*

MUCH valuable time is wasted, and a good deal of annoyance is caused to ourselves and friends, by an apparently trifling neglect on the part of subscribers. It often happens that a subscriber remits, and dates his letter from the township in which he lives, or he wishes to discontinue taking the paper and refuses it at the post office, from whence it is returned to us, perhaps without a name, and generally without any post mark to indicate the residence of the person refusing it. It is impossible for us to look over a list containing between 6,000 and 7,000 names, and so in such cases, the money can't be credited, nor can the paper be discontinued. In every case the post office should be distinctly written. If subscribers act on the suggestions offered in notes to correspondents at head of editorial page, mistakes will be less frequent, and a fruitful source of trouble will at once disappear.

THE Free Presbytery of Aberdeen (Scotland) met on the 23rd ult. to renew the consideration of the libel against Professor W. Robertson Smith. A motion was proposed approving of the draft libel so far as to employ it for raising the questions of relevancy that may be involved in the case, but referring to the ensuing meeting of the Committee of Assembly for advice as to whether they should submit the draft to the legal adviser for revision before or after sending a copy of it to Prof. Smith. In amendment it was proposed "That the Presbytery, before consulting the legal adviser with reference to the libel, have further opportunity of considering the draft libel generally, and especially whether it covers the entire ground of the case, and for this purpose to meet *in hunc effectum* on Wednesday the 31st inst." The amendment was carried by a vote of twenty-one to fifteen.

THE publication of the SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN will be continued during the coming year. Orders for the next volume should be forwarded as

as early as possible; and any notice to have the paper discontinued should be in our hands by the 10th of December. In a number of union schools it was felt that it would be scarcely right to introduce the SABBATH SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN. To meet such cases we have commenced the publication of another monthly periodical called GOLDEN HOURS FOR THE YOUNG. In noticing it, the *Hamilton Daily Times* is pleased to say: "It is a non-denominational Sabbath School paper, and much more suitable for Canadian use than the American or English publications of a similar character. The reading matter is varied and well-chosen. It is printed on fine paper, in clear type, with beautiful and appropriate illustrations." Specimen copies sent to any address on application. All orders for either paper should be sent to the publisher, No. 5 Jordan St., Toronto.

THE well-informed Toronto correspondent of the *London Advertiser* recently paid a merited compliment to the Hon. ADAM CROOKS in the following terms:—"The minister of education has more than justified his appointment to his honorable office. Should he remain in the position long enough, I have no doubt that he will have the educational system more completely harmonized than his predecessor ever thought of making it. He is a great worker as well as an intelligent and cautious administrator, having a thorough mastery over details as well as a good grasp of principles. I do not propose at present to go into a detailed account of what he has done or of the work which still lies before him, but the public may rest assured that there is not in the present-Ontario Assembly a single member on either side so competent to fill the position with advantage to the country and credit to himself as Mr. Crooks."

A FEW days ago we had the pleasure of a visit from Rev. J. I. Hillocks, the founder and general superintendent of "The Christian Union for Christian Work," an institution which has been in operation for some years in London, (Eng.) with good results. Mr. Hillocks is now on a visit to this country, having crossed the Atlantic for the purpose of regaining his health, which by years of over-work has been impaired. In the years gone by, he has devoted his time, his means, and his strength to evangelistic work. The English religious journals speak in the most favorable terms of his character, abilities, and work, and now that his health is sufficiently restored to enable him to speak on behalf of the institution he has founded and sustained, we hope he will meet with a cordial reception from his fellow Christian workers in Canada. During his stay here he will be open to engagements to deliver lectures on London, London Life, Mission Work, Temperance, Social Life, and kindred topics, and to supply vacant pulpits and give evangelistic addresses. By a notice in our last issue it would be seen that Mr. Hillocks made an admirable speech at the meeting of the Galt Knox Church Temperance Association, on the 30th ult. He has also spoken at Brantford, Hamilton and Guelph, and is now in Toronto taking part in the Y.M.C.A. special evangelistic services, now being held in Shaftesbury Hall. According to arrangements, he leaves this week for Galt, London, Ingersoll, and other towns; but we learn that in compliance with several invitations, he means to return to Toronto early in December, and spend that month in the city and neighborhood. We are glad to add that God has been owning and blessing his labours on this as well as on the other side of the Atlantic.