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## Notes of the Week.

NEGOTIATIONS between the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church and the Eastern Reformed Synod are still progressing. At a recent meeting of Committee hopes were expressed that before the expiration of 1892 union will be an accomplished fact. Union with the Irish Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland has also been mooted.

THIRTY thousand hymns, by over 5,000 authors, in nearly 200 languages, are noticed in the monumental "Dictionary of Hymnology," edited by Rev. John Julian, Vicar of Wincobank, Sheffield. Mr. Julian has devoted twenty-one years of study to the work, and in the course of his labours has, with his assistant, visited most of the great libraries of Europe, and consulted some 10,000 MSS. The work has just been published in a mighty volume of 1,616 pages.

AT Arbroath recently the Presbytery of Brechin met in conference the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Arbroath, when arrangements were made for joint Foreign Mission meetings in these towns in spring. The Church's relation to the young men was discussed, the need of work among them not only by ministers but by office-bearers being emphasized. The next conference will take place in April, when the question of the children will be dealt with.

A CURIOUS movement among the foreign Jews in London has been brought to light by the *Anti-Jacobin*. The foreign Jews, it appears, refuse to have any dealings with English-born Jews. They keep themselves religiously apart from the English Jews; they will not eat flesh meat prepared by the slaughterman appointed by the English Chief Rabbi; nor will they buy food from English licensed butchers. Thus it appears there is growing up in the East End of London a distinctly foreign community.

MR. C. MICHIE, B.Sc. (a brother to Dr. Robertson Smith), Professor in the Christian College, Madras, has for some time been engaged on behalf of the Government in scientific work, the continuance of which necessitates temporary assistance in his ordinary professional duties. Mr. Alex. Moffat, Edinburgh, has been appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee of the Free Church of Scotland to take up the work. Mr. Moffat obtained the M.A. degree with first-class honours in mathematics at Edinburgh University, where he subsequently graduated B.Sc. He has all but completed his theological course at the New College.

THE Glasgow Home Mission Union, of which Dr. Marshall Lang is president, has just issued a paper describing its work. The General Council has revived the old territorial scheme of Dr. Chalmers, and applied it to present needs. During the six years of the Union's work, 25,952 persons have been led to attend Church services through its agency. All of these were of the class that had either lapsed from, or never had any Church connection. The city has been divided into five sections, and each congregation has its own district, over-lapping being thus prevented. A special appeal is made for qualified workers to visit non-church-goers at their homes. Over 5,000 persons have been added to church-membership.

A MEETING was held recently in the Free Assembly Hall, Edinburgh, to protest against the opium

traffic in India and China. There was a good attendance. Surgeon-Major Pringle, of the Indian Medical Service, in an interesting speech, said that in malarious districts of India the temperature falls rapidly in the evening. This causes fever, accompanied by rheumatic pains. To get a good night's rest the people take opium. The supporters of the opium traffic declared that opium was a febrifuge. This, he said, was not true; the people only took it to ease pain and bring rest. Mr. Cheong, superintendent of missions to the Chinese at Melbourne, and Miss Soonderbai Powar, of Bombay, both of whom appeared in native costume, described the evils of the trade in their respective countries. Several of the speakers said that the argument of those who defended the opium traffic, put briefly, was: "We admit that this is an evil thing, but we can't afford to put a stop to it."

GENERAL BOOTH, in his tour of New Zealand, at every stage of his journey was most enthusiastically received. At Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin he has held crowded meetings, and at each of these cities not only members of the Army, but all classes of the community united to do him honour. Generally speaking, the interest for New Zealanders centres rather in the man than in his mission, but his scheme has on the whole been very favourably received. The Governor of the colony, Lord Onslow, at his Christchurch meeting, moved a resolution expressing warm sympathy with the enterprise and earnest hope for its success; and the Premier, the Hon. Mr. Ballance, has promised on behalf of the Government to afford every facility in his power for a fair trial of the scheme in New Zealand. The General expresses himself as highly pleased with the country, and is of opinion that, but for its great distance from England, New Zealand would offer a most suitable field for the inauguration of his scheme.

WHEN a long and honored life is ended chastened feelings of regret and sorrow are entertained; when a young life is prematurely quenched in death the sadness and sorrow are all the more poignant because of the unfulfilled possibilities that end with the young life. The removal by death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale in his twenty-eighth year has called forth a most remarkable manifestation of popular sorrow for the loss and of sympathy for the bereaved parents and relatives. The loftiest homes in the British Empire have been darkened by bereavement, and all ranks, from the highest to the humblest, have been swept by a wave of sympathy. All this is very human and shows how the common heart of humanity is touched by the great facts of life and death. Life in its brightest guise was opening up before the young man, who was heir-presumptive to the British throne. It was fondly anticipated that soon the Empire would resound with the merry peal of the wedding-bells; instead, they will toll the sad requiem of a young life whose light has gone out in early morning.

THE ablest and most conspicuous defender of the Papacy in England has passed away in the person of Cardinal Manning. He was born in 1808, and was educated at Harrow and Baliol College, Oxford. He rose to preferment in the Anglican Church, and became one of the band of eminent men who gave force and vitality to the Tractarian movement. Like Newman, he found his way into the Roman Catholic Church, where his new-born zeal and devotion and his great abilities were warmly recognized, till, after successive advancements, he was raised to the Cardinalate in 1875. Dr. Manning took an active part in the Vatican Council in 1870, and was prepared to advocate and defend the ultramontaine views that have for the last twenty years dominated the policy of the Vatican. Cardinal Manning was a voluminous writer, and many works of a controversial character have flowed from his pen in recent years. He was a strong supporter of the temperance movement, and took an active interest in the labour problems of the day. In the ranks of English Catholicism he has not left his equal behind him.