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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

STATISTICS show that the Presbyterian Church is having a remarkable growth in the South of England.

THE American Board has recently sent out nineteen missionaries to its fields in Turkey, India, Japan and China, ten of whom return to their stations.

It is said to the credit of the Chinese, that of 40,000 employed on Public works in California not six have been discharged for intoxication or any other cause.

IN view of the recent Romish disturbances in Dundee, Scotland, a meeting of Protestants has been held, when it was resolved to take steps to maintain "liberty of speech."

SINCE the stoppage of the City of Glasgow Bank, in October last, 516 bankrupts in Scotland have been awarded sequestration. That is how the innocent suffer with the guilty in this world.

CORRECTION.—In "Reminiscences of Fifty Years on the Ottawa," published in last week's PRESBYTERIAN, the Rev. Wm. Dowie should read Durie, who was the third minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

It is stated that no translation of the whole of the Bible exists in the Zulu language. The book of Genesis was translated by the Bishop of Natal into Zulu in 1864, portions of the Psalms in 1860, and the New Testament in 1866.

THE Presbyterian Church is now represented in Utah by 10 ministers, against 2 four years ago. There are 8 organized churches, and 800 Mormon children are in the day schools and 900 in the Sunday schools, supported by the Presbytery.

It is gratifying to be able to contradict the report of the death of Mr. John Moore in South Africa. His brother—Rev. W. Moore, of Ottawa—has a letter from him, dated 8th March, or a week after the date of the letter which conveyed the intelligence of his death.

TENNYSON's brother, Charles, who shared the honors of the laureate's first volume, "Poems by two

Brothers," is very ill. Several years ago he inherited an estate, which obliged him to change his name to Turner. Occasionally his sonnets have appeared on this side of the Atlantic, in the "International Review."

IN the German Baptist Union, comprising Germany, Austria, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, Poland, Russia, Turkey and Africa, there are now 124 churches, 1,479 members, 1,371 preaching stations, 546 Sunday school teachers, and 7,280 scholars. The union has sixteen preaching stations, with nearly five hundred members, at Port Natal, South Africa.

"IN the very heart of Japan," says the Rev. W. Fleming Stevenson, "in a city where ten years ago foreigners could only be smuggled in by stealth, I listened to sermons preached by native ministers to large native congregations, and found them so scriptural, thoughtful and eloquent, as to place them on a level with our best sermons at home."

WE direct the attention of students to the Knox College scholarships as advertised in this issue. For the sake of completeness the calendar is not to be published until after the meeting of the General Assembly. Correspondence with the Board of Examiners is to be addressed to Principal Caven instead of Rev. J. M. King during the absence of the latter for a few months.

THE power of Christian character shining forth from the face, form, and through the speech and bearing of a Christian man is finely illustrated in the following incident: "An Afghan once spent an hour in the company of Dr. William Marsh of England. When he heard that Dr. Marsh was dead he said: 'His religion shall now be my religion; his God shall be my God; for I must go where he is and see his face again.'"

THE ladies of Caven Presbyterian Church, Exeter, have organized a branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The officers elected are: President, Mrs. Hartley; Treasurer, Mrs. Samwell; Secretary, Mrs. Cowen; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Bawden; 2nd Vice-President, Miss McLeod; Assistant Secretary, Miss Kerr. The first regular meeting was held on Tuesday of last week, at the residence of the Rev. A. Y. Hartley.

WHO is responsible for that brutal prize-fight which took place at Long Point on the 8th of this month? Is it true that a Canadian public official permitted one of the pugilists to use his residence as "headquarters"—that residence being government property? Will any investigation be made into this matter, and will the official referred to be summarily dealt with should he be found guilty? It is an outrage on decency that the fight was permitted. There is no doubt that it could have been hindered with a little care.

THE Rev. C. M. Howard, evangelist, has been holding meetings in Chatham, Pittsylvania Co., Va., for several weeks, preaching every night regardless of weather. Says a writer in the "Central Presbyterian": "At all these meetings he has had a large attendance, and the most quiet, solemn and attentive audiences. His preaching is plain, clear and convincing, without display or effort to excite. The effect of his work is remarkable. Many have made profession of con-

version, and a deep impression has been made on all Christians."

ACTIVE steps are taking for the formation of a Female Missionary Association to be connected with the English Presbyterian Church, having for its object the Christian education of the women of China. The Regent Square congregation, London (Dr. Oswald Dykes, pastor), have been the first to form a branch society in connection with the new association. During the last three years a number of the ladies of this congregation have contributed nearly \$500 a year toward the support of a boarding-school for women in Amoy.

IT is said that most of the subsidy given by the city of Paris to the Reformed Churches within its limits will be withdrawn, and that the churches in the future will have to depend upon their own resources. In all, the city has been giving them about 100,000 francs, of which 30,000 went toward the support of Protestant schools. The Evangelicals are alarmed at the proposals of the minister of public worship to put M. Viguie, a Rationalist, in the chair of exegesis of the Paris Protestant Faculty of Theology.

THE pioneer Presbyterian settlers between Otter-Tail and Desert Lakes, Plummer Township, Algoma, are engaged in building a church. The people have been in their new home less than two years. In that time they have seen but one Presbyterian minister, and him they saw but once. It is gratifying to learn that this section will be visited occasionally through the summer by Mr. Meldrum, Knox College Missionary to St. Joseph Island. Our Church should not forget people who are so anxious to have the means of grace and so willing to help themselves.

FROM the report of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, read at the annual meeting held recently, it appears that the congregation is holding its own numerically and in a prosperous condition in other respects. The schedule system is used for the purpose of securing contributions to the schemes of the Church, and with marked success, about \$1,000 having been contributed and apportioned as follows: Home Missions, \$350; Lumbermen's Mission, \$50; Foreign Missions, \$200; French Evangelization, \$150; College Fund, \$100; Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$100; Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, \$50. The sum of \$405.99, collected by the Ladies' Poor Relief Committee, was expended in relieving the wants of the poor and needy in connection with the congregation. The total contributions for all purposes amounted to \$8,649.27.

STANDARD New England has been shocked by that Freeman tragedy in Pecosset, Massachusetts. Charles F. Freeman is a Second Adventist, and has been greatly excited of late through attending revival meetings. On the 2nd of May, he took the life of his little daughter, five years old, in obedience, as he said, to a revelation from God. It seems that he expected that the child would be raised from the dead. And what is marvellous, he found those who commended the murder and shared in his anticipation. What will not religious fanaticism do? There is great danger when uneducated, superstitious minds are subjected to strong emotional excitement. Excesses of some sort will inevitably appear then. "Teach as well as arouse," should be the motto of every Christian labourer.