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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M.A., of Norwood, conducted the services in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto, last Sabbath.

FIVE additional elders have been nominated for the congregation of Knox Church, Ayr, three of whom have signified their acceptance of the trust and will be ordained on the 27th inst., viz.: Mr. David Goldie, Mr. John Edgar and Mr. David Brown.

AT a recent meeting of the Edinburgh U. P. Presbytery a motion was made to petition against the Irish University Bill. It was moved in amendment that the Presbytery should not interfere so much in political matters, but the motion was carried by a large majority.

WE beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums for the Canadian Children's Cot in the Toronto Hospital. F. G. Macdonald, Bellevue, Gananoque, \$1.00; Madgie McKellar, Windsor, \$1.00—"the amount of her savings just now, but which she hopes will not be her last contribution."

AMONG the Guilds formed in the Ritualistic churches in England one condition of membership is that the member shall give a pledge never to enter a Dissenting place of worship. How different from a good Episcopal divine, who was wont to offer a prayer for a blessing on every church of Christ, of whatever name, which he passed.

THE Aberdeen Free Presbytery met on Tuesday, 29th ult., in accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly, and resumed consideration of the case of Professor Robertson Smith. The meeting was a somewhat stormy one, but it ended by the Presbytery implementing the instructions of the Assembly to serve the libel on Professor Smith. Several protests were taken in the course of the proceedings, including one by Professor Smith, who had lodged a plea in law to the effect that, as the libel had been amended, he was entitled to be heard on the relevancy before it was served. The Presbytery have fixed a day in September for again going into the case.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—I beg leave to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt, per A. McKay, of the following sums in aid of the Presbyterian Church at Manitowaning in Manitoulin Island. Listowell, \$6.60; Zorra, \$18.55; Nissouri, D. McKay, \$5; minor sums, \$8.50; Total, \$13.50. Thamesford, J. McKay, \$5;

St. Catharines, Mrs. R. Lawrie, \$7; J. D. Tait, \$5; minor sums, \$19; Total, \$31; Thorold, \$12.—B. JONES, Treasurer.

Manitowaning, July 18th, 1879.

AN original copy of the "Solemn League and Covenant" has recently been found in the possession of an intending emigrant who was in need of money to buy his outfit and had nothing left which he could dispose of but this ancient and interesting document, which had been given to him by his grandfather. He brought it to the Rev. T. Somerville of Blackfriars Parish Church, Glasgow, who submitted it to the Librarian of the Advocates' Library. This gentleman pronounced the document genuine, and the poor emigrant was speedily relieved from his pecuniary difficulties. On further examination it turned out to be the copy signed in the West Church, Edinburgh, and to contain the signatures of several persons well known in history.

THE Baptist pastors of New York, at a recent conference, considered the question: "Is it right for a member of the Church to be a bookkeeper in a wholesale liquor store?" Dr. Swan, of Newark, knew of a man who was offered such a position, and who, if he took it, would be able to give a good deal more for his church and missionary objects. He, however, believed that a bookkeeper to a rumrunner must be a yoke-fellow of the devil. Dr. W. H. Miller thought that if it was wrong to serve in a wholesale liquor house, others might ask about tobacco; a large number of the Connecticut churches were supported by tobacco. Dr. Elder thought that if a man had any scruples himself, that was enough.

THE "Fenelon Falls Gazette" has the following sensible remarks on the excessive fuss made over Hanlan. "The champion has acquired fame and fortune, to which a valuable homestead is likely to be added, and we begrudge him neither the one nor the other; but it is disparaging to the intelligence of a people to squander upon a simple athlete laudations and ovations which may have been well enough in the dark ages, but which in the light of the present day appear out of place and ludicrous. Still, old as the world is, and much as we boast of our civilization, and superiority over our barbarian ancestors, there is yet a lingering tendency in the masses to exalt muscle over mind and to think more of physical than intellectual achievements; but it is the duty of every thinking man, and notably of the Press, to discourage rather than foster this tendency."

A PAMPHLET containing a "Historical Account of the Church of Scotland Mission at Madras," Southern India, prepared by the Rev. Andrew Dowsley, B.A., for the South India Missionary Conference, has been kindly forwarded to us by the author. This mission was originated by a number of gentlemen belonging to St. Andrew's Church, Madras, who in the year 1835 formed themselves into a Committee "for the establishment of a school for native education." Since that time this modest undertaking has grown into an important and most useful organization, not only educational, but pastoral and evangelistic, including three missionaries, three native ministers, one licentiate, four catechists, and two Christian agents, besides eighty teachers, male and female (many of the latter being engaged in evangelistic work in the way of Zenana visitation) with ten schools attended by 1,276

scholars. The number of native Christians is 318, and the number of communicants 164. This of itself is no small result; but who, that knows anything of the ever-increasing ratio with which the Gospel seed spreads, would set narrow limits to the harvest that shall some day be reaped as the result of work which has already been done by this and similar missions.

AS most of our readers are aware, the Rev. Donald Ross, formerly of Lancaster, was some time ago appointed by the Home Mission Committee to the Prince Albert Mission in the North-west Territory. For many years this mission was under the care of the Foreign Mission Committee. The late Rev. James Nesbit was appointed in 1866 as missionary to the Cree Indians in this district. A church and other mission premises were erected by Mr. Nesbit who, in conjunction with Mr. John Mackay, interpreter and catechist, laboured faithfully till removed by death in seeking to make known the Gospel to the aborigines of the settlement. Owing to the arrival at Prince Albert of a considerable number of English-speaking settlers, the mission has of late years changed its character and become mainly a Home Mission. The Rev. J. Mackay continues to labour among the Crees in two fields, both in the vicinity of Prince Albert, while in Prince Albert itself the Rev. J. Duncan has given religious services to the English-speaking community during the past year, the mission school there being taught by Rev. D. C. Johnson, under the Foreign Mission Committee. Mr. Johnson's term of service expires in the autumn, when he purposes returning to Ontario. Mr. Ross goes out to take charge of the English Mission. He is accompanied by Miss Baker, a lady of experience and ability, who has been appointed to conduct the school. It was Mr. Ross' intention to leave last week. He was to have preached and bade farewell to his former congregation at Lancaster on Sabbath, the 13th inst. Owing, however, to an attack of sickness he was unable to preach or to leave at the time arranged. His family, who had left earlier to break the journey and to visit some friends in Western Ontario, were notified of his illness and it was feared by his medical adviser that he might be unable to undergo the fatigue of the journey for several weeks, when it would have been unsafe to cross the prairie till another season. Providentially this was ordered otherwise, and Mr. Ross left Lancaster on Thursday, the 17th inst., weak, yet much better, and hopeful of regaining strength on his way up the lakes. He was to sail from Sarnia on Tuesday evening with his family, and expects to reach Winnipeg about the middle of next week. From Winnipeg to Prince Albert the distance across the prairie is about 550 miles and will probably occupy a month in travelling, so that it will be the end of August before Mr. Ross can reach his distant field. We commend him and his family to the guardian care and keeping of a covenant God, and bespeak for them the prayers of all our congregations and people. In last week's "Canadian Illustrated News" there are illustrations of Prince Albert, including our Church, Mission House, etc., together with a brief sketch of the settlement, which the enthusiastic writer predicts will be the Chicago of the North-west. Mr. Ross has before him a wide field of usefulness. He will worthily represent our Church and will, we trust, be instrumental in laying solid and enduring foundations of many a flourishing Presbyterian congregation in and around Prince Albert.