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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

ALL communications to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Quebec must in future be addressed to the Rev. F. M. Dewey, Richmond, P. Q.

A "NORTH YORK Ministerial Association" has been organized with the following officers. President, Rev. S. P. Rose; Vice-President, Rev. Walter Amos; Sec.-Treas., Rev. W. Frizzell.

THE Czar of Russia has been asked to take measures to repress the alarming growth of dissenters in the south of Russia. The request of the Stundists for permission to hold a congress of 150 delegates will be, it is thought, refused.

AT the last meeting of the Presbytery of Quebec Rev. Mr. Tully was appointed Convener of Home Mission Committee in place of Rev. Mr. Lindsay, resigned. All communications in this connection to be addressed to Rev. A. F. Tully, Sherbrooke, P. Q.

THE French minister of the Interior in a published letter, very sharply reproves the Bishop of Grenoble for misrepresenting the government and encouraging disobedience to laws by a pastoral, wherein he declared that the government is hostile to religion and that the laws are not sanctioned by the Church and are not binding.

THE Scottish Reformation Society thinks that the outlook in Scotland is very dark. In its annual report it says: "It shall be written for generations to come that one of the darkest years which Scotland has ever passed through has been the year when her reformation from Popery was formally reversed by the re-establishment of the old Popish hierarchy in her land."

THE "N.P." can't be held as a great boon by the people of Nova Scotia if the following from an intelligent and respected correspondent can be taken as an index to the general feelings of the inhabitants: "When the term for which I have paid expires, discontinue the paper, as by that time the 'N. P.' will have reduced us so that we will not want even the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN."

THE Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Waterloo (whose annual report appeared in last week's issue) last year issued 390 policies, amounting to \$416,150. The death claims amounted to only \$5,500. The net

assets amount to \$118,727.07, being an increase of \$29,890.35, and the gross assets are \$142,619.31, showing an increase of \$32,409.85. After meeting all current liabilities there is a surplus of \$29,149.91 to the credit of policy holders. The company is carefully managed and merits the confidence of the public.

The Halifax "Witness" of a recent date had the following: "Our estimable friend Rev. Joseph Elliott has received and accepted a call to Cambridge in the Presbytery of Lindsay, Ontario. The congregation of Cannington will have as their pastor one of the most accomplished scholars, one of the most mature theologians, one of the best expositors of Scripture in the Dominion." Our friends are certainly to be congratulated on having secured as pastor a gentleman who is truthfully entitled to such high encomiums.

SOME very troublesome questions come up frequently before the missionaries in foreign lands. The Presbytery of Sealkote, India, recently discussed the question of what should be done with converted natives having more than one wife. Shall a convert be compelled to put away a woman he has always supposed to be his lawful wife, sever a tender chord, and bring ruin upon the woman? The Presbytery decided that "while it is clear that such persons are not eligible to office, yet, in the opinion of the Presbytery there is nothing in the Bible to prevent their reception into church membership."

THE London "Christian Signal" says: "One of the most gratifying signs of the times is the rapid increase of coffee taverns—public houses without the drink. There are more than 2,000 of these establishments now open in Great Britain, and almost every week witnesses additions to the number. This is a form of temperance effort which seems likely to produce very remarkable results. The publicans are recognizing its power, and in order to neutralize its effect they are proposing to supply non-intoxicating beverages—tea, cocoa, coffee, etc. If temperance men are wise they will render all the support in their power to this movement.

COLPORTEURS in Austria must have special permission from the government to sell Bibles, and this permission allows them simply to take subscriptions. In some provinces this restriction has been so interpreted that the colporteur could deliver the ordered Scriptures at once. In Bohemia, however, the law is now so rigidly enforced that the colporteurs of the Bible Society (B. and F.) are forbidden delivering the ordered books. They can simply send the subscriptions to the Bible-store in Prague, and the store must fill the order by mail. The postage on a Testament worth ten cents is nine cents. In spite of these difficulties more than a hundred Bohemian families supply themselves with God's word every week. If colporteurs could sell, they could easily dispose of four times as many copies.

THE Rev. Dr. Crosby, of New York, who is announced to preach the anniversary sermons of the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Sabbath, 11th inst., will deliver a lecture on the occasion of his visit, on "Temperance Reform," in Shaftesbury Hall, with Vice-Chancellor Black as Chairman. We doubt not there will be a universal desire to hear this distinguished minister upon one of the most vital questions

of the day. Dr. Crosby is known to hold peculiar views upon the temperance question; but while differing conscientiously from many of his brethren upon the principles of the Abstinence question, he goes hand in hand with them in practical measures against intemperance. The temperance people claim him as one of themselves, and well may this be done in view of the work which Dr. Crosby has done in the way of shutting up the miserable liquor dens and saloons of New York city.

THE Institution Ethnographique of Paris have recently shown their recognition of the ethnological investigations of the Rev. Professor Campbell, M.A., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, by appointing him their representative in that city. This Institution embraces the Ethnographic, Oriental, American, Japanese, and Indo-Chinese Societies of Paris, and includes among its members the most distinguished scholars in the departments of ethnology and philology throughout the world. Its members are found in all parts of the globe from Finland to New Caledonia, and from Brazil to Cochin China; and its representatives or délégués, like Professor Campbell, who are authorized to grant letters of introduction in its name, are veritable ambassadors of Science. Among its four hundred and more members are embraced such men as Leon de Rosny, Lenormant, Birch, Rawlinson, Lubbock, Whitney, Bancroft, etc. Professor Campbell is the sole representative of the Institution in Canada; and we offer him hearty congratulations on the well deserved distinction.

THE revival in Guelph seems in volume and intensity to excel the similar movements in Brantford and Chatham. Of course it is natural to expect that the "billow of mercy," as the Guelph newspapers call it, will increase as it rolls on. It is not confined to the city; for, not to speak of the influence exerted on the immediate neighbourhood, a raid was made a week or two ago as far as Berlin, which town was unexpectedly entered by a band of 150 persons from Guelph, very plainly telling their errand by enthusiastically engaging in the singing of hymns. The Berlin people thought they were crazy, but by and by a large number joined them in their religious services at the appointed place and "many who had come to mock remained to pray." We rather like that expression, "billow of mercy" used by the Guelph press. We hope it will be abundantly verified. There are really some signs of substantial and permanent good being effected. We doubt not that the audience would be very much impressed by beholding a noted comedian standing before them on the platform, clothed and in his right mind, and speaking for Jesus. Perhaps no less surprised would they be when they witnessed the humble confession of a celebrated gambler and swearer who had been brought under the power of the truth. And probably their astonishment would be still more increased when a fashionable young lady appeared on the platform and tearfully related her past and her present—her experience of sin and her finding of salvation. One convert in confessing his many sins, mentioned among them his self-righteousness. This is "not after the manner of men;" this is "the finger of God." From some very brief epitomes that we have seen of Mr. Hammond's addresses, we are inclined to think that he preaches the gospel; and whatever it may be that attracts the crowds, if the gospel is preached we expect good results.