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Notes of the Week.

THE chair in the Western Theological Seminary, Alleghany, rendered vacant by the transference of Professor Warfield to Princeton College, has been filled by the appointment of Professor Matthew B. Riddle, of Hartford Theological Seminary. Professor Riddle is a native of Pittsburg.

THE veterans of the Old Catholic Movement, Döllinger and Reusch, are, it is said, about to publish the famous Autobiography of Cardinal Bellarmine, which the Roman Catholic authorities have tried for centuries to suppress, and the existence of which has prevented the famous cardinal from being declared a saint. It was not intended for publication, and it is said to tell some uncomfortable truths.

THIS *Globe* has taken a new departure, not in the direction of weakening in its political creed, but in its journalistic enterprise. It now runs a special morning train to London, reaching the metropolitan city of Western Ontario at a quarter to seven a.m., enabling readers of the leading Canadian journal to have it on their breakfast tables. This striking illustration of energetic management is certain to secure general appreciation.

MONTÉ CARLO suffered less from the effects of the earthquake shocks last week than any of the other places affected. Scientists say this is due to the fact that Monté Carlo is built on a rock. The hotels were crowded to the utmost limit by the rush to the city of thousands of the pleasure-seekers frightened away from the Riviera, especially from Cannes, Nice, Mentone and San Remo, all of which were thronged with visitors when the earthquake came.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to correct a mistake in a paragraph which appeared in last week's issue. It was inadvertently stated that Canon Fleming was in the diocese of Edinburgh. The correspondent says Canon Fleming is the Vicar of St. Michael's, Chester Square; which is in the Pimlico district of London, England. He is Canon of York Minster having been appointed thereto in 1877. His bishop is Dr. Temple, of London, and not Dr. Dowder, of Edinburgh.

EIGHT Chinese have just been received into Dr. Behrend's Church in Brooklyn. Chinese were received into several California Churches as early as 1874; Mount Vernon Church, Boston, has admitted no fewer than eight within ten years, other Churches in the city, three; while Worcester, Springfield and Providence have each had accessions to their Churches from among this nationality. Nor is this the first time that Brooklyn itself has received Chinamen to Church membership.

ALTHOUGH Alsace and Lorraine have now been unwilling appanages of Germany for about fifteen years, the Protestants have made an increase of 31,142 souls, and the Catholics suffered a decrease of 20,162. The largest increase in the Protestant ranks was in the larger cities, namely Strassburg, 10,343, Metz, 5,322, Muhlhausen, 1,258, Kolmar, 1,105, Saargemund, 843. Of the 305,134 Protestants, 254,000 are Lutherans and 51,000 are Reformed. In these two provinces the two denominations are not united, as is the case in the nine old provinces of Prussia, where, since 1817, they constitute the "United Church."

THE annual convention for 1887 of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic will be held in Toronto on Wednesday and Thursday, March 9 and 10, commencing on Wednesday at two o'clock p.m. Sessions of the convention will be held during both days and on Wednesday evening, all of which will be open to the public, but only members and delegates will be ex-

pected to take part in the discussions and voting. The Executive Committee will present a full report of work done, with practical suggestions for further operations, so that matters of much moment will be under the consideration of the convention. The great and growing sentiment in favour of immediate prohibition, and the gravity of the present political situation, makes it both desirable and certain that the meetings will be of unusual magnitude and interest. On the evening of Thursday a reception will be tendered to the members of the Alliance by the Young Men's Prohibition Club of Toronto. All the meetings will be open to the public.

IN most churches a cordial welcome is given to strangers who desire to be present. To this, however, there are occasional exceptions, as the following will show: Two respectable and well-connected young ladies in Montreal on the afternoon of a recent Sabbath entered the Notre Dame de Bonsecours Church and knelt down in a pew. They were not acquainted with the regulations of the church, and, shortly after their entrance, the proprietor of the pew came in and took his seat. He appeared quite satisfied, when suddenly the beadle of the church approached the young ladies, and caught one by the arm and the other by the neck, and endeavoured to drag them out through the aisle into the street. A large number of worshippers noticed the scene, and three young gentlemen who were passing at the time came to the ladies' rescue. They were indignant at the beadle's conduct, and applied through their attorneys to Mr. Justice Ouimet in the Practice Court for leave to take a joint action of \$1,000 against the beadle and the reverend gentlemen of St. Sulpice Seminary.

LONDON Socialists and their sympathizers have recently begun a new phase of their propaganda. It certainly is an improvement on the method adopted a year ago of attacking carriages on the streets, plundering shops and breaking club windows. They have of late been visiting churches in a body, and expressing their approval or disapproval of the services according to their inclination. So far as appears, Church authorities have preserved their equanimity during these unwonted interruptions. A nearer acquaintance with religious services might be beneficial to the Socialists. Their recent visit to St. Paul's Cathedral attracted crowds of people, and the edifice was crowded. The archdeacon preached from Proverbs xxii. 2: "The rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all." When the text was announced, there were shouts of "bravo" and other exclamations of approval and some growls. Otherwise there was no demonstration. A large force of police were present. In the evening an affray occurred between the police and a body of Socialists who were returning to their homes, but the affair was not of a serious nature.

THE Gaelic Society met last week in Richmond Hall, Toronto, the president, Mr. John McPherson, in the chair. The following members were admitted to the society. Messrs. Daniel Ross, John Gunn, Alexander Logan, Alexander Robertson, Archibald McLellan (Brampton), James Smith, Norman McLeod, Donald Frazer, John Squair, Donald Carmichael, William Cumming, Andrew McIver, James Grant, Duncan McLeod, G. Henderson, D. W. Smith, Duncan McKinnon, Roderick McRae, D. S. Johnston, George Morrison, Dugald McDougall and Donald McDougall. Honorary membership was conferred on the following gentlemen: Honourable Archibald McKellar, Hamilton; Archibald McKillop, Montreal; J. Carr Harris, Military College, Kingston; Donald Sinclair, Registrar, County Bruce; Rev. Dr. MacNish, Cornwall; Rev. D. H. Fletcher, Hamilton; Rev. Archibald Currie, Sonys; Rev. John McMillan, Glamis. A committee was appointed to consider the subject of forming a Gaelic-Scottish choir in the city, the co-operation of the Caledonian Society to be asked in the matter. A committee, with J. H. Cameron, University College, as convener, was appointed

to form a class for the teaching of Gaelic. It was agreed to send a letter of condolence to the widow and relatives of the late Rev. Archibald Clerk, LL.D., Killmallie, Scotland.

THE following petition is being circulated by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario: To the honorable the House of Assembly of the Province of Ontario in Parliament assembled: We, the undersigned, etc., respectfully submit to your honorable body that, whereas the terrible effects caused by the use of alcoholic liquors upon the health, mind and morals of large numbers of our people constitute a pressing necessity for some sure and effective remedy therefor, and whereas, in a large majority of cases the habit of drinking is contracted by children and youth without any correct knowledge of the nature of alcoholic liquors and their effects upon the human system, and whereas no more efficient medium than the public school can be found for the imparting of this needed knowledge to the rising generation of our country, thus furnishing them at the threshold of life with the best means of avoiding this "enemy of the human race," and whereas, in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh and other large cities of Great Britain, scientific Temperance instruction has been introduced as a regular part of school work with the best possible results, and whereas, in twenty-seven States and territories in the United States, and notably in New York City, temperance text books have been introduced, and this course is endorsed by the best educators and philanthropists; therefore, your petitioners respectfully request that the Legislature now in session will enact laws requiring instruction in physiology and hygiene which shall give special prominence to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, to be given to all pupils in all schools supported by public money or under Provincial control.

THE plan adopted last fall by Princeton College of conferring honorary degrees and degrees in course is set forth at length in circulars. The trustees declare that honorary degrees should be conferred only for high excellence and usefulness, and should in all cases imply scholarship of some kind, and to the end that this principle may be intelligently and faithfully observed in Princeton, a committee of seven members is to be elected annually by ballot by the trustees to whom all nominations for degrees shall be referred for investigation, unless a majority of the entire Board vote otherwise. No degrees shall be bestowed on any one not recommended by the Board, except by a three-fourths vote of all members of the Board. Degrees are not to be conferred at the same meeting at which the nominations are made. The degrees of A.B., A.M., B.S. and M.S. will be conferred as at present. The degree of Dr. of Philosophy (Ph.D.) may be bestowed as at present after a two years' course of prescribed study in philosophy, one year at least of which shall be spent in Princeton in the exclusive study of branches in that department. Each candidate must present a thesis containing the result of original research or showing scholarship. The degree of Doctor of Literature (Litt.D.) may be bestowed on a Bachelor of Arts, who has devoted two years to the study of literature ancient and modern, one year of which has been spent in Princeton. The degrees of Ph.D., D.S. and Litt.D. may be conferred on graduates of the college who, without residence in Princeton, have pursued a three years' course of study under a committee of the faculty. Graduates of colleges other than Princeton, may, by special permission of the standing committee on degrees, be allowed to pursue under superintendence a prescribed course of study in order to gain any one of the specified degrees. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity may be bestowed on graduates of theological seminaries who have pursued for two years a course of study prescribed by examiners appointed by the Board, and have been examined periodically by these examiners.