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Notes of the Week.

NINE new languages have, during the past year, been added to the Bible Society's lists of editions of the Scriptures. It is significant that four of these belong to Africa; of the others one is for the West Indies, one for China, one for the New Hebrides and two for the Russian Empire.

THE *Chinese Recorder* says that the native Christians in Shanghai are proposing to organize themselves into an independent Chinese Church, and adds appropriately: "This is interesting and significant. It is but the beginning of a trend of thought and action that ere long will take on very large proportions. It may, however, be premature, and this first experiment should be carefully studied."

AT the Pan-Presbyterian Council, which meets in Toronto in September, there will be over one hundred delegates from Great Britain and sixty from America. There will be representatives from Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Greece, France, Hungary, Italy and Spain. The subjects discussed will include "The Church in Relation to Social Problems" and "The Drift of Theological Thought and Biblical Criticism."

THE programme for Grimsby Park, the "Chautauqua of Canada," has been issued. It contains many attractions. Distinguished men from far and near are announced to preach and lecture in the course. There is to be a great gathering of the Ontario Farmers' Institute, at which the Dominion and Ontario Ministers of Agriculture and others are announced to speak. Though the larger number of preachers, lecturers and speakers are Methodists, there are several belonging to other denominations. The Rev. D. C. Hossack, M.A., Orangeville, and Rev. W. G. Wallace, B.D., of Bloor Street Church, Toronto, are the Presbyterian representatives.

AT the annual meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held at Ottawa, encouraging reports from several portions of the country were received. Strong expression was given in speech and resolution to the desire of the Union for prohibition, the suppression of vice and immorality and warning against whatever tends to weaken the sense of moral obligation. Several members gave voice to the desire for the extension of the franchise to women. Protests were entered against Sunday labour and the publication of Sunday newspapers. It is evident that the women of Canada, as represented by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, are on the side of moral progress. Next year's meeting is to be held in Winnipeg.

THE large, commodious and handsome High School building erected on Peel Street, Montreal, was formally opened last week. Prominent educationists took part in the opening ceremonies. Sir Daniel Wilson, being in Montreal at the time, was one of the speakers, and received a most cordial welcome. Principal Dawson, Principal MacVicar and others, clerical and lay, were among the speakers. Nearly all the Presbyterian ministers in the city were present, and all sections of the Protestant Church were well represented. Roman Catholic educationists also took part in the proceedings. It

is gratifying to see that the educational institutions of Montreal are keeping pace with the expansion which is so visible in the newer portions of this great Canadian city.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *British Weekly* writes: A pleasing and practical illustration of Psalm cxxxiii. I was given in Whitehaven on a recent Sunday, when the anniversary services in connection with High Street Presbyterian Church were held in the Congregational church. In response to the invitation of the deacons and congregation, Dr. Monro Gibson was the preacher. It was a grand sight to see the beautiful church crowded with eager, attentive listeners. Every denomination was well represented. The Congregational choir assisted with the singing. In the afternoon the schools connected with the Sabbath School Union assembled. Dr. Gibson expressed his great delight at witnessing such evidences of unity and brotherly kindness among the Churches.

ON the last evening of the Free Church Assembly the Rev. Professor Lindsay, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, stated that it might interest the Assembly to know that since the beginning of this Assembly he had received, either in actual money or in promises as good as money—chiefly for the volunteer student movement, partly for the movement for Indian village evangelization and partly for separate subjects named—the sum of no less than \$15,035. In this sum he was including only one sum of \$1,500, which had been promised yearly so long as the donor could give it, and only one sum of \$100, which had been promised annually for an indefinite number of years. He ventured to suggest whether they should not make this a year of self-denial, so as to lay on God's altar a great gift, say of \$5 per member for Foreign Mission work in their jubilee year. The Foreign Mission Committee was empowered to issue an appeal asking each member to give, as a thank-offering for the jubilee of the Church, the sum of \$5 to the funds of the Committee in connection with the large number of students offering themselves for Foreign Mission work.

THE ex-Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Brown, in his retiring address to the Irish General Assembly in Dublin, spoke of the fact that a venerable and once-esteemed gentleman had called them, the Protestants of Ulster, rogues and fools. He would not retort upon a fallen man with the use of such language; but he would say this, that if this gentleman would condescend to meet them at Philippi—to meet them at Belfast on the 17th of this month—they would demonstrate to him who were the rogues and who were the fools. The new Moderator, the Rev. Mr. M'Cheyne Edgar, of Dublin, in his opening address, deplored the fact that the Irish were not a thinking people, but, on the contrary, a people whose motto had been "follow the leaders," however unthinking these leaders themselves might be. Things would change, and they should welcome any sign which indicated the breaking down of clerical dictation. He ventured to affirm that clericalism will play itself out in Ireland, as it had done in other lands. It was now playing itself out; and now, therefore, was the time for the Presbyterian Church to prosecute her mission with enthusiasm. It is only fair to add that the expression attributed by Dr. Brown to Mr. Gladstone was distinctly repudiated by the venerable British statesman. To a number of Irish ministers addressed by him he said that if he had used such an expression he himself would have been the rogue and fool.

THE officers of the Toronto Fresh Air Fund have issued in neat form and with commendable brevity their Fourth Annual report. The laudable work in which they are engaged will be understood from the following extract: The Society does not wish to make a personal solicitation for funds. Hitherto that has not been necessary, and it is to be earnestly hoped that it never will be necessary. All are asked to send their offerings to either the trea-

surer or the secretary. This fund is intended only for boys under ten, girls under twelve and mothers who, having their children at the picnic, are thus relieved from home cares and can also go. The outings are not intended for others, and rigid rules will be made and enforced as far as possible to limit the trips to the classes intended to be benefited. The fund is in no sense a grown people's benefit fund, and those who kindly aid the work are requested to let the secretary know of any case in which the rules are broken or the fund imposed upon. A fair calculation shows that there were close on 9,000 excursionists last year. That, of course, includes many who had two and three trips, and we trust that no one was missed who should have gone. These went to the Island, Victoria and Lorne Parks and for afternoon sails on the lake. The hunger of this vast crowd was appeased by 15,000 lunches, and thirst by 800 gallons of milk. The excursions were not begun until school holidays commenced and ended with the holidays, thus not interfering with school attendance. All communications should be addressed to the secretary, Mr. J. Hurst Coleman, at 32 Church Street, and for greater convenience the secretary will also receive subscriptions, which will be acknowledged by individual receipts by him on behalf of the treasurer.

THE Fourth Commencement of the College for Women of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O., occurred Wednesday, June 15. The baccalaureate was delivered by President Thwing Sunday evening, June 12. His text was 1 Samuel xvii. 40: "And he took his staff in his hand and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip, and his sling was in his hand." The following is a brief synopsis of his sermon: The stones represent compact force. Compactness promotes power. Crowd Lake Erie between narrow banks, and you have Niagara. The temptation of the American woman is to the dissipation of force. The American woman of 1892 does, more things well than any other member of the human family; but for this simple reason we seldom find her doing certain things best. The college is not to give us women who can do more things well, but women who can do fewer things better—best. But force is not beauty, grace; and woman is the minister to life's beauty, grace. David chose smooth stones. Force is more opposed to beauty than the swiftness of the flight of the stars is opposed to their shining, or the strength of the elms is opposed to the festoons of their branches. And yet David did not choose smooth stones because of their beauty. Rather he chose smooth stones, for smooth stones are more sure of hitting the mark. The college is not an end, but a means. David had only one giant to kill, and one stone properly used would do the killing, but David took five stones. He had force in reserve. This force is not to be great knowledge. Force lies in the man—in the woman. The college is to give staying powers. But the forth-going hero took not only his sling and his stones, but also his staff. Whatever weapons may be carried for overcoming the giants of life, the staff of God's personal help must ever be taken. Let the sling and the stone of your own power ever conquer for the right and truth. Let the staff of the divine blessing be your help all the way of your pilgrimage. The Commencement Address of Wednesday, June 15, was delivered by ex-President Haydn, to whose zeal the College for Women mainly owes its existence. In the evening a reception was given at the house of Mrs. Amasa Stone, on Euclid Avenue, to whose family Western Reserve University is indebted for gifts of nearly a million dollars. The College for Women of Western Reserve University has had a surprising growth. Established only four years ago without endowment, occupying hired quarters and dependent to a great extent upon the voluntary assistance of the Adelbert College faculty for its instruction, it now has a faculty of eighteen members, besides two non-resident lecturers, and the instructors in physical culture and music, two buildings just completed at a cost of \$90,000, and an endowment of over a quarter of a million dollars.