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## IMPORTANT!

In order to meet the wishes of many friends who have not yet completed their canvass, on account of the absence of snow and other causes, we have decided to extend the time during which names will be received on club lists to the *first day of February next*. This will also apply to renewals. In both cases all who remit for 1878 by the 1ST FEBRUARY, will be entitled to the Presbyterian YEAR BOOK—the premium offered to all subscribers.

We hope that agents will push the canvass vigorously during January. Thousands have not yet been asked to subscribe who would freely give their names, if called upon. The season has been very much against canvassers in country districts; but an effort should now be made to reach every family connected with our Church.

The YEAR BOOK will soon be published. The last sheets are now passing through the press; and as soon as it is out of the binder's hands everyone entitled to a copy will be supplied. The present issue is unusually interesting and valuable; and we hope to be asked to send out thousands of copies.

## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

MR. MOODY'S meetings in Providence are engaging the earnest attention of all classes. Music Hall, the largest audience room in the city is crowded to its utmost capacity.

THE Rev. George Muller disclaims any connection with the Plymouth Brethren. He occupies an independent position as an evangelical preacher and pastor. Among the helpers in his institution at Bristol, England, there are representatives of eight denominations, and he receives a cordial welcome to the pulpits of all branches of the church.

THE Free Presbytery of Aberdeen has finally adopted the charges against Professor Robertson Smith, having added one to those reported by the committee to the effect that the Professor, by his writings, through neutrality of tone and rashness of critical construction, had tended to disparage the Divine authority and inspired character of the Scriptures.

We learn that the lecture on "LUTHER," to be given by the Rev. T. W. Handford, of this city, in Oak-

ville, in aid of the Manse fund, will be delivered in the Presbyterian Church, Oakville, on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., instead of Friday, the 11th, as originally intended. We bespeak for the friends of that Church a large attendance, more especially by those living in the adjoining sections.

"THE Evangelization of Cities and the Adaptation of Presbyterianism Thereto," was the subject of a recent address by the Rev. Dr. John Hall before the Presbyterian Association of Baltimore. It was held by the speaker that the Presbyterian system is especially fitted for reaching the masses by reason of its independence of civil power, its theory of educating the people, its facilities for co-operating with other denominations, and its doctrine of equality.

SPAIN appears once more to be on the verge of revolution. Alfonso's reign has been peaceful as compared with the years of civil disorder which preceded, but taxation has been overwhelming, and the old hatred of the Bourbons has revived throughout the land. It is said that only two parties, the Monarchists and the Liberals, now exist in Spain, and a Liberal triumph, the downfall of the monarchy and the establishment of a republic are expected by some of the Liberal leaders.

ONE of our daily papers reports that in a lecture delivered by Archbishop Lynch in St. Michael's Cathedral, on Sabbath evening last, "His Grace concluded by saying that he was glad to be able to state that the bad spirit which prevailed against the image of the Mother of God was fast disappearing. He had seen it of late years in the houses of many respectable Protestants, and even in the Normal School in this city the Blessed Virgin embracing her Son occupied a prominent position." Is it really necessary to have a Roman Catholic Archbishop for the purpose of pointing out their errors to Protestants?

THE Christmas concert by the young ladies of the Presbyterian College, Brantford, was given on Wednesday evening, the 19th ult. The large dining room of the college was filled to overflowing with the friends and guardians of the college. Dr. Kemp presided on the occasion, and with him on the platform were Dr. Cochrane, the President of the college, Rev. D. D. McLeod of Paris, Rev. John Thomson of Ayr, and others. Among the audience were Hon. D. Christie, and many other prominent office-bearers of our church. The entire performances—music, and dialogues in English, French, and German, were exceedingly satisfactory, and gave evidence of careful training.

A CONTROVERSY has been going on for some time in the columns of the "Globe," between the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto and Rev. Robert Ker, Episcopal minister, Chelsea, Que., on the Bible as the rule of faith. Besides the great advantage of having truth on his side, Mr. Ker is intellectually much more than a match for the Archbishop. The following, which are the concluding sentences of his last letter may be taken as a sample of the way in which he handles him: "We don't for a moment doubt Dr. Lynch's heart, but we entertain very grave doubts about his head. He is like many others in his Church, a good deal better than their system. The almost childish simplicity of Dr. Lynch's character is manifested by his gravely telling the public that

some Protestant of an enquiring turn of mind solemnly asked him, "Why do Catholics believe in what they do not understand?" He then takes and jots it down in a book, and in giving this question a first place in his catechism Dr. Lynch writes himself down as an excellent, kind-hearted citizen, but a hopelessly bad theologian."

ON Sabbath morning last, Rev. Principal Grant of Queen's College, Kingston, preached in St. Andrew's Church, in this city, from Matt. xvi. 19: "But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets and calling unto their fellows, and saying: We have piped unto you and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you and ye have not lamented. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say he hath a devil. The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a wine bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children." The doctrines which he deduced from that passage were: (1.) God's wisdom in seeking to educate man into a right method of life and the highest culture by bringing to bear on him different moral influences according to his need. (2.) Man's folly and perversity in resisting both kinds of teaching, and for contradictory reasons, although he needs both kinds of teaching and example. (3.) That the highest model of life is that presented to us in the example of Christ, and therefore, that in studying His life the Christian gets the only possible answer to the practical question, "What is the right kind of life for a Christian to lead?" In the evening the Reverend Principal preached to an overflowing congregation in the Central Presbyterian Church.

THE latest news from the seat of war in the East are the most hopeful that have reached us for some time. They certainly indicate a temporary cessation of bloodshed; and they also seem to point in the direction of peace. The hopelessness of the Turks as to receiving aid from England—a hopelessness manifested by their having now at length ceased to ask the question, "When will the English army arrive?" together with the disasters recently experienced by them in the loss of Kars and Plevna, are supposed to have brought them to that quiet and subdued state of mind which is favourable to the making of treaties. The great expense and difficulty of transporting troops to the limits of his vast empire under the severity of a Russian winter, the stoppage of the railways in Roumania, and the carrying away of bridges on the Danube, are considered to have exercised a similar influence—though not perhaps to the same extent—on the mind of the northern potentate. Accordingly, Mr. Layard, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, has been instructed to sound the Porte as to its views on peace; and the Ambassador at St. Petersburg has received similar instructions with regard to the Russian government. Whether these negotiations will lead to the desired result or not is very uncertain. But in the meantime the destruction of bridges on the Danube by ice has hindered the forward movement of Russian troops; and it is also reported that the Turks are about to ask for an armistice. It is therefore to be hoped that the campaign is at an end for this season, and that another campaign may be rendered unnecessary by the conclusion of a peace consistent with civil and religious liberty, and at the same time precluding the gratification of a grasping ambition.