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## Notes.

We tender our congratulations to the New York "Freeman's Journal" on the occasion of its golden jubilee. The "Freeman's Journal" is a great power, and has had a great history. Under its present Editors, the Messrs. Ford, it has been conducted with ability and with dignity, and its usefulness certainly has been greatly increased.

At the opening of the March term of the Court of Queen's Bench in Montreal a few days ago, Mr. Justice Cross, in addressing the grand jury, explained that they were met with a formidable array of accusations, some of them of the gravest character, including murders, wounding, commercial frauds, forgeries, and assaults.

"This heavy calendar," said his Lordship, "might be partially explained by the rapid growth of the population in this important district. Still the volume of crime for the current term seems extra large. Notwithstanding the laudable efforts of our philanthropists and statesmen, intemperance continues to be a fruitful source of crime. It cannot be seriously doubted that if a thorough check could be applied to the uses of intoxicating drinks, and the effective suppression of drinking places secured, a great amount of misery and degradation periodically exposed in the proceedings of our criminal courts would be wiped out, and a vast gain secured to the peace, comfort and well-being of society."

There is an organization in Montreal, the Citizen's League, in which Protestants and Catholics find a common ground of uniting. The organization has for its object the limiting of the number of liquor licenses within that city, and the control of the license power. A large meeting was held on Tuesday last for the purpose of petitioning the Quebec Government to make certain changes, for this end, in the existing law. Rev. Cure Sentenne, in the absence of Archbishop Fabre, presided, and on the platform were Bishop Bond, Mayor Grenier,

Dean Carmichael, Canon Henderson, Archdeacon Evans, Sir A. T. Galt, and many representative citizens. A resolution was passed approving of the petition submitted, and "authorizing His Grace, the Archbishop, to sign and forward the same to the Legislature." It is an encouraging thing to see the Catholic clergy, supported by their Protestant brethren, taking the lead in these moral and social movements.

Now that the "Times" has apologized to Mr. Parnell, its agent has suicided, and the exposure has been made complete of its vast structure, as Mr. Gladstone termed it, of conspiracy and of falsehood, it is encouraging to notice that there is apparent a desire, even upon that part of the press which is politically opposed to Mr. Parnell, to acknowledge the extent of the injustice that has been done him, and the mental and physical suffering it must have entailed him. Acting in collusion with a perjurer and blackmailer the "Times" published daily against him, for two years, the most terrible charges that could be made against the good name of a public man. After two years time they are proved to be calumnies, and the "Times" stands convicted of an infamous attempt to blacken the reputation of a political opponent. "Englishmen," says the "Daily News" speaking of this, "will remember the patient dignity, gentle forbearance and unflinching courage with which the greatest living Irishman has borne himself under a storm of calumny which would have broken many a brave spirit. He will forever rank among the most devoted, sagacious, loyal and unselfish statesmen that ever steered a country through storm and peril to honour and safety."

The same honourable feeling found expression in the leading Tory journals of London. "We are extremely glad to say," observes the "Daily Telegraph," "that Mr. Parnell stands free and innocent of the damning charges attributed to him, with what we are sorrowfully compelled to call reckless and rash imprudence."

"Whatever else is proved" the "Standard" said, "the fact remains that a deep injustice has been done Mr. Parnell, and a blow equally to be deplored given to the character of English journalists."

As for the "Times" the feeling is that it is not enough that it should retract its groundless charges. "Besides the amplest apology," says the Montreal "Gazette," "that it owes to Mr. Parnell for the wrong which it tried to do him, it is in the interests of morality that it should confess its culpability in undertaking work which no newspaper could touch without degradation. We ventured to condemn the course of the "Times" at the very outset, on the simple ground that in playing the detective it was dishonouring the profession of journalism; nor would that condemnation be less deserved if itself and its hireling allies came off with flying colours. It is deplorable that the "doyen" of the British press should have soiled its hands with such a business, and the disgraceful and tragic upshot is a lesson by which journalism everywhere may profit."