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Current Topics

Mr. Robert McConnell, the editor of the Halifax Morning Chronicle, has written an open letter in that paper addressed to Dr. Weldon, M.P., and to Mr. Cahan, M.L.A., containing a libellous attack upon Sir Charles Tupper, Bart. This letter was telegraphed to the Canadian papers on the 24th inst., and appeared in some of them on the 25th inst. Promptly Sir Charles instructed criminal proceedings to be instituted. On Wednesday his solicitors at Halifax waited upon Mr. McConnell to ascertain if he were prepared to accept personal responsibility for the letter, or to admit its publication, as great difficulty is always encountered in proving these facts. Mr. McConnell declined to do either. Dr. Weldon, Mr. Cahan, and Sir Leonard Tilley (who was also referred to) have promptly contradicted the statements attributed to them by Mr. McConnell, as Sir Charles explained to the House of Commons on Wednesday. It is understood that the matter will not rest here. Mr. McConnell has addressed another open letter to Mr. Cahan, refusing to accept his denial and inviting an action for libel. As the vindication of the honour of the Secretary of State is already complete, it is obvious that Mr. McConnell must be labouring under some hallucination.

Jameson in London.
Dr. Jameson, the ex-Administrator of the British South Africa Company, the brave and dashing leader of the raid into the Transvaal, arrived in London on Tuesday evening. He and fifteen of his followers were at once arraigned at the Bow

Street Police Court. They were all admitted to bail in two thousand pounds each. Dr. Jameson was given a most tumultuous welcome by the great crowd that had gathered about the court. The exact charge preferred against the leader and his companions was that "the defendants, in the month of December, 1895, in South Africa, within Her Majesty's dominions, without license of Her Majesty, did unlawfully prepare a military expedition to proceed against the dominion of a certain friendly State, to wit, the South African Republic, contrary to the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870." The sitting magistrate, Sir John Bridge, in his address said: "No graver offence could be charged against these men, It is a crime of the highest possible gravity, and must be so regarded by every person who considers the risks of performing the offence. It involves, first, the danger of a battle at the time in which many lives may be lost, and besides the greater danger, had the offence been continued, of producing a state of war between countries at amity with one another." Sir John Bridge begged the prisoners, for their own sakes, and for the sake of the country, to absent themselves from any place where their presence would arouse public sympathy. He further asked them not to assemble together more than they were obliged to do, and to otherwise avoid anything that might possibly disturb the public peace. Both requests were remarkable, coming from a judge on the bench to defendants before him, and showed very plainly that public opinion is decidedly in favour of the accused, and that fears are entertained of a public demonstration.

Mr. Goldwin Smith.
We have received the following note from Mr. Hampden Burnham, of Peterborough:

"Your references to Professor Goldwin Smith seem to have left the impression upon the minds of many people that you have banished him from your columns. As I am sure you would not deny to him the opportunity of defending himself if he felt so inclined, I should deem it a favour if you would add a note of explanation to this one." It is hardly necessary to say that THE WEEK would not deny to Professor Goldwin Smith the opportunity of defending himself in its columns.

Toronto's Protest.

A day or two ago it was remarked by the Ottawa correspondent of a Montreal paper that "the continually changing aspect of the Remedial Bill question makes men, who think, reticent." But the most reticent of men will hardly attempt to deny the importance and significance of the great anti-Remedial mass meeting held in Toronto on Saturday evening last. In the hall were five thousand three hundred people, while over a thousand were unable to gain admission. The reception accorded to Mr. D'Alton McCarthy was, perhaps, the most significant event of the evening. It was no ordinary