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The World.

The question of vivisection is coming to the front in America. J. Rendel Harris, Professor of New Testament Greek at the John Hopkins University, has resigned his chair because he could not approve of the encouragement of the practice of vivisection at the University and had given offence by his open expressions of condemnation. For this he is said to have been formally censured. It is not at all likely that Prof. Harris and the many earnest and able men who agree with him in regarding vivisection as cruel and demoralizing in tendency, will let the verdict go against them by default. Modern science will have much to do to defend vivisection on high moral, or even on the broadest utilitarian—to say nothing of Christian—grounds.

The abandonment of the Soudan campaign, and the peace negotiations with Russia, must have put the moral courage of Gladstone and his cabinet to a terrible ordeal. In all probability, future history will honour them for these acts, although it is

not altogether unlikely they may cost them their positions as Her Majesty's advisers. It is very possible that the sending of Gordon to Khartoum was a blunder. If so, it is always wiser as well as nobler to admit a blunder and seek to rectify it, than to persist in it for the sake of maintaining a specious appearance of uniformity. In any case when Gordon's death came the only reasonable plea for the expedition was taken away. As to whether there has been any weakness in the Russian affair it is impossible to say until the result of the negotiations is made known. But Jingoism in England is terribly excited and a temporary defeat of the Peace Ministry would not be surprising.

The collapse of the Half breed rebellion and the capture of Riel have created a feeling of relief all over Canada. Every true Canadian must be thankful that no more blood need be shed in this wretched, fratricidal, war, so far as the Half-breeds are concerned. It is to be hoped that Gabriel Dumont, who seems to have been, rather than Riel, the brain and nerve of the insurrection, may be also taken. What to do with them will be a difficult question. It is said, on apparently good legal authority, that they must be tried by civil court in the Northwest. No doubt Canadian justice will accord them a fair trial. Many have much cause for exasperation, especially those who have suffered severe hardship and privation, and those who have lost near and dear ones in the struggle. But any cry for vengeance on those misguided wretches would be unworthy of Canadian generosity. The savage spirit of an earlier day is dead. A modern court will take account of facts, and make allowance for misguided, ignorant zeal. The only question worthy of a Canadian court is: Do the ends of justice and future security require the death of these men?

The School.

The protest against "Cram" and "overpressure" in England is waxing louder and louder. The members of the profession are taking the matter up in earnest, and evidence of the evils wrought by the system is accumulating. The health of children is injured, great injustice is often done to the pockets and reputations of able and faithful teachers, and the abuses of the system of perpetual examinations are being shown up in a way that cannot fail to carry conviction to thoughtful and candid minds.

The resolution adopted with so much heartiness at the recent meeting of the Alumni of Victoria University, reads strangely like a truism. We mean no disrespect to the able and learned body by whom the resolution was passed. They no doubt see a real danger in connection with the proposed federation scheme, and very properly put on record their *caveat* . Still to us the idea of a federation of Universities which would not perpetuate the Arts Colleges of the confederating institu-