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Notes.

There is a sarcastic sentence in the London *Universe* about the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. "There is a fashionable festival on in Dublin at present," it says. "It is patronized by the Lord-Lieutenant, whose name we really forget, and the profits are to be devoted to the funds of the Dental Hospital."

The debate upon the Government's motion for the adoption of the Report of the Parnell Commission is in progress, and the powerful indictment which Mr. Gladstone formulated last week against the Ministry has been followed up by a speech of great force and invective from Sir Charles Russell, and the still more impetuous onslaught of Lord Randolph Churchill, a quondam colleague of the Conservatives.

Lord Randolph Churchill may be said to be pre-eminently a political weather cock, and his frequent turnings and changes are believed to unfailingly indicate in what direction the popular wind blows. That, as an independent Conservative, he would criticise the course of the Government and its connivance with the conspirators was of course to be expected; but the violence of his attack was almost unprecedented. It is scarcely possible that the Government can survive the blow which has been dealt to it by the *Times* Forgeries disclosures. Though it may manage to keep a working majority in the House, it is apparent that it is irretrievably discredited before the country.

The Irish bishops all devote a considerable portion of their Lenten Pastorals to the subject of intemperance, and exhort their flocks to make the centenary of Father Mathew the occasion of a new departure for Ireland with regard to this deplorable evil. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, of Limerick,

in his Pastoral refers to the increase of intemperance in Ireland, and calls upon the clergy to use every effort to check the evil. He denounces the use of drink at wakes and funerals, and urges upon the clergy to put this practice down with the greatest stringency. Were the Irish people temperate he is convinced that none would be better, for nearly all the poverty and misery of the country was to be attributed to the vice of intemperance.

The Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario has submitted a measure to the Legislature providing, in conformity with the recent decision of the Chancery Judges, that any ratepayer wishing to be rated as a Separate School supporter must so notify the clerk of the municipality before March 1st in each year. Regarding the question of the ballot, Mr. Ross announced that it was not the intention of the government to enforce the ballot in the election of trustees for Separate Schools. The Minister explained that there had never been any demand made or petition presented to the government demanding the ballot, and there was, moreover, a grave constitutional doubt as to whether the B. N. A. Act empowered it to force the ballot on Roman Catholics. He volunteered the further information, which must have come as a surprise to the ballot advocates, that out of 291 Public Schools in the Province, only 95 had availed themselves of the method of secret voting.

The action of the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury in applying for a license to sell beer and wine at Lambeth Palace, the archiepiscopal residence, for the entertainment of his clergy, is furnishing a subject for sarcastic comment to a number of our contemporaries. One of them ironically remarks, after the style of the clerical apologists for the liquor traffic, that it "presumes there is nothing wrong *per se* in this," but for all that suggests that it would be more exemplary if the head of the Anglican church, having such tastes, resigned his high office and opened a "public 'ouse." As a matter of fact, however, the Archbishop's application simply means that the Anglican clergy have organized a clerical club and established their headquarters at Lambeth Palace. The project has been on foot for some time. "It is well known," says another paper, "that few of the Anglican clergy are total abstainers, and if they want their tipples they have a right to a club house and all its attendant conveniences. One thing we must say for English churchmen, they are rarely hypocrites and they never touch quinine in any shape." This last remark has reference to the case of the Rev. Dr. Lorimer of Chicago, who traced to an over-dose of quinine a recent violent anti-Catholic exacerbation.