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## Note and Comment.

A Boer prisoner escaped from Bermuda as a stowaway on a vessel, and was captured on the boat's arrival at New York on Tuesday.

King Edward has issued a proclamation announcing that his coronation will take place in June next year. The day will be set apart as a national holiday.

At the opening exercises of the Christian Endeavour Society at Cincinnati on Saturday Secretary Baer reported 61,427 societies, and nearly 4,000,000 members.

Rev. Alexander Connell, of Regent Square Church, is being spoken of for the vacation pulpit of Claremont Church, Glasgow, in succession to Dr. (now Professor) MacEwen.

A statue of Rev. Dr. William Miller, Principal of Madras Christian College, spoken of as "The Arnold of India," was recently unveiled by the Governor of Madras, Lord Amphil.

Details are published in Belfast of a hog fire of gigantic proportions on the borders of counties Derry and Tyrone. A large number of farmers have in consequence lost their whole winter fuel supply.

The proposition to pay Sunday school workers is to receive a trial in a Detroit church. The Unitarian church last week voted a salary of \$200 for the coming year for the superintendent of the school.

A prayer-book was recently lost by an elegantly dressed lady in a Berlin confectioner's, and found—to the disgust of the owner. The book had three compartments, one for prayers, one for sweets, and one for—brandy!

The feeling against the Roman church in Spain is growing. In Portugal, too, there is a like movement. It is quite evident that the Roman priesthood—and Roman superstitions are losing their hold of the people of Europe.

An Ontario census enumerator wants \$10 to cover cost of a pair of trousers damaged by "a mongrel collic." Census enumerators who wear \$10 trousers ought not to be exposed to anything less than thoroughbred bulldogs.

Within the past sixteen years three Radical and two Conservative dailies have stopped circulation. The Edinburgh Review, the Edinburgh Courant, the Glasgow News, the Scottish Leader, and now the Glasgow Mail have in turn ceased publication.

At the morning service on the 16th ult., in Free St. George's the Rev. Dr. Whyte paid a beautiful tribute to the late Earl of Moray, who was a member of the session, and "whose name had passed into a proverb for faithful discharge of the duties of an office-bearer,

It was stated on behalf of the British Government in the House of Commons last week that all negotiations with the Boers were at an end, and that the burghers had determined to continue the fight for absolute independence. It was added that "the Government's resolution to see the war through was unshaken."

Lord Dufferin was seventy-five years old on June 21. Among the great men of the time he is reported by Englishmen as the most famous, for only to enumerate all the offices he has held would take up a great deal of space. He once described himself "maid-of-all-work to British Governments," and he has served the country in many parts of the world.

Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, New York, was stricken with heart affection at Winona Lake, Ind., on the 4th inst., where he and his family are spending the summer, and it was for some time feared that the attack might prove fatal. The friends of the rev. gentleman will be pleased to hear that he is now convalescent.

The long expected story by Ralph Connor author of "Black Rock" and "The Sky Pilot," begins in the July Magazine Number of The Outlook. The first two chapters of "The Man from Glengarry," contains an exciting account of the quarrels of lumbermen in the Canadian woods, and give promise of the vivid narrative to follow in the successive numbers of the outlook.

The Religious Intelligencer says: There are men who affect to consider political matters beneath their attention. "We seek a better country, that is a heavenly," they say. Of them it has been remarked that they who do not do what they can to make the country in which they now live a better county, they may stand small chance of ever reaching that "better country" of which they talk."

A second edition, revised and enlarged, of Sir Oliver Mowat's work on "Christianity and some of Its Evidences" has this week been placed on the market by William Briggs. At the time of its first publication the religious and secular press were united in their praise of the work as a clear, concise and convincing presentation, in brief compass, of the evidences in support of the Divine origin of the Christian religion.

The news that the contemplated visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall to Capetown is to take place as arranged will give the greatest satisfaction both at home and among the loyal subjects of the British Empire in South Africa. It cannot be doubted that the visit of the Heir-Apparent and his consort will be made the occasion of an imposing demonstration of the strength of loyalist feeling in the Colony, and that it will exercise in every way a highly beneficial influence in the present juncture of affairs at the Cape.

The Bishop of London preaching at Oxford, recently, said they were living in alarming days. The confirmation candidates were going down in number, less young men of the upper class came forward for Holy Orders, and thousands in London went neither to church nor chapel.

Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, addressed the Presbyterian General Assembly, at its recent session, on Tuberculosis. Dr. Grant has made a thorough study of the subject, and is doing much to disseminate helpful information about it. In his address before the Assembly he said "the annual death rate in Canada from this cause is 8,000, and that in Ontario the number of yearly victims is greater than the whole number of the Canadian Contingent sent to South Africa. The hereditary idea had been entirely abandoned, and the disease is known to be communicable and curable. There are as yet only two Sanitaria in Canada, and the greater part of the 8,000 sufferers are compelled to remain in their own homes to die and to communicate the disease to their loved ones as the ordinary hospital excludes such patients. The sanitarium plan should be advocated, and as a preventive the habits and modes of life which devitalize should be avoided. Cramming among young school children is, he thinks, a crying evil which paves the way for the fell disease. By careful hygienic measures, proper habits of life, the exclusion of consumptive immigrants, and by proper treatment of the disease and its incipient stages the disease may be successfully grappled with.

Mr. Henry J. Morgan, of Ottawa, writes to the 'Journal' as follows: "In your article some days since, on the monument to Laura Secord, which has been unveiled at Lundy's Lane, you refer to it as the first monument which has been erected to a Canadian woman in Canada. This statement is incorrect, as seemingly the honor of rearing such a monument to a member of the other sex, in this Dominion, belongs not to Ontario, but to Nova Scotia. On March 24, 1870, Mr. White, one of the members for Cape Breton, in the House of Assembly of that province, drew the attention of that body to an act of great heroism which had been displayed by a little girl, named Catherine Crowley, at Pugwash, in the county of Cumberland, which had cost her her life, and he moved that the government be authorized to erect a suitable memorial stone over her remains. The resolution was adopted, and in the same year a marble block, surmounted by a cross, and resting on a granite base, was duly dedicated to her in the local cemetery. On the cross are the words: 'In Memoriam,' and on the face of the stone the following inscription: 'Catherine Crowley lies beneath this sod, a victim of fraternal love. Having rescued a younger brother and sister from the flames of her parents' dwelling, she exclaimed: "Mother all is over with me now; but I have saved my brother and sister!" She expired twenty-four hours after, October 15, 1869, aged 12 years. "Greater love no man hath known." On the side of the stone is inscribed: 'This memorial was erected by the legislature of Nova Scotia.'