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TORONTO, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1896.

**KNOXIAN**, our invaluable contributor, having now returned home from his visit to the old Homeland, and his warm Presbyterianism having got still more warmed up by coming into closer touch with Presbyterian associations and traditions, our readers may expect many an allusion to things which he saw and heard during a visit which he will long remember.

**STUDENTS** attending the classes at Knox College are reminded that they must be certified to the Senate of the College by the Presbytery within whose bounds they have been labouring or resident during the summer. Students within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto are requested to correspond at once with the Clerk of Presbytery, Rev. R. C. Tibb, 36 Macdonell Ave., Toronto, that arrangements may be made for them to meet with the Presbytery's Committee.

**THAT** eloquent Nova Scotian, the Hon. D. C. Fraser, stated the other evening at a banquet in Toronto that the Highlandmen who were driven from their native hills never spoke an unkindly word of their native country. True, but we fear some of them occasionally forget to speak kindly words of the country that gave them a home and bread, and a good chance for their children when they were driven out of Scotland to make room for sheep and deer. By all means let every man speak well of the land of his fathers, but let us not forget the land that has given us a home.

**AMONG** recent visitors from a distance who have called to pay their respects at the office of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN have been the Rev. Dr. King, Moderator of the Texas Synod of the Presbyterian Church, South, and the Rev. George Simpson, for many years the editor of this paper and now one of the staff of the widely and well-known *Interior* of Chicago. Mr. Simpson, though loving his work in Chicago, assures us that he has still a warm heart toward Canada, and he shows this by faithfully returning every summer to spend a month's holiday among the Muskoka lakes and islands.

**THE** University Y.M.C.A. of this city, with the laudable desire of at once introducing young men coming to the city to pursue their studies into their society, to churches and Christian surroundings, earnestly request all pastors of such to furnish them on their leaving home, especially those doing so for the first time, with a note of introduction to Mr. J. Lovell Murray, B.A., Secretary University Y.M.C.A., Toronto, or to apprise him in advance of their coming. This will ensure that they will be immediately attended to on ar-

iving in the city, or even met at the train by the secretary where this is wished. All Christian ministers and parents will surely gladly embrace such kind and Christian service offered on behalf of their young people coming up to the city to pursue their education.

**T**IMES may be hard, business dull and money scarce, but positively no one would have thought so at the great fair in Toronto last week. The crowd was larger than ever and evidences of substantial comfort, if not of great wealth, abounded on every hand. A more comfortable or more respectable and orderly lot of people could not be gathered in any country in the world. If we have few millionaires and no lords nor dukes, we have what is much better, a fair competence for the average man. Our contributions for charitable and religious purposes should be in keeping with the display made at these annual shows. If it is, no fund of any church will ever be behind.

**T**HE new Premier has promised that after the next session of Parliament the people of this Dominion will be asked to say whether they wish an end put to the liquor traffic in this country. The session will begin about the first of February and probably end in May. In all probability the vote will be taken in June or September. There will be little enough time to prepare for the contest. The issue will not be mixed up with any other kind of a question. The people will be asked to say what they wish done about the liquor business and they will not be asked any other question at the same time. Knowing something of the dangers of prophesying, we venture to say that if the campaign is wisely conducted an overwhelming majority of the people will vote in favor of prohibition.

**T**HE Rev. John Gray, D.D., a graduate of Knox College but now of Kalamazoo, Michigan, who was lately in the city, was pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, Ontario, for over twenty years, during which time the congregation grew and prospered, and as a gratifying recognition of his earnest and successful pastorate in that place, there is to be seen in the new church a beautiful brass "Lectern" (or pulpit), with the appropriate inscription, "Presented to the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scotton, in grateful memory of the long and earnest pastorate of the Rev. John Gray, D.D." The First Presbyterian Church at Kalamazoo, Michigan, of which Rev. Dr. Gray is now pastor, has about 500 members; and he is very highly esteemed for his pulpit services and pastoral work. The friends above named, Mr. and Mrs. Scotton, are representative of a large number of additions to the church membership during Dr. Gray's pastorate. Windsor has grown to be a city, and Presbyterianism has grown in proportion, and reflects much credit on the Rev. Dr. Gray's long labours there.

**I**N response to inquiries, Rev. Mr. Jordan informs us that Rev. Dr. Watson, of Liverpool, will arrive in New York about 25th inst. The Lectures which he is to give under the auspices of the Theological Faculty of Yale University (the Lyman Beecher Foundation) will be delivered during the ten days which intervene between Sept. 28th and Oct. 8th. Dr. Watson will then begin a three months' tour of the United States. As at present arranged he will visit only four Canadian cities, viz., Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, and Toronto. It is probable that he will speak also in Hamilton. He will lecture in Toronto on Monday evening, Oct. 19th., but it is now extremely unlikely that he will be able to preach here. Dr. Watson, while in the United States, will preach in one of the large churches in New York, as also before the University of Chicago, in Old South Church, Boston, and in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. The subjects of his lectures and readings are as follows:—1. "Certain Traits of Scottish Character;" 2. "Readings from the Annals of Drumtochty, with Notes;" and 3. "Two unpublished Annals of Drumtochty" (viz., How we kept Christmas at Drumtochty; and Kildrummie Fair.) A very special interest has been awakened, wherever the English (or Scottish?) tongue is understood, in the writer of "The Bonnie Brier Bush." Many a passage of tender pathos, of winning-kind-

liness, of robust good sense, or of pawky, indescribable humour will long live in the memory of every reader of this new author's rapidly multiplying volumes. Dr. Watson is certain to be greeted with a very cordial welcome to Toronto.

**A** MISSION in India between which and our own there has always existed the most kindly relations is that of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland at Rajputana. The pioneer and veteran of that mission was the late Rev. Williamson Shoolbred, D.D. He spent nearly forty years of mission, laborious and successful work in that mission, which during that time has been greatly enlarged. A few months ago Dr. Shoolbred was seized, while in the Hill region for rest, with severe illness, on account of which he was ordered to return home, which, reluctantly, and after too long delay, he did. On his way homeward, at Capri on the coast of Italy, he had an attack of pleurisy and his life was despaired of. Recovering to some extent he reached Scotland, and although still very weak, his friends had hope of his recovery. On Sabbath evening, the 23rd ult., while conversing with his wife, he was seized with heart failure, and suddenly and unexpectedly this servant of God entered into his eternal rest. In him has passed away one of those who, over a generation ago, began that work now so widely extended by other Churches, which is working out the regeneration of India and its teeming millions.

## THE NEW REFORMATORY FOR YOUNG MEN.

**T**HE treatment of the criminal class has, within the memory of men still living, undergone a great improvement and reformation. Its objects and methods are different, much more wise and rational than they once were. It is not punishment that is now chiefly thought of in their treatment, but while not ignoring this, it is now chiefly reformation. And this is much more the case as the whole subject of criminology becomes the subject of careful and intelligent study by philanthropic men and women who devote themselves to this subject and the reformation of the criminal class. It is more and more becoming the method of dealing with this class, to arrest crime by taking it in hand in its first stages, ere yet the heart has become hardened or the conscience seared. Accordingly we have reformatories for comparative children in which, by all wise appliances and methods, it is sought to turn them at the outset from a life of crime into one of virtue, usefulness and well-doing. This step with mere youth implies another, that of dealing in a similar way with young men. Under the auspices of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada, steps are being taken to deal with young men of the criminal class with a view to their reformation.

The late Government, we understand, had been approached by the Prisoners' Aid Association to establish a reformatory for young men—a step which had already been recommended by the Prison Reform Commission appointed by the Ontario Government in 1890. The Inspector of Penitentiaries for Canada endorsed this recommendation in his report to the Minister of Justice for 1891, and the late Sir John Thompson was heartily in sympathy with the proposal. There are obvious advantages of many kinds in having such an institution placed in or quite near to some city, where, both during a period of confinement and discipline with a view to reformation, and immediately on its close all the helps that a city furnishes could be taken advantage of. The Inspector of Penitentiaries had recommended Ottawa as a suitable place for such a reformatory. But for some reason not apparent the late Government instead of adopting the recommendation in this regard, of its own officer, heartily supported by the Prisoners' Aid Association, chose the village of Alexandria, in the county of Glengarry, as a suitable location for the proposed reformatory for young men, and already a certain amount of work has been done, we understand, to carry the placing of it there into effect. The reformation of young men who have become criminals, will, members of the Prisoners' Aid Association, which has chiefly interested itself in this matter, think, be carried on in a small village under such difficulties, will be deprived of so many invaluable aids easily obtainable in or near a large city, that the present Government at Ottawa is being asked to reverse the decision of the late