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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

PROROGATION OF THE HOUSE ON SATURDAY.

The Queen's Speech—Reference to Egyptian Affairs—The State of Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 2—Parliament prorogued to-day until February 15. The queen's speech closing the session says she continues to hold amicable relations with all foreign powers. Notwithstanding the failure to conclude a commercial treaty with France there has not been any general decline in the dealings between the two countries. She expresses gratitude to the British and Indian forces for their work in the Egyptian campaign. Recent events in Egypt enhanced her obligations in regard to its affairs. She will study to discharge her duties so as to maintain her international engagements, uphold and consolidate the privileges which have been acquired, and promote the happiness of the people by the prudent development of their institutions. The queen says she will endeavor to avoid any measures likely to tend towards disturbing the tranquility of the east. She feels confident her arms and the result of her counsels will commend themselves to the approval of the powers, her allies, in their several relations to that interesting region. The queen says the growth of the revenue of Great Britain has been sensibly retarded, but by a cause, which in itself is to be contemplated with satisfaction, which is diminution of the receipts of the exchequer from duties on intoxicating liquors. She anticipates distress this winter in some parts of Ireland. She refers with deep pain to the assassinations that have been rife in Dublin. It is a special call of duty upon the authorities to exercise with firmness the powers with which they are entrusted. The social condition of Ireland at large, however, has markedly improved, which improvement she hopes will be maintained. Her majesty expresses thanks for the passage of the various measures relative to Ireland and other measures to the advantage of the people.

OBITUARY.

Death of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

LONDON, Dec. 3—The archbishop of Canterbury passed away quietly and apparently without suffering in the presence of the members of his family yesterday. He remained in a semi-unconscious until 11 p. m. when he spoke. His last words, "It is coming, it is coming." He was then seized with a sharp spasm and did not speak again, although it is believed he was partly conscious. The dean of Westminster, on behalf of the queen, has offered burial for the archbishop's remains in Westminster abbey.

[Archibald Campbell Tait was born in Edinburgh December 22, 1811. He was educated at the university of Edinburgh and Balliol college, Oxford, and was afterwards public examiner of the university. He was prominent in the opposition to the tractarians. In 1842 he succeeded Dr. Arnold as head master of Rugby school, where he remained eight years. In 1850 he was made dean of Carlisle, in 1856 bishop of London and in 1868 archbishop of Canterbury.]

THE DUBLIN MURDER.

Four More Arrests—Field Out of Danger.

DUBLIN, Dec. 3—Four men were arrested yesterday on suspicion of being implicated in the attempted murder of Cox. One Martin was identified by a little girl as one of the men engaged in the assault, but as she was not acquainted with the nature of an oath her evidence was not available. Field is now out of danger. The authorities believe that the recent outrages here were arranged in London and New York.

ARABI PLEADS GUILTY.

He is Sentenced to Death—Commuted to Exile for Life.

CAIRO, Dec. 2—Arabi pleaded guilty to the charge of rebellion before the court martial this morning. The proceedings lasted only a few minutes. This afternoon the court reassembled and pronounced sentence of death against Arabi. The khedive subsequently commuted the sentence to exile for life. It is believed Arabi will retire to some part of the British dominions. His demeanor before the court was very dignified.

Riotous Russian Students

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 3—Four students of Hemedoff lyceum in Jaroslava, have been expelled. The excitement continues among the students of Charkoff university and veterinary department. Excesses are apprehended, although the authorities are taking energetic measures. Order has apparently been re-established in Kief.

The Detective Cox Murder.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2—Martin, the compositor who has been employed by the government printing office and who was arrested some months connected with the Dorset street tragedy, has been apprehended on suspicion of being concerned in the murder of Detective Cox.

Trial of Arabi Et Al.

CAIRO, Dec. 2—The court martial to try Arabi and the other rebel leaders has been summoned to assemble to-morrow morning. The representatives of the press and the general public will be permitted to attend the proceedings.

Writs for Quinn and Davitt.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2—Quinn, assistant secretary of the late land league, and Davitt, have been served with summons to appear and enter into recognizances for good behavior. It is expected that Healy will be served with a writ on Monday. His present place of residence is unknown.

Illness of Mr. Fawcett.

LONDON, Dec. 2—After a consultation this evening the doctors attending Mr Fawcett have announced a diminution of the diphtheric symptoms, but the fever has assumed a typhoid character.

Election to the English Commons.

LONDON, Dec. 2—In the election to-day to fill the vacancy in the representation of Wigan in the house of commons, Mr Egerton, conservative, defeated Mr Walter, liberal.

Provincial Appointments.

Ambrose Kroetsch of Teeswater, county of Bruce, to be an inspector of licenses for the license district of South Bruce.

SUNDAY IN NEW YORK.

Two Hundred Arrests for Violating the Sunday Laws—Jews Also Taken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—About two hundred people were arrested to-day for breaking Sunday. They composed milkmen, grocers, butchers, drivers of vehicles, bootblacks, newspaper vendors, pedlars, barbers, ragpickers, cigar dealers, dry goods dealers, Chinese laundrymen, bill posters and others. Nearly all were discharged with a reprimand. A number of Hebrew storekeepers were arrested, but discharged with a caution. They claimed the law was not applicable to their creed, but were informed that it was. The liquor and beer saloons were not interfered with and were crowded throughout the day. Druggists did driving business, many curious placards were displayed in front of shops, among them the following: "Land of free resorts to nihilistic government. Down with the penal code." No one of social or political influence was arrested. The code was enforced in Brooklyn. Men pulling up a telephone pole were stopped, but allowed to go on when they stated that it was a case of necessity.

A DESPERADO'S END.

Bob Allan's Arrest—The Chicago Police Riddle Him with Bullets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3—The police were notified this afternoon that Bill Allan, the negro desperado, who shot and killed Policeman Wright on Wednesday night was hiding in Halstead street. A squad of police was ordered to capture him. "Dead or alive, dead preferred." Policeman Mullvahy heard of Allan's whereabouts at the same time and proceeded to the place ahead of the squad. He was met at the door by Allan who fired a ball, striking the policeman's forehead, but it glanced around under the scalp. Allan ran out and dodged among freight cars pursued by the squad and a great gang of citizens. Allan finally hid in a hencoop, into which the police fired several shots, wounding him. He came out, threw up his hands offering to surrender, but the police were infuriated and refused to listen, and Allen fell riddled with bullets. The body was taken to the police station, where it was viewed by a large concourse.

CABLE NEWS.

The Duke of Edinburgh is to be promoted to the rank of vice-admiral.

Lord Granville granted an audience on Saturday morning to the Madagascar envoy.

The murder of the policeman in Dalston, a Surreyside suburb of London, was committed by a burglar.

Gambetta will probably lose the use of two of his fingers on account of the recent explosion of a revolver.

Communication between Frankfort-on-Main and Coblentz has been restored and the railroads are gradually resuming traffic.

The duel arranged between Audrieux, who wounded Lasent, editor of the newspaper Paris, in a duel, and Arene, writer for the Paris, has been abandoned.

The Suez canal works committee are agreed that the idea of constructing a second canal will only be realized when the receipts exceed a hundred thousand million francs.

Daring Escape of a Deserter.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2—Conly Boyle, aged 22, was arrested in Allentown on Thursday for desertion from the army. He escaped to-night from the recruiting rendezvous whence he was being taken to St. Louis for court-martial. He was manacled and chained to an iron bedstead on the third story. He unscrewed the bedstead but unable to free himself from the part to which the chain was attached, thus manacled, and with fifteen pounds of bedstead, he jumped fourteen feet to the roof of a shed and thence twenty-two feet to the ground.

A Young Girl Poisoned.

TROY, N.Y., Dec 2—Nellie Shaw, aged 17 died on Thursday near Cambridge. The autopsy yesterday showed that she was poisoned with corrosive sublimate. She had associated with M. D. Whitcomb, who died recently, it was supposed from the effects of a debauch; but now it is stated that he had many symptoms of the same character as Miss Shaw's. The body will probably be disinterred. Whitcomb was divorced and debarred from marrying again.

Ex-President Garfield's Doctors' Bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2—The Garfield board of audit allows Drs Bliss $6500, Agnew and Hamilton $5000 each, Reyburn and Boynton $4000 each, Mrs Edson $3000. The board also allows different parties $5929 for services and supplies. Outside claims are about $11,000, less than the amount available, making a total balance of nearly $19,000 out of the entire appropriation, $57,000.

An Absconding Cashier.

BUFFALO N Y, Dec 3—W Gilbert, cashier of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway at East Buffalo, has disappeared and with him $30,000 of the company's funds. He was speculating in grain and used the money to keep up his margins. It is probable he has taken refuge in Canada.

A Kidnapped Child.

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., Dec 2—Great excitement has been created here by the kidnapping of a child from Mr Larkin. Notwithstanding the most careful search and the efforts of three of Pinkerton's best detectives, the missing one cannot be recovered. The parents are plunged in profound grief.

Frank Frayne Acquitted.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 2—Frank Frayne was to-day acquitted of the charge of manslaughter in the late theatre tragedy.

The remains of Annie Von Behren started east this evening, accompanied by Frank Frayne and the whole company, who will attend the funeral in a body.

Railway Cars Thrown Off the Rails.

RIPLEY, Ky, Dec 2—The ladies' passenger coach and sleeping car were displaced from the rail last night and thrown down an embankment twenty feet. Thirty passengers were injured, but none seriously.

Deliberate Suicide.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 2 — This morning Elias Stern, proprietor of a shooting gallery, sat on his bed and held a looking glass in front of his face, and placing a pistol to his temple shot himself dead.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

An Advance Copy—A Large Abolition of Internal Taxes Recommended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Notwithstanding the precautions observed in preparing the president's speech, an advanced copy has reached the press. The president ventures to hope that the apparent obstacles confronting the efforts of our minister to Chili in the interests of peace may eventually be overcome to the credit of this government and the satisfaction of the hostile powers. The president next reviews the operations of the treasury. The surplus revenue was $145,544,000, being a total increase in net revenue over the previous year of $42,743,000. The total net revenue was $403,525,000. The balance of trade in our favor, despite the increased imports, was nearly $26,000,000. The president congratulates the country upon its prosperity, and favors rigid economy in public expenditures and a reduction of internal taxes. He endorses the recommendation of the secretary of the treasury, that the tax on distilled spirits, tobacco and fermented liquors be reduced to a minimum consistent with sufficient revenue to meet largely in part the ordinary demands of the government. He favors otherwise the abolition of internal taxes, leaving spirits, tobaccos and fermented liquors to bear the burdens. The president thinks that the tariff laws need revision, and he expresses the hope that the report of the tariff commission may facilitate congress in dealing with the subject. He favors the suggestions of the postmaster-general for the establishment of a postal savings system, and directs the attention of congress to the numerous recommendations calculated to promote efficiency and secure economy in the state service. The receipts next year are estimated at $50,000,000 and the expenses $46,000,000. The president congratulated congress upon the passage of the law for the suppression of polygamy in Utah. He says the Utah commission have made commendable progress, and recommends the continuance of the commission until it shall have been demonstrated that there is no longer a practical necessity for it. The president emphasizes the fact that the recent removal of officials has been prompted wholly in a spirit of loyalty to the reasonable demands of government, and recommends the action of the department of justice in this respect. The president favors the elevation of the civil service and the adoption of some plan which will improve it by reason of more stable tenure. He opposes removals save for inefficiency, neglect of duty, and malfeasance, but he makes no recommendation as to what should be done to reform it, taking the ground that it is within the ample jurisdiction of congress. The message concludes with a review of the operations of the commissioners of the district of Columbia.

FIRES

ERIE, Pa, Dec 2—Scott's hotel at Massagua Point was burned yesterday, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. Loss $40,000.

HOUSTAN, Texas, Dec. 3—The interntiong cotton compress with 6000 bales of cotton and four residences were burned today; loss $500,000.

COLCHESTER, Conn, Dec 2—The residence of Capt Felton and Merchants' Row, consisting of a series of two story wooden buildings, forming the business centre of the town, were burned last night. There was no fire engine, and but little could be done to check the fire. Loss $50,000.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

The telephone has been set up in Regina.

The Quebec provincial legislature is expected to meet on the 18th of January.

Rev. Dr. Potts, methodist minister, was thrown from his carriage on Saturday and seriously, but not fatally injured.

A boy named Lane was brought before the London police court on Saturday charged with drunkenness. He was only eight years of age.

The chiefs of the fire brigades throughout the dominion are in communication with a view of holding an annual convention for discussing matters connected with their duties. A meeting will shortly be held in Montreal to organize.

Philip Christie, an old tramp who originally hailed from Caledonia, is doing thirty days at Berlin for vagrancy. The jail officials found $260 in gold, silver and bills stowed away in different parts of his clothing, which were ragged and filthy.

Haliburton is the most northerly of the villages of central Ontario, and is the farthest point to which settlement has advanced, yet there they find a theatre, a troupe of amateur actors, and large and appreciative audiences.

The Winnipeg Sun learns that an Emerson citizen has received a letter from Sir Charles Tupper stating that the C. P. R. Co. had pledged themselves to the government to build the line from Emerson through West Lynne to connect with the Southwestern at Buffalo Junction.

A Painful Accident.

SEAFORTH, Dec. 2.—This morning while William Donkin, head miller in O'Gilvies mills here, was engaged in fixing a part of the machinery, he was caught between a revolving cog wheel and the wall in such a position that the wheel cut a wound about two feet long from the shoulder down to the middle of the back and two to three inches deep, breaking the collar bone into several pieces and tearing out some of the small bones of the back. He is still living, but very little hopes of his recovery are entertained.

Fatal Schooner Wreck.

PICTON, Ont., Dec. 2—The schooner reported ashore on Salmon point reef is the H Folger, commanded by Capt. J. W. McDonald and eight men. All the crew are lost. Two bodies have come ashore, one of them supposed to be the captain's. Both bodies were badly mangled by being beaten on the rocks by the surf. They were coffined and buried this morning.

Highway Robbery Near Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3—On Friday a pedlar named Maurice Mohr was attacked by two roughs near this city, knocked down and choked into insensibility. The men then opened his valise and stole watches and jewelry to the value of $450.

A Curious Accouchment.

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—Madame Lachapelle took ill on the street yesterday and was delivered of a child on the sidewalk. The infant was handed to a woman, who walked off with it and has not since been seen.

THE MYSTERIOUS NO. 144.

DR. WILD ON THE NUMERICAL SYMBOLISM OF THE BIBLE.

A Pen Picture of the New Jerusalem—The measurement of a Man—The Meaning of the Primary Numbers—The Transit of Venus.

In his answers to correspondents last night the doctor stated he had received a score of letters taking exception to his statement that Eve was never forbidden to eat of the fruit of Eden. He, however, maintained his position and challenged his letter-writers to quote a passage contradicting it. He still further strengthened himself by quoting from Gen., 2nd chap., 7th, 8th, 16th and 17th verses. He pointed out that Eve sinned in persuading her husband to eat the fruit with her, but nowhere was she forbidden to partake of it.

B. A. L. wrote in reference to the clean and unclean beasts mentioned in Deuteronomy. "Medical science," the doctor replied, "is bringing facts to light that confirm the wisdom of God in the sanitary arrangements of his people in eating. Certain kinds of animals will produce certain diseases. Measles are caused by eating pork; the hare gave us scarlet fever. God is far ahead of us in our medical science."

A spiritualist transmitted a revelation to the doctor on the Lost Tribes theory from a reverend gentleman who now lives in spirit land. "I have enough to do to answer the letters that belong to this world, and I would be in a terrible strait if I were to attempt to answer those sent from another" was the reply.

The World's report of the recent free thought meeting was referred to. "So they read my sermon. That will do them good. They quoted from ancient authors to show that a kind of morality existed in those days. Nobody denies it. They also quoted from several scientific works to prove that the biblical account of creation is not true, but not one of them contradict it. With respect to infidel institutions, they refer to Girard college, but that was erected by an individual and not by a society. I referred to infidel societies. Girard was however very illiberal. He would not allow us good ministers to go inside the grounds. You also mention Paine's hall in Boston, but there is nothing charitable about it. It's only a large building, a good deal in debt like this church. You had better disprove facts and not challenge me to discuss the whole bible. To do that would keep me talking till the millennium. You have evaded my points—especially in reference to the Egyptian prophecies—and I am afraid you will have to evade them."

THE SERMON.

Text:—And he measured the walls thereof, one hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel—Rev. 21st chap, 17th v.

The doctor commenced his remarks by a graphic description of the New Jerusalem, and quoted John's statements as to the formation of the streets and gates; the size and architecture of the city and its situation; the glory of the great white throne, and the sublimity and grandeur of the king in his beauty. As to its inhabitants they will gather from the four quarters of the earth—an innumerable company as Paul says. "What a beautiful city! no gaols, no policemen, no armed soldiers, no asylums, no disease, no poverty, no night, no moon, no sun, for God will be the light. I am glad I am to go, and that I have the opportunity of going to such a country."

"The grandjpoint is that man is commensurately related to this world because he is commensurately related to this heavenly city. Its measurements were taken from a man. The angel was the measurer; the instrument was a golden reed. Man is a little map of the universe, and is scaled to the world in which he lives. Some have an idea that man was loosely thrown off. The mountains were weighed in the scales and the hills in the balance, would God then throw man upon the earth unrelated to it? No! He is a just proportion of it. The pressure of the atmosphere would crush me to the earth if it were not for the hollow tubes within me that equalizes the atmosphere without. He has adjusted the rays of the sun to my eyes and thus we are commensurately related to the earth.

Man is provided with his own measurements—the digit, an inch; the handbreadth; the span and the cubit. Our measures coming down from the pyramid are divine, but the French metric system is an infidel production—not akin to man or nature.

If you carefully study the symbolism of scriptures you will find how naturally man is adjusted to it. There were three primary divisions of the world—the outer world, Eden and Paradise. My being comprises body, soul and spirit. All nature, all life is a trinity.

I take Adam to have been a perfect man and that he was seven feet in height, because seven is the perfect number. In revelations there are seven spirits, churches, voices, faces, trumpets, stars, candlesticks, seals, eyes, angels, vials, etc., etc. Seven means completion. Three is a trinity number and stands for the creator; four stands for the world—thus seven includes the creator and the created. The letters A, B, C contain all the curves and lines of the remaining twenty-three, while G includes them all. Look at this number 144. Take man to be seven feet as a standard; divide seven into twelve equal squares; take the first and last squares in their outlines and you will find that the heighth and breadth are equal. A properly proportioned man is as broad as he is high. That is what the New Jerusalem will be. Medical science divides man into twelve parts. Each of them stand for one of these squares. This is the scale used by artists. The different parts of the brain are so adjusted that you will find seven parts above the equator or line, and five below. Ezekiel says that in the New Jerusalem seven tribes will be grouped north, and five south—in the exact form of my brain. If you lay a man down with his head to the north you will have three angles north, three south, three east and three west. The number five stands related to humanity—curiously representing his senses.

One stands for unity, two for competence, three for completeness, four for the world—the four corners, four winds, etc., five for humanity—the five fingers, five senses, etc.; six for labor, "six days shalt thou labor," seven for perfection and rest, eight for evil, nine for limit, leases being made for ninety-nine years. The Druids used this as their sacred number. Ten stands for responsibility—the ten commandments being its measure; eleven for danger—the eleventh hour; twelve for organization—twelve tribes, twelve apostles; twelve signs of the zodiac, twelve months, twelve jurymen. This number multiplied by two represents the twenty-four elders around the throne of God; square the number and you have 144. Twelve is also the retail quantity—a dozen; 144 forms the wholesale number—a gross.

In nature you have these numbers. There are seven joints in the vertebrae. The vegetable kingdom possesses its numbers, mechanism has its own scale. There are some strange ideas based on numbers. They say it takes nine tailors to make a man. There are nine points of law—money, patience, a good cause, a good lawyer, a good counsel, a good witness, a good jury, a good judge and good luck. Take thirteen and you go beyond completion. It spoils organization at a table. Judas, on finding he made the thirteenth at the table, went out and killed himself. There are seven virtues that make a perfect man—virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity.

We are to be adjusted to the new heavens. Beyond this life and world; beyond the resurrection morn; beyond the judgment day we look for the new heaven and the new earth in which shall dwell righteousness. Let it be our strife to prove worthy of admittance to the great city above that we may become citizens of the New Jerusalem."

NOTES.

"The transit of Venus" and the great storm in March next was the subject announced for next Sunday evening.

It was announced that a new set of tickets of admittance to the church on Sunday evening will be issued in January. All delinquent pewholders will thus be brought to time.

The choir has greatly improved of late, the male voices having been reinforced by a good tenor singer Miss Agnes Corlett still holds her position as leading soprano.

In his prayer, the doctor prayed that the Lord might vouchsafe a clear day to the scientists on the 6th for the purpose of viewing the transit of Venus. He also specially referred to the meeting of the committee to form a methodist union, and prayed that success might attend their efforts.

A Grand Event at the Grand.

This week we are to have the Merry War by Haverly's opera company at the Grand opera house with the same original cast, military effects, beautiful costumes and chorus with which it was produced in New York for over two hundred nights. Miss Dora Wiley, the accomplished prima donna, and who created the character of Violetta in Merry War was never in better voice, and Manager Mack states the whole company are in good form, and will do as full justice to the opera during the week as they did in New York. This is the only opera company Col. Haverly has and is the only company that has the right to play Merry War in its right form, as Haverly has purchased the exclusive privilege of the manuscript and orchestration. There are over sixty voices in the company and all of them have an eminent reputation. The New York Herald says: "The Merry War has crowded Haverly's theatre nightly with the elite of the city." The New York World says: "Miss Wiley has scored a success as Violetta in the Merry War at Haverly's theatre." The New York Mercury says: "The Merry War, with Miss Dora Wiley, Miss Hattie Richardson, Miss Pauline Hall, Mr. Richard Golden, C M Pike and Michael Lee, is a great success. The chorus and orchestration is the finest we have had this season."

Man Numeralized.

There is a chance now of being able to describe with precision the actual and intrinsic value of an individual. The perfect man, says the unerring Bond street oracle, is exactly twelve-squared, or 144. Men then are divided into 144 distinct grades and if the doctor's notation becomes generally used we will have a most convenient method of giving the capacity and ability of individuals. An ordinary man about town would probably rank at 50; Smith at 47 and Brown 48; coal dealers, in the eyes of some, would be about as low down as was the reading of the thermometer last night. Bond street is first place on record where men have been squared and cubed, and resolved down to their third and fourth roots. The oracle in that street holding forth can apparently analyze humanity with as much precision and nicety as a college boy can solve a quadratic equation.

Cut to Pieces on the Rail.

At 6 o'clock on Friday evening Henry Anderson, a Grand Trunk freight conductor, met a terrible death at Petersburg, a small station near Berlin. He stepped on the engine attached to the train to deliver to the driver his orders, and in stepping off missed his footing, and fell under the wheels. Before the train could be stopped twenty-five cars had passed over him. His body was cut to pieces. He leaves a wife and four children at Stratford, in which town his remains were interred yesterday. Deceased had been on the road nine years.

German Comedy at the Royal.

Manager Conner announces a week of German comedy at the Royal theatre, commencing to-night. The comedy is embraced in a new play called Karl, the title role being assumed by Charles A. Gardner. Mr. Gardner created the character and has received many flattering press notices. He is a comedian of the Joe Emmett type, and has been favorably compared with that gentleman. The company is said to be well up in their business.

An Artist's Tour.

Mr. Julius Humme recently spent five weeks in the upper Muskoka district, adjoining Nipissing, on a sketching tour. Mr. Humme makes a specialty of hunting scenes, and has brought back a number of striking and picturesque sketches, which he is now transferring to canvas at his studio, 81 King street east. They give promise of being superior works of art.

The Transit.

The Transit of Venus is the subject of a paper to be read by Mr. Baker before the Mathematical and Physical society on Tuesday (to-morrow) night. As this astronomical phenomenon takes place on the following day Mr Baker's remarks will be very timely. Undergraduates and their friends are invited to the meeting which takes place at the lecture room of University college.

Hogg v. Maguire.

This case, which attracted attention in the chancery division a fortnight ago, will shortly be reopened, the plaintiff having decided to appeal against the decision of the court. Papers for this purpose have already been filed, and Mr. Hogg is determined to make the most he can of his claims.

REFORM IN DIVINE WORSHIP.

Dr. Parsons Thinks There Should be a New Departure in Church Service.

In his morning discourse at Knox church yesterday, Rev. Dr. Parsons spoke from a passage in the eighth chapter of Nehemiah bearing on religious instruction as connected with public worship. The rev. doctor alluded strongly to the ignorance which now-a-day prevails in all grades of society with respect to the bible and its standard truths. He cited the case of persons who could even repeat the holy writ verbatim and who were in the darkest ignorance of some of the main principles of religion as laid down in it. He condemned the practice so prevalent in modern Sunday schools of requiring children to learn off by rote, line by line and verse by verse of the scriptures, the meaning of which neither they nor their teachers even, perhaps would understand. He held that there was too much teaching and too much preaching in modern times. One sermon a day was enough for any minister to prepare properly or any congregation to listen to and be properly benefited thereby. There was too much cramming of texts and theoretic religion. The present mode of worship did not originate in the early christian church, but was inaugurated in days when puritanic zeal swayed all hearts and consciences, the willing and the unwilling alike. There is a possibility of the most eager believer being overfed with religious truth. There is too much machinery in the modern worship. It was too cumbrous, too lengthy and too formal. In public service, for instance, every one, during a discourse, should be allowed and even encouraged to get up and question the speaker on any points which might require elucidating. In short, public service should be a conferring together on scriptural truths for mutual edification.

Mrs. Langtry's Narrow Escape.

HARTFORD, Dec. 3.—The express with Mrs. Langtry and troupe on board struck a wagon at the crossing at Thompsonville this afternoon. Arthur Lord, aged sixteen, was killed, and Patrick Kane, another boy, was so seriously injured that he died.

A GENUINE CANADIAN WINTER DAY.

Saturday was an old-time Canadian winter day. So was yesterday, and the chances are that to-day will be the same. It is some years since we had such days in Toronto. And such sleighing. The best of it is, it looks as if it had come to stay. The down-town streets on Saturday were animation itself. Sleighs, cutters, bobs and busters were out by the—well, as many as you like. Many of the nags attached to them could show a forty gait on a good level stretch. The merry tinkle of the bells put "life and mettle in their heels," and the occupants of some of the gay turnouts could truly imagine that they were cutting the crisp air to perfection. But where admiration was most centered was on the fair occupants of them. Canadian feminine freshness and loveliness was never shown to better advantage. La Belle Canadienne was at her best. She swept past, clad in seasonable attire as we presume seeing her on other genuine Canadian winter days. But her sacque was better fitting, and the material for superior stuff, than in those days. Fashion and papa's longer purse has ordained this. Well, if we are proud of her, we should see that she is well clad. Promenaders were also plentiful. They did not saunter along the streets, though. It was a cold-day quickstep, which is well known in this country. The faces of all looked rosy and cheerful, and we doubt not that Saturday was the advent of a seasonable winter, yesterday the streets were made lively with the jingle of sleigh-bells, but the roads leading from the city were the best patronized.

CORRECT AS USUAL.

From the Ottawa Free Press.

The Toronto World is right. There can be only one thoroughly independent party in Canada and that will be the national party with Canadian independence as its motto. Whether such a party is possible remains to be seen.

I admire The World's thorough independence as well as its fearless denunciations of all frauds and impostures regardless of party. It would be well for society if other journals would follow its example.

Gravenhurst, Dec. 1. S. DUNLOP.

ALL ON PAPER.

From the Prescott Telegraph.

The Toronto World is poking fun at the expense of the ultra fashionable managing editor of the Mail, who does not find Canadian tailors good enough for his æsthetic tastes, and accordingly sends to London for his clothing. The Mail man's sympathies for Canadian workmen and home industries is all on paper.

THE SONG OF THE DEFEATED RUNNER.

Oh, George, why don't you stop?
That was the cry of L My-ers.

BALLADS OF A DAY.

THE BICYCLIST.

The shades of night had fall'n around
As through the streets to Yorkville bound,
Appeared a youth who tore along,
Oblivious of the passing throng,
Upon a bicycle.

His brow was hot; with vacant stare
And flowing locks of lint-white hair
He fled along; and ever feebly, faintly rung
The bell of warning he had hung
Upon the bicycle.

"Keep to the road," the peelers cried,
But o'er the sidewalk still he hied
Nor paused; but still pressed onward as he vied
With the proverbial "time and tide"
Upon the bicycle.

"Oh! art thou Time?" a maiden said,
"Yer tempus fugit' I have read."
A leer came in his glassy eye,
He lisping answered from on high
Upon the bicycle:

"'Motley's the only wear' said Shakspeare's fool.
But dear me, his was but an ancient school.
We modern fools, distinctive, wear
A sunflower—lily—or we bear
Us on a bicycle.

Toronto, Nov. 30. —*Georgina A. Fraser.*

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at.	From
Dec 2	Baltic	Queenstown	New York
Dec 3	Werra	Southampton	New York
Dec 2	Pieter de Cornlock	New York	Antwerp
Dec 2	Elbe	New York	Bremen
Dec 3	City of Berlin	New York	Liverpool
Dec 3	Rotgen	New York	Havre
Dec 3	Istrian	New York	Liverpool
Dec 3	Wieland	New York	Hamburg
Dec 3	Labrador	Havre	New York
Dec 3	City of Brussels	Queenstown	New York
Dec 3	Silesia	Plymouth	New York

THE WEATHER BULLETIN.

TORONTO, *Dec. 4.—7 a. m.*—*Lakes: Strong winds and gales from eastward and southward, cloudy to fair weather, local falls of snow, probably turning to rain in western portion, higher temperature.*

THE MIRROR OF CITY LIFE

JOTTINGS AROUND TOWN BY WORLD REPORTERS.

A Real War at the Salvation Army Barracks—The Police Called in—A Warrior Arrested.

For some time past there has been trouble in the ranks of the salvation army. It consisted chiefly of the insubordination of an individual private, who would not be governed by his superiors. Others soon followed his example, and on Saturday and last night affairs reached a climax, when the captain had several times to call the police to aid in quelling the disturbances. On Saturday night as the attendance was not very large the affair did not assume very serious proportions, and one policeman succeeded in keeping order. Last night, however, the barracks in Alice street were crowded, and when the policeman entered he found the place a scene of uproar. Some were standing on the streets and others tried to throw the seats about. Another gang took upon themselves to turn off the gas jets and jostle and hustled a number of girls. Nearly all were either screaming or shouting. A policeman arrested one young man who gave his name as Weston Haskett of 54 Frederick street, and while trying to take him out of the room was attacked by a number of young rowdies. He would probably have suffered at their hands were it not for the timely appearance of several other policemen. It is not known whether Haskett will be prosecuted or not.

Arrival of the Champion Sprint Runner.

W. E. George, the champion amateur sprint runner of England, accompanied by W. M. Caldicott of Worcester, Eng., arrived on the Grand Trunk express from New York on Saturday evening. The train was due at 4.25; a bulletin announced that it was 30 minutes late, but the 30 minutes turned out to be one hour, and the party of gentlemen who were at the station too meet the fleet-foot had some difficulty in keeping themselves warm until the train arrived. Mr. George went to the Queen's hotel, and arrangements were made to entertain him this evening, probably at the Toronto lacrosse club's rooms. The entertainment will be tendered by sporting men generally. Mr. George visited the theatre in the evening and yesterday he enjoyed a sleigh drive. Mr. George is a medical student, and says he just come out to America for the honor of the thing. He does not run to make money. He will remain in the city a couple of days, when he will return to New York, from which city he sails on Dec. 15 for home. He has a pressing invitation to visit Montreal, but it is not likely he will find time to accept it.

A Second Time for Forgery.

John Kekewich, a barber, who has just been out of the penitentiary two or three months, where he served two years for forgery is again a prisoner in the same cell. On Saturday he presented a check to Mr Tonkin, the Yonge street hatter, purporting to be signed by James Rutherford" for $16, on the Imperial bank, and Mr Tonkin cashed it. Joseph Rogers, the hatter, also cashed a check for $7, same bank, purporting to be signed by "Isaac Rutherford." When presented at the bank they were returned as forgeries. Detectives Hodgins and Burrows and Policeman McKee went to Kekewich's house, 65 Sherbourne street, at 11 o'clock last night and found him in bed. He was took down at police headquarters. Kekewich bought an overcoat with part of the proceeds.

A Notorious Gang.

Detective Hodgins last night arrested John Henry, aged nineteen, and David Evans aged 22, in a York street dive on a charge of complicity in the late burglary at Mr Arthur Lodson's residence, at Richmond and Duncan streets. These young men are members of the notorious Spring gang and the chances are that the end of the gang is near. There are some important facts in connection with this robbery that are not yet ready for publicity. The house at 182 Lumley street was at times the resort of many of them, as well as by others of the same ilk. When Henry was searched at police headquarters last night a loaded revolver was found on his person.

Poultry Show.

Visiting the zoo on Saturday a World reporter was pleased to see the comfortable quarters that are being provided for the poultry show, which opens to-morrow. The building on the west side has been well enclosed with glass front, and will be heated by two large stoves, to give the needed warmth. The ranges of coops are very extensive and the coops roomy. He was shown a large number of entries, and it is understood that the quality of the exhibits will be first-class. Entries will close to-night.

$50,000 Worth of Diamonds.

A World reporter last night had an opportunity, in the corridor of the Rossin house, of feasting his eyes on $50,000 worth of diamonds. These jewels were worn by Alvin Joslin (Chas. E. Davis), who takes great pride in exhibiting them. He claims to carry $60,000 worth of jewelry, and at times walks through the corridors of his hotel with half a hundred thousand dollars glistening from his person. He values his watch at $30,000, and says he has a standing offer of $25,000 for it.

The Damrosch Orchestra.

Dr. Damrosch closed his engagement in this city last Saturday night. The pavilion was well filled by a fashionable and appreciative audience. The performance was, if possible, even more brilliant than on the previous evening evincing wonderful unison and skill in executing complicated music. Dr. Damrosch and his peerless orchestra will always be welcomed in Toronto. They left for New York at 11.45 Saturday night.

Supposed Fowl Thieves.

On Saturday Detective Hodgins arrested at 182 Lumley street Geo. McMullin, Timothy Kennedy, Ann Spring, Elizabeth Burns and Bella Anderson. In the house were found twelve chickens and four geese, and it is supposed they were stolen from some one in the country. Spring described herself as a servant, Burns no occupation, and Anderson as a dressmaker.

Stealing an Acton Overcoat.

At 11.30 on Saturday night Detective Burrows arrested James Wright in "Mayor" Dwan's doorway, Lombardy. He has been wanted for a few days on a charge of stealing an overcoat from a hotel in Acton. The coat belonged to Mr. George Gibson and was found on Wright's back when arrested. He will be returned to Acton for trial.