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Notes of the Week.

THE Toronto friends of Queen's University held a meeting last week at which a committee, with Rev. G. M. Milligan, B.A., Convener, was appointed for the purpose of promoting the endowment of the institution. The proposal was most cordially entertained, and there is good reason to expect that the effort will be crowned with success.

THE astute device of Scott Act evaders has completely failed. The red ribbon and blue ribbon beers have been scientifically and legally declared to be intoxicating, so that they can no longer be sold in counties where the Scott Act is enforced or anywhere else without license. Analysis showed that the so-called non-intoxicating beers contained a small percentage of alcohol, and actual experiments were tried on certain subjects who, after copious draughts of the uncertain fluid, exhibited unmistakable evidences of intoxication. The judge, in the case of an appellant from a police court conviction, decided that blue ribbon beer is an intoxicating liquor and that the appellant was properly convicted. Not the least curious thing connected with the trial was the conflicting character of the expert testimony. Doctors continue to differ.

THE movement to confer on the women of China and India the benefits of Western medical science has brought brilliant opportunities within reach of female physicians. Dr. Woodhull, a lady who began to practise her profession the day after her arrival at Foochow last winter, writes that the calls upon her services are more than she can meet. Lady Dufferin is president of the association that has been established in India to support skilled women physicians from Europe and America, for the purpose of training capable native nurses, midwives and medical practitioners. Debarred by social customs from consulting men as doctors, Oriental women are the victims of great and unnecessary misery. Thus shut out from the advantages of Western medical art, although they know its value, they yet desire to avail themselves of its resources.

THE second of the series of Monday Popular Concerts was held in the Horticultural Pavilion on Monday evening week. That high-class music is much appreciated by a Toronto audience is sufficiently demonstrated by the large numbers who attended. The rendition of characteristic music by Mozart, Schumann and others was of a very high order, evincing an enthusiastic love of the art, and most patient and conscientious study. The performances of the instrumental quintette, in which Herr Kegel, the clarionetist, took an effective part, called forth unmistakable admiration and delight, while Herr Ludwig Corell's violincello solo was one of the most brilliant successes of the evening. Rose Braniff, a Brockville lady, was the distinguished vocalist. She possesses a beautifully clear, sweet voice, which has been most diligently cultivated. The attraction announced for the third concert is the singing of Emma Thursby.

THE death of Mr. William Darling, a prominent Montreal merchant, took place last week. The Darling family has been distinguished in mercantile life.

Mr. William Darling's father was a successful and much-respected business man in the Scottish metropolis. The enterprising sons, choosing Canada as their home, have built up large and important business houses both in Montreal and Toronto—Mr. Henry W. Darling, the energetic president of the Toronto Board of Trade, being a brother of the deceased. Mr. William Darling was a large hearted Christian as well as a shrewd and reliable man of business. He was an active member of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, where the funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon, a large number of people being present. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Andrew Allan, G. Hugue, Jas. Robertson, J. Kerry, J. Croil and J. Hodgson. The floral offerings were numerous and were principally from the relatives of the deceased and from those whom he had helped while living.

OUR wide-awake contemporary, the Glasgow *Christian Leader*, says: The "Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly" of the Dominion, with a copy of which we have been favoured, is a noble volume, tabulating with business-like precision and admirable clearness the results of a marvellous amount of consecrated activity. Some of the elders travelled thousands of miles to the Assembly at their own cost! Nearly seventy pages are filled by the minutes of Assembly, while 372 are occupied with the committee reports. The vast extent of the field covered by these is very striking; and it is a hopeful symptom for the Church of the Dominion that in spite of the heavy demands made upon it from its own numerous and needy home mission stations, it has missionaries at work in distant Trinidad, India and China. There is good hope for a Church that does not fail to meet the twofold claim even while the near duty is more than usually onerous. The reports of the evangelistic work among the French-Canadians are most encouraging.

THERE is a considerable amount of human nature in the average American. He is eloquent in his denunciation of the tyranny and haughtiness of European aristocrats; but not many moneyed Americans refuse the chance when it offers of hob-nobbing with the titled and the opulent of other countries. There is Ross Wans, of Baltimore, a landed proprietor in the North of Scotland, who has succeeded in making himself detested for his purse-proud and overbearing disposition. So unpopular has he become that on a recent Sabbath he was violently assaulted by a crowd of his humble neighbours and driven to cover. For Scottish people this is an unusual pastime, especially on the Sabbath day. For their unseemly conduct there is no defence and those guilty of the outrage will doubtless be punished for their lawlessness as they deserve. The incident shows, however, that when a modest Republican lapses into a territorial autocrat, it is a difficult thing to him to secure the good-will and respect of the people over whom he tries to play the part of Lord Paramount.

AT the funeral of General Grant, General G. B. McClellan was a pall bearer and now he too has gone over to the great majority. He died suddenly of heart disease. Military critics are not agreed on his merits as a supreme commander of forces, but there is a unanimous opinion that he organized and made effective by thorough discipline the levies of the Union army, and was the victor at Antietam. He was a man of irreproachable character and beloved by a large circle of friends. He was an avowed and consistent Christian, having been for long a member of Madison Square Church, New York, of which the late Dr. Adams was the much-loved pastor. The funeral services were held in that church and the remains were afterward taken to Trenton, N.J. The entire funeral arrangements were marked by dignified simplicity. His wish that there should be no military display, and no gaudy profusion of floral offerings, was scrupulously respected. General McClellan occasionally spent a holiday at Cobourg, Ontario, being an exemplary worshipper in the Presbyterian Church there.

THE British and American sections of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches have held meetings lately, the British in Edinburgh and the American in New York. At the meeting of the British Section the Council's Committee on the Reformed Churches of Bohemia and Moravia, it was stated that Dr. Blaikie's exertions during the summer had resulted in additional subscriptions to an amount exceeding \$2,500. The total sum now raised in Scotland is within \$1,500 of \$15,000, which has been taken as the Scotch quota to the general fund, and this balance, it is expected, will be made up by the Glasgow branch of the committee, who are arranging to make a special effort in the course of the coming winter. At the meeting of the American section there was a full attendance. The European section recommend the appointment of Dr. Blaikie, of Edinburgh, and Dr. Mathews, of Quebec, as clerks to serve until the London meeting, when the united body might be prepared to select a single secretary—a recommendation with which the American section agreed unanimously. Reports were received from the Special Committees on Foreign Missionary Co-operation and on Continental Churches. It was resolved to hold public meetings in behalf of these great interests, under the auspices of the Commission, in the course of the winter.

GRAND Jurors may occasionally say eccentric things, but usually their presentments are based on plain and palpable facts. It is a coincidence that the Grand Juries in Toronto and New York should simultaneously express the opinion that most of the crimes with which they had to deal were traceable to liquor. The last clause of the presentment by the Toronto Grand Jury is as follows: Your Grand Jury are much impressed with the fact that nearly all cases brought before them during this session, including two cases of manslaughter, one of unlawful wounding, one of felonious wounding, two robberies and two other minor cases, are the result of drinking or drunkenness, thus showing that but for the unnecessary number of saloons or grogeries scattered all over the city, there would have been comparatively little to occupy the time of your Grand Jury. The New York Grand Jury, in a presentment made the previous day, say that during the October term of court they were strongly impressed with the fact that a large proportion of the 323 criminal charges that were passed upon were directly traceable to the indulgence in intoxicating drink, due to the temptations offered by nearly 10,000 licensed saloons throughout the city. The Grand Jury holds that the excise board is highly culpable for the indiscriminate system of licensing now being pursued.

AT the banquet given to Lord Lansdowne at Winnipeg he concluded his speech with the following wise words: But the railway will not achieve the results which you expect unless from one end of the Dominion to the other your people endeavour by mutual consideration and forbearance, by the sacrifice of all sectional interests, by fostering a national spirit, to bind Province to Province and city to city. If I could venture to give you advice I should say, let us all, let the Dominion Government at Ottawa, the Provincial Government in each Province, the municipal authorities in your cities, let every citizen in his own place keep before themselves a consciousness that the present generation is not here in order that it may shape the fortunes of the country for its own selfish ends or temporary convenience. Let them bear in mind that they are trustees for those who will come after them, for the millions who will one day replace the thousands now upon the soil. That their first duty is to regulate their conduct at whatever point it touches the public affairs of the nation that when they are gone their successors may say of them that in the early days of the history of their country those who were in the position to mould its young destinies used with wisdom and foresight, and with a full sense of their responsibilities, the tremendous opportunities which Providence placed within their reach.