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Notes of the Week.

A NEW YORK contemporary remarks that any member of either House of Congress who is absent from his seat when the House is in session, unless serving on a committee of the House, or excused from attendance by leave of absence, or unavoidably detained for the time being, is recreant to his duty, and deserves the severe censure of his constituents. He cheats them and cheats the public out of a service which he owes to both. The same ethical principle is no doubt applicable to the Dominion and Provincial Legislatures.

THE Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association holds a high place among insurance institutions. The annual meeting of the Company has just been held in New York, and Mr. Warring Kennedy, one of the Canadian directors, was present, and was called upon to move one of the principal resolutions, which he did in a comprehensive and business-like speech. It will be seen from the report which appears on another page, that the Company is on a solid basis. The fact of Mr. Kennedy and Mr. William Wilson being on the directorate is presumptive evidence of its trustworthiness. Its volume of business both in the United States and Canada is very large, and is steadily increasing.

AT the annual meeting of the North American Life Assurance Company, a report of which appears in another column, a letter from the President, Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, was read, in which he refers to the fact that "the year 1889 was the most successful in the history of the Company," whose prosperity has been steadily increasing year by year. The vice-president, Mr. John Blaikie, in his address made a feeling reference to the removal by death from the directorate of the late Alexander Morris. The Board of Directors, which is so constituted that it cannot fail to command the fullest confidence, is still further strengthened by the addition of Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. Frank Smith, and Hon. Oliver Mowat.

A SOCIETY for the Prevention of Juvenile Crime has recently been formed, in which the clergymen connected with the Penetanguishene Reformatory take an active interest. The objects—most praiseworthy in themselves—are: 1. To bring the work of Reformatories, Industrial Schools and Homes more prominently to the front in our method of dealing with delinquents, believing that prevention is better and cheaper than cure. 2. To call attention to, and as far as possible remedy, the defects which undoubtedly exist in our Reformatory system. 3. To widen to the utmost extent the distance between the juvenile prisoners in our reformatories and the adult criminals in the penitentiaries. 4. To assist

and advise juvenile prisoners upon their release, and encourage them to begin a new life. 5. To show a Christian care towards juveniles who, either by crime or negligence, have found their way into our reformatory institutions.

THE *Christian Leader* keeps a watchful eye on our Governor-General. Here is one of its latest observations on Her Majesty's representative in the Dominion. Lord Stanley, who so readily played into the hands of those who were responsible for the final enrolment on the Canadian Statute Book of the unconstitutional Jesuits' Estates Act, was invited to grace with his presence the closing exercises of Coligny Ladies' College, Ottawa, by representative ladies of that educational establishment of the Presbyterians. His lordship declined on the ground that he would not be in the city; but next day he turned up and was present at a pianoforte recital by a Miss O'Reilly at the College of Music. The representative of Queen Victoria in our oldest colony does not relish the name of the great French Huguenot, but is obedient to the behests of the Jesuits.

WITH all our boasted advancement, events occur from time to time that ought to make Canadians, whatever their national origin or religious creed, hang their heads with shame. At one time it is a brutal attack on members of the Salvation Army on the streets of Quebec; another, the stoning of a Roman Catholic dignitary on the streets of Toronto, and now it is a cowardly assault on a small company of people who were engaged in Evangelistic services in Hull, within sight of the Capital of the Dominion. That these disgraceful actions are without a cause no one would venture to assert. The miscreants who actively engage in these outrages are culpable beyond question, but they are not the only or perhaps the worst culprits. They do not usually feel a very keen interest in the discussion of social or religious questions, and would not without instigation readily engage in the disgraceful acts that bring discredit on Canada. It is the interested parties that stir up these lawless outbreaks and seek safety in concealment. In one aspect this is a question of police efficiency. Contemptible rowdiness, whatever its origin, should be put down and kept down with a firm hand. Is it too much to hope that this Hull outrage will be the last of its kind?

THE New York *Independent* says. Dr. Cuyler has sent in his resignation. We do not need to tell what Dr. Cuyler it is, or what church he is pastor of. Everybody knows. It is the Dr. Cuyler, long of the largest Presbyterian Church in this country, the Dr. Cuyler famous in temperance work and in all reforms; the Dr. Cuyler of many books and of three thousand articles in newspapers written under his name; the Dr. Cuyler who is our most popular correspondent. He has resigned, not because he is an old man, for he is a young man, but because he is afraid he may become old and then not know enough to resign. His Church is larger than ever before. There is no dissension. Every one is satisfied with the minister. He was never more active and useful; but he says he is getting deaf, and he has been there thirty years, and he wants to leave before his powers fail and the Church begins to weaken. We think the Church can judge on that point. Such a man ought to remain as senior pastor, and have an active junior pastor as his assistant. Our churches do not understand enough the importance of the collegiate pastorate. They put too much work on one man. Let Dr. Cuyler have an assistant as able as he is, if he can be found, and let Dr. Cuyler remain senior pastor as long as he lives.

SOME time ago it became evident that greatly enlarged hospital accommodation was needed in the town of Peterborough. Mrs. Charlotte Nicholls became interested and determined to build one for the city. This she did at a cost of \$15,000. Last week the transfer of the unencumbered deed of gift to the Hospital Trust Board was made. There was a very large gathering of prominent people in the new building. Judge Weller presided. Seated in a large easy chair, with Rev. Mr. Bell, who was to act as her commissioner, on one hand, and the chairman, Judge Weller, seated on the other, Mrs.

Nicholls was an attentive listener. After the opening prayer, Judge Weller said a few words, and then Rev. Mr. Bell, on behalf of Mrs. Nicholls, read her address. The opening paragraph said; I have long entertained the conviction that those to whom God has given the means should, to the best of their ability, use opportunities for doing good, and not leave their gifts and kindnesses to be distributed by other hands when they are gone. She then went on to recount the circumstances under which she determined to undertake the building of the hospital, and concluded with the following unexpected words: And the more certainly to provide the funds necessary to give effect to my desire, and as a grateful acknowledgment of mercies and relief vouchsafed to myself during a season of affliction, I wish to place in your hands this small addition of \$35,000 to the endowment fund. As he read the last paragraph, Rev. Mr. Bell stepped forward and handed to Mr. Richard Hall (chairman of the trust) the deed of the building and a cheque for \$35,000. After addresses by several clergymen bearing tribute to Mrs. Nicholls' generosity, Judge Weller formally declared the building opened with the words: "I declare this Nicholls' Hospital now open for the purpose for which it has been dedicated by Mrs. Nicholls." Continuing, his Honour referred to the spirit in which Mrs. Nicholls had made the gift, saying she was not actuated by a desire for personal gratification, but acted in the spirit of the sentiment, "All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thy things have I given Thee."

THE Montreal *Witness* says. An interesting and touching event took place at Berthierville on the 28 ult. Two aged missionaries, M. and Madame Daniel Amaron, celebrated their golden wedding. The surviving friends of the late French-Canadian Missionary Society will remember that in 1840, when Dr. Taylor and Mr. James Court went to Geneva in quest of missionaries, M. and Mme. Amaron were the first to offer their services. On their arrival M. Amaron engaged in the work of colportage. For years and years he travelled on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, offering the Word wherever he could, stopping for days with well-disposed families and revisiting them until they accepted the truth. Gifted with a loving heart, M. Amaron spoke in such sweet and touching tones of *l'amour de Dieu* that he was surnamed the Apostle of Love. How many hardships, privations and persecutions he endured, in company with M. Vessot, no one knows, for they themselves have forgotten them. While M. Amaron was doing evangelistic work Madame Amaron taught a school at Belle Riviere, which soon developed into the now well-known Pointe-aux-Trembles schools. There, later on she taught in the girls' school. In the course of time the family moved to Berthier, and, in order to supplement M. Amaron's inefficient salary, received persons wishing to learn French. The boarding house gradually developed into the now flourishing French and English seminary for the education of young ladies. Seven children were born to M and Mme. Amaron, and they all grew up to be Christian men and women. Four of them are now directly engaged in missionary work among the French-Canadians of Canada and the United States. Six were present at the golden wedding: Mme. Clements, principal of the seminary; Louisa, associate principal; Anna, wife of the Rev. T. G. A. Coté, general French missionary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; Phineas, of Vermont; Calvin, president of the French Protestant College, Springfield, Mass.; and Jemima, wife of M. Grenier, missionary at Quebec; Mme. Clements' three children were also present. At twelve o'clock a religious service, presided over by the Rev. President Amaron, took place in the parlour, and at one o'clock the family dinner. During the afternoon a large number of Berthier's leading citizens brought their congratulations to the aged couple. Numerous gifts and messages from different parts of Canada and the United States filled their hearts with gladness and gratitude. As an expression of it the family handed President Amaron the sum of \$50 for his college at Springfield. M. Amaron is now seventy-eight years of age, and is hale and hearty. Madame Amaron, *nee* Cruchet, has entered upon her eightieth year, and is not so strong as her husband.