

GENERAL ITEMS.

The Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, and Mrs. Ross, are in England.

The Colonial Exhibition held at London, England, is attracting a great many visitors from Canada and all over the world. The Canadian exhibit is said to be more than a surprise to Britishers and Europeans.

The distance between Yokohama, Japan, to Liverpool, via Canadian Pacific, is 10,953 miles, and shorter by 1,173 miles than by the Central Pacific. It in building is said to have presented greater difficulties than were ever before overcome.

Oxford has conferred upon John Bright the degree of D. C. L.

John Bright has been lately elected without opposition to his seat in the new Parliament, and shall go there opposed to Gladstone's policy re Irish affairs. While maintaining his deep regard for the Irish, desiring the removal of many disabilities that press upon that people, still he considers an independent parliament, such as proposed, and in the hands of Parnellites, unsafe to Ireland and disastrous to the union. He proposes a parliamentary committee at Westminster of Irish members exclusively, to whom every Irish bill must be submitted.

Henry Ward Beecher is the guest of Rev. Dr. Parker, London. The great congregation before whom he preached received him with cheers.

Gladstone is 76 years of age.

A new asteroid, making the 259th, is said to have been discovered by Dr. C. H. F. Peters, of Litchfield Observatory, N. S.

Ex Chief Joseph Delisle, one of the patriarchs of the Caughnawaga reserve, died on the 29th of last month, and was buried with the honors due by his position in the tribe. Deceased was considered one of the best pilots of the Lachine rapids.

In the throne room of his palace, at Quebec, on the 29th, in the presence of a large body of clergy, judges, foreign consuls, members of the Dominion Parliament, Provincial Legislature, and leading citizens, Archbishop Taschereau re-

ceived Count Gazzoli, the garde noble of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., who was the bearer of the Cardinal's cap to Cardinal Taschereau. Not very much in accordance with Friends' idea of simple and primitive faith, in the humble hearts and followers of the meek and lowly Jesus!

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"Let your light shine! let it shine!" Years ago, these were the parting words of a dear mother in the truth (one who, though aged, still communicated her messages of love and cheer to "them that are afar off, and them that are nigh") to a group of young women. And upon the mind of one of these at least they fell as dew upon a tender plant, encouraging, refreshing, and presenting to the view how great an influence for good may be extended by every individual who is careful to heed the guidance of the pure spirit of truth in their own minds, and is willing to express both by precept and example, for the help and enjoyment of those with whom they associate, whatever of good there may be in them. We often find ourselves bemoaning the loss of some opportunity of benefit to ourselves or others, sensible that perhaps the same may never again offer; and sometimes dying lips give utterance to thoughts and feelings we had not deemed the person conscious of. So we are apt to move on day after day with our most precious aspirations, "pressed down as a cart under sheaves," our "light hidden as under a bushel," meeting and parting with some who, it may be, are hiding the secret cravings for just the little word or influence it had been in our power to give, and so the opportunity, prepared by the wisdom which never errs, is lost forever.

How beautiful a life yielded to the impressions of right and duty might become, faithfully attending to the instructions we ourselves receive, and then letting our light shine for the encouragement of others.

May we all be willing to give heed to these better things, yielding our powers and talents to the government of the Divine light in our own society, fulfilling as nearly as possible all the duties that devolve upon us day by day, and cheerfully extending help, in whatever manner