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## Notes of the Week.

In the United States House of Representatives the Tariff Bill has been formally received from the Senate. The House voted to non-concur in the Senate amendments and agreed to the conference asked by the Senate.

The Southern General Assembly at Nashville recommended the theological seminaries to adopt the six months' session and the four years' course, instead of three sessions of eight months each as at present. This is the custom of the Scotch seminaries

At Chicago on July 3, the jury in Judge Payne's court, after two hours' deliberation, returned a verdict finding Patrick Eugene Prendergast not insane or a lunatic, and, therefore, responsible for the murder of Carter Harrison. If no other legal technicality intervenes the assassin was to be hanged on July 13 next.

The tenement house census just completed in New York shows that 1,332,737 persons, in a total estimated population of nearly 2,000,000, live in 39,138 tenement houses, an average of over thirty-four persons to each house. There are 2,346 rear tenements in which 56,130 persons live. Of the total tenement house population 180,359 are under five years old.

The Coats Memorial Baptist Church in Paisley, Scotland, recently dedicated, cost a million and three quarters of dollars. It was erected by the widow and family of the late Thomas Coats, Esq., the noted thread manufacturer. It was six years in building. It is the most costly Nonconformist church building in Great Britain, and probably the most costly Baptist church in the world.

One of the American daily papers presents a vivid picture of a Chicago merchant craving the permission of Mr. Debs, of the Railway Union, to ice his meats on the cars, and being refused by this man permission to ship them; and also of the Governor of California asking consent of one of the deputies of this Mr. Debs to travel from San Francisco to the capital at Sacramento. Under whose government is the country?

Advices from Rome, Italy, state that the police investigation has established the fact of the existence of a conspiracy, of which Cetto was the centre, the object being to take the lives of the heads of the various European countries. The Anarchist Lega, in accordance with this plot, was delegated to kill Premier Crispi and Cesario was chosen to kill M. Carnot. Lega came to Rome from Cetto, where he made an attempt to shoot Signor Crispi.

The *Catholic Standard* finds some comfort in the change of rulers which has suddenly come in France. It repudiates the "dastardly" deed by which it was accomplished, but hails M. Casimir-Perier, the new President, in contrast with him who was slain, as a man "sincerely Catholic in belief and policy, as he is in practice." It finds also an item of interest in the fact that one of the family in a past generation "was Madame Duchesne (Perier), the Founder of the Order of Ladies of the Sacred Heart in the United States."

The New College, the Divinity Hall of the Free Church of Scotland, seems to be a very attractive institution to the class of young men which they call in Edinburgh "foreign students." Of these, there were in the College during the last term forty-nine, of whom fifteen were from Ireland and eleven from America. Says the *Philadelphia Presbyterian*, we would much rather that our students who wish to take a post-graduate course, would go to Edinburgh than to Leipsic or Berlin. They would fit more readily into our American pulpits.

The Louisville Theological Seminary, that with which Rev. F. R. Beattie, D.D., now supplying St. James Square pulpit, is connected, has secured the services of Rev. R. L. Dabney, D.D., as a special lecturer on Christian Ethics, and on Philosophy in its relation to Theology during the coming session, 1894-95. The course of lectures will be given during the months of November and December. The great ability of Dr. Dabney as a teacher, and the ripeness of his experience, gives assurance that these lectures will be of special value. They will be in addition to the stated instructions of the present able faculty.

It is stated on ample authority "that new editions of the Revised Version of the Bible, including the Old and New Testaments, are frequently being printed at the University Presses of Oxford and Cambridge," and many thousands are sold every year. The sale of the Revised Version, although large, does not approach to that of the Authorized Version, and has never affected it. Both are steadily increasing. There is very little demand for either version of the New Testament—apart from the Old." There seems to be no indication that the New Version will speedily supplant the Old, and they will probably be used together for many years.

Dr. Roberts, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, has amended and enlarged somewhat the statistics which he gave to the General Assembly during its session at Saratoga, N. Y. The total additions to the churches during the year 1893-4, were then reported as reaching 71,479, an apparent increase of 12,317 over the previous year. The perfected report, completed since the adjournment of the General Assembly, gives the total additions on confession of faith in Christ at 74,701 more than 15,000 more than the year previous. Never since she had place in the land, has the Presbyterian Church gathered such a great company of new converts.

The United States Tariff Bill passed the Senate on the 3rd instant by a vote of thirty-nine to thirty-four, the only Democrat voting against it being Mr. Hill, of New York. The measure has been a long time before the Senate, the Wilson bill having been reported from the House and referred to the Finance Committee on February 2, and on March 20 reported to the Senate with amendments. How far the measure as finally passed by that body resembles the Wilson bill can be determined only by a comparison of their provisions, but during the months in which it was in the hands of the Finance Committee and the Committee of the Whole it has been so industriously amended as to have lost much of its original character.

Advices from Hawaii state that the Constitutional Convention on June 26 adopted the following resolutions:—Resolved, That the Constitutional Convention arranged to close its labors on or before Tuesday, July 3, and that a public proclamation of the constitution of the Republic of Hawaii be made on the 4th day of July, at such a place and hour as may be approved; and be it further resolved, that the Hon. Sanford Ballard Dole then and there take oath as president of the Republic of Hawaii, and announce the names of his Cabinet; and be it further resolved, that a committee of five members of this convention be appointed to make all necessary arrangements. The convention on June 28 completed the second reading of the constitution and adjourned to the 30th, appointing a third reading on that day.

Korea is in serious trouble. It has rebels within and contending foes without. China and Japan each in its own interest are apparently bent on the subjugation of the Korean peninsula. Both have sent large military forces ostensibly to subdue the rebels, but evidently to secure such a foothold as will enable them to dominate the country. There would certainly be collision between the soldiers of these oriental powers. But now a third arbiter with

a prestige so overwhelming that its wishes must be respected, intervenes. Russia has intimated to both China and Japan that they had better withdraw their troops and settle their contentions as best they can. The British Government, it is also said, has been giving advice to both China and Japan on the Korean difficulty. It has counselled peace and promised that every effort will be made to bring about a friendly understanding between the contending powers. The Chinese are not anxious for outside interference and would prefer a settlement according to their own liking.

The Archbishop of Paris has recently called the attention of Catholics to "that very excellent institution" which we name the Sunday-school. He urges its formation throughout the Gallic church and hopes to see it accomplish as much for France as he is glad to say it has done for England and America. The Sunday school depends for its success upon the very truth which the Roman Church denies, the universal priesthood of believers. Its teachers are not only familiar with the whole Bible, but accustomed to exercise their right of judgment, and so are able to apply its truths without hesitation or authority from precedent. What sort of a Sunday-school will be possible in a church whose members are forbidden to believe, much less to teach, except under the authority of some priestly exposition? If it be a layman's duty not to think for himself how can he possibly teach others.

Chicago is just now in evil case. Terrorized by mobs which could only be dispersed by the application of cold steel, the rifle and the slaughter of some of the ring-leaders, the torch of the incendiary lends a terror which is not new to its other miseries. Railway property to a vast amount has just fallen a prey to the flames. Not long ago a part of the World's Fair buildings by the same means were swept away, and now again the same dire fate has befallen some more of the buildings that formed the beautiful and imposing court of honor which will live pleasantly in the recollection of all who beheld it. What remains is only a ghastly desolation. The buildings that quickly fell a prey to the flames were the Terminal Station, Administration, Mines and Mining, Electricity, Manufactures and Liberal Arts, Agricultural and Machinery Hall. The Transportation Building is also badly injured though not destroyed.

Mrs. Joseph Cook has prepared an effective and valuable leaflet on temperance work in mission fields. She presents the extent and results of the rum-trade with native races, the efforts of the W. C. T. U. in missionary fields and the temperance work of the missionaries themselves. The millions of Africa and Asia and Oceanica have survived through their previous freedom from distilled liquors. But the Hindu youth are taking to them, and one of the strongest objections of high-caste women to Christianity is that it permits drink. The greatest guilt occurs from the African rum-trade. The negroes have so linked Christianity in their thought with this devil-mission that, if Bishop Taylor may be believed, there is a rum-factory in Liberia which the natives call "The Good Jesus Factory." The W. C. T. U. has sent eight missionaries around the world to form local unions in the missions for the promotion of total abstinence. The American success of its school books on temperance has caused "Health for Little Folks" to be translated into Finnish, "The Child's Health-Primer" into Chinese and Hawaiian, and "Hygiene for Young People" into Japanese, Norwegian and Swedish. Ramabai has introduced scientific temperance teaching into her school. In Bulgaria, China, Siam, Natal and Turkey these text-books are winning their way into governmental or missionary schools. American missionaries are, almost without exception, total abstainers, and have done all in their power to counteract intemperance, some denominations going so far as to require a pledge of total abstinence from native converts as a condition of church-membership.