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GREAT BRITAIN.

Items of Interest from the United Kingdom.

Ten thousand British troops are being held in readiness to embark for Egypt in case of emergency.

The stud stables of Lord Norreys, together with fourteen valuable stallions, were burned on Wednesday night.

Frank Hugh Ocahan O'Donnell, M.P. for Dungarvon, a Home Ruler, will make a literary tour in America after the prorogation of Parliament.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor-General of Canada, has been appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Mill-owners of Oldham and Blackburn, in Lancashire, have decided to reduce the production of their factories by working short time.

The Marquis of Hertford died on Friday from the effects of injuries received while hunting last week. The deceased nobleman was seventy-two years of age.

General Lord Wolseley, Adjutant-General, deceased the Prince Imperial, a day or two before the Crimean war. England, he said, has never had an army more worthy of the nation.

The police are watching with a view to ascertaining whether dynamite is being distributed in London in small quantities. There are a number of Irish detectives here watching the movements of Irish-Americans.

Henry George delivered a lecture at Liverpool on Saturday. Andrew Commins, Liberal M.P., presided. There was a large attendance, but no person appeared on the platform to support George except the chairman.

An explosion occurred recently in a colliery in the Rhondda valley, Wales, killing eleven persons. A rescuing party of three men, including the manager of the colliery, who subsequently went into the mine were also killed.

Seven lads have been arrested at Liverpool on the charge of firing the reformatory ship Clarence, of which they were inmates. One of them has confessed that a plot existed to burn the vessel, in which twelve lads were accomplices.

Sir Charles Dilke in a speech last week said England had no interest in maintaining Egyptian domination throughout the Soudan, but would maintain that domination upon the Red Sea especially, with a view to prevent the slave trade.

The prosecution of Wolff and Bondurand, the two men charged with having explosives in their possession for the supposed purpose of blowing up the German embassy in London, and on whose trial the jury disagreed, has been abandoned by the Crown.

An address of sympathy and confidence signed by fifteen hundred loyalists in Ireland was presented to Lord Rossmore at a great meeting at Belfast on Monday. Lord Rossmore, in the course of his reply, said he was convinced that he acted wisely at Rosalea on the occasion of the Orange and League meetings on October 16th.

Baron Carlingford, Lord Privy Seal, in a speech at Liverpool on Tuesday said it was necessary for England to retain paramount influence in Egypt. The Irish must have the same rights and privileges as Englishmen and Scotchmen, and the Government would approach the franchise question in this spirit.

Extra precautions are being taken to protect the Prince of Wales during his visit to Bristol, owing to the fact of numerous menacing letters having been received. The police have arrested a farmer, who is believed to be insane, who purchased a gun with the avowed intention of shooting the Prince of Wales.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, jr., Lord of the Treasury, and son of the Prime Minister, in a speech at the Liberal Club on Monday, hailed the proposed reform of county government in England, and hoped it would be extended to Ireland. The Government, he said, meant to extend the franchise in Ireland, and also intended to reform the county government there.

Baron Emly, Lieutenant of the county and city of Limerick, has witten a letter to twenty-five magistrates refusing to convene a meeting to express sympathy with Lord Rossmore and denouncing the latter's conduct. The Dublin corporation has decided to grant the use of the City hall for a meeting of Parnellite members of Parliament to be held on February 4th.

A large meeting of Loyalists was held in Dublin recently. Among the speakers were Right Hon. Wm. Henry Smith (Liberal-Conservative), M.P. for Westminster. He urged all Loyalists to join hands for the benefit of the country. The meeting was the most imposing political demonstration ever held in Dublin city. The speaking was in marked contrast to that heard at many of the meetings. Lord Rossmore was present and received an ovation.

A novelty in temperance experiments is that of the rector of a church in Warwickshire, England, who, seven years ago, bought the only tavern in the village and hired a good man to manage it. Nothing stronger than beer is sold, and the profits pay the salary of the church organist and leave a considerable sum to be divided among local charities. He would be a brave minister who should dare in America to engage in a similar enterprise.

There has been a lively dispute during the whole week as to the merits of Barnum's elephant, Professor Flower, President of the Zoological Society, considering it to be an interesting specimen. Numerous experts, residents of and travellers in India and Burmah, testify that the animal is neither white in a technical sense nor sacred. In no respect is it different from hundreds of other elephants commonly seen in the East. Professor Flower announces that the pretended religious ceremony advertised will not be tolerated in the Zoological gardens.

A great Liberal meeting was held at Birmingham on Tuesday. John Bright denounced the virulent and extravagant attacks made by Conservatives upon the Government during the present parliamentary recess. The Tories, he declared, were still as much opposed to the rights of the people as when they opposed the abolition of the Corn Laws. Mr. Bright entreated the workingmen of England to continue to exclude from power the party which so injured and insulted them, while it continued unchanged and impenitent. Joseph Chamberlain advocated the inclusion of Ireland in the Franchise bill.

The late Mr. Holloway, of pill notoriety, was a man noted for charity. He founded a dozen excellent lunatic asylums and a dozen splendid colleges for young women in England. But the London *Spectator* is not content with this endowment for the money made out of a specific medicine. It thinks that had Mr. Holloway "honestly retracted the exaggerated descriptions of the virtue of his pills he would have done more good to England," and the journal in question would have been specially pleased had he, prior to his decease, "advertised far and wide his regret that he had ever praised his pills, and had induced ignorant persons to hope that by their help they might find cures for diseases which pills were utterly unfitted even to ameliorate."

The Cabinet councils are understood to be engaged among other things in settling upon a draft for a reform bill. The details remain to be considered. Its general scope is agreed to be an extension of the franchise. The distribution will not make a part of the same bill, nor will the Ministry probably make the expected statement of their views on redistribution. It is certain that Ireland will be included. The Irish franchise will be assimilated to the English. Votes based on a purely property qualification, now numerous in English counties, will be swept away, "faggots" of course included. Some means will be found to deal with fancy franchises in a manner to remove anomalies and to establish suffrage on a national liberal basis indentical in the three kingdoms.

Outrages Threatened.

The *Irish Times'* London despatch says there is good authority for stating that the British Home Office and the police have been warned of serious steps being taken to perpetrate outrages in England in connection with the New York *Irish World's* "O'Donnell Vengeance" fund of £1,800 subscribed, between £600 and £800 were forwarded to London last week. Detectives have been working hard to trace the holders of the money, but failed.

No great importance is attached to the story of the *Irish Times'* London correspondent. The police here believe that disappointed Fenians are systematically attempting to create alarm throughout England.

Nationalist Assemblages.

A Nationalist meeting was held at Newport on Saturday. In spite of the storm fully 10,000 persons were present. A resolution was passed declaring the Land act inadequate and the immigration scheme a brutal blunder. At a Nationalist meeting at Patsonstown, Mr. Harrington, M.P., insisted that the Government should be compelled to grant larger concessions to Ireland. At a Nationalist meeting at Edgeworthstown, Justin McCarthy said Irishmen were determined to have their own Parliament. Some disorders occurred at this meeting, and several persons were ejected from the platform.

The Nationalists' meeting at Killogrange on Saturday was peaceful. The Orangemen did not hold a counter-meeting. Mr. Sexton, M.P., in a speech said he recognized the Queen as a constitutional sovereign. Nationalists never reviled the Queen.

The National League meeting announced to be held on Saturday at Killivanleu, Cork, was forbidden by proclamation. Two magistrates with numerous policemen prevented the people assembling. Some disorder ensued. One of the magistrates twice ordered the arrest of the ring-leader, but he could not be secured. The police felled two women, breaking several ribs of one of them. At an informal meeting afterwards the conduct of the magistrates and police was denounced.

Shocking Treatment of a Child.

At the Thames police court London, recently, Ellen Davy, a young girl, was charged before Mr. Saunders with cruelly torturing Samuel Joel, aged two years and three months, by burning him with a poker, at 165 Mile-end road.—Sarah Joel said: I am the wife of Barnet Joel, and the prisoner was a servant of mine. I have a child named Samuel Joel, aged two years and three months, and he is very bad and unable to leave home. About twelve o'clock at noon on December 28th, I went out leaving the prisoner and my child at home. I returned at one and on entering the kitchen I found him alone screaming and bleeding from the nose. He was calling out, "Mother, Ellen, Ellen burn, poker." I asked the accused what was the mater with my child. She replied, "I don't know anything whatever about it." I said to her, "You have done something to my child. Tell the truth," and she repeated, "I don't know anything about it; don't question me." I took up the child and on examining it I found it fearfully burnt, and the skin off on different parts of its body. The infant pointed to the prisoner and a poker in the fireplace, and again exclaimed, "Oh! Ellen, Ellen, burn, poker." I told the prisoner I should take the child to the hospital and have further advice about the matter. She said, "I would not do such a thing; he fell on the ashbox." I then noticed the poker was hot, as if it had been taken recently from the fire, and I said to her, "What did you burn the poor baby for? It will be all the better if you tell the truth." She said, "He was in my way. I did put him on the ashpan, but I did not mean to hurt him."—Mr. Saunders remanded the prisoner for a week to see how the child progressed.

TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

Thursday, the 13th of March, has been appointed polling-day on the Temperance Act in Oxford county. The Temperance Committee have called a convention for Tuesday, February 5th, to be held in the Woodstock Methodist church. A grand rally is expected.

Tennessee authorities are now enforcing what is known as the "four mile law," that is, a law forbidding the sale of liquors within four miles of colleges, schools and certain other institutions of a like character. This law is virtual prohibition, for it is almost impossible to plant a liquor shop anywhere in the state which will not encroach upon some "four mile radius."

The temperance party have a new difficulty to struggle with. At the Mayor's dinner in Kingston, which was conducted on temperance principles, it was found impossible to drink the water provided, on account of the presence in it of "pollywogs." As the guests did not relish this mode of serving the article, there were obliged to fall back on tea. We way be pardoned for saying that this was a tea-total repast.

Cardinal Manning is a practical man in many respects, and moreover a strong believer in the principle that example should always enforce precept, in temperance as well as in Church work. His Eminence has lately, in carrying out this principle, issued an order that a branch of the Catholic Total Abstinence League of the Cross be founded in every Catholic school, and that the manager at every school must be president and an abstainer. He has worked an extraordinary change among the Irish of Westminster, who, from being generally poor and thriftless, are now prosperous.

Dr. John A. McCorkle, of the Long Island college hospital, has got himself into hot water with total abstainers. He says that the Rhineland proverb, "wine is the milk of old age" is perfectly true, and that when the energies begin to flag and the blood courses more slowly through the veins, stimulants serve a useful purpose. The temperance people need not be alarmed. If the young can be shown the evils of indulging in intoxicants and weaned from the desire for the "inoxicating cup," no evil will be wrought by the indulgence by the aged in the gentle stimulants which help "to sweeten and prolong the evening twilight of existence, to make less perceptible the slow darkening of the lights in the windows, more gentle and easy the descent into the depths of the dark unknown."

Hon. James Jackson, Chief Justice of Georgia, in an article in the *North American Review*, writes:—"The day of the grog shop and of that which it produces—the inflamed passion and the deadly weapon—is rapidly passing away. The local option retail law generally pervades the State of Georgia; county after county prohibits the traffic, reduces the expenses, and diminishes crime. The prosecuting officers of the State are paid according to the number of criminals tried, and they inform the writer that in those counties where this traffic is prohibited the office of solicitor-general is worthless. Soon, let us hope, the generous Southern sun will shine upon an entire population sober, prosperous, peaceful, and happy. May that population be swollen into a vast multitude by a tide of immigration which shall enrich every valley and cover every hilltop with good, sober, industrious men."

UNITED STATES.

A Budget of News from Over the Border.

A bill has been introduced in the Connecticut Legislature allowing women to vote on school matters.

A letter has been received from Gen. B. F. Butler, in which he declares he is out of politics for ever.

Crop reports from different sections of California give bad indications. It has been the dryest season in seven years.

It is stated that Congressman Hewitt has received a letter in which he is threatened for being a traitor to the Irish cause.

It is reported that there are seventy cases of smallpox in the hospital at Louisville, Ky., and many scattered through the city.

A merchant of Apex, N.C., named Jenks, has deserted a sick wife and three children and eloped with the 13-year-old daughter of his clerk.

A strange and ferocious animal is desecrating the graves in the vicinity of Fostoria, Ohio. All attempts to kill it have thus far been futile.

Hydrophobia has appeared among the livestock on farms in West Cantham, N. Y., and it is declared that the bite of a woodchuck produced it.

The Norborne (Mo.) *Independent* announces the marriage at that place of Joshua Bartlett, aged eighty, and Miss Harriet Dodd, aged seventy-three.

Specials from Southern Georgia and Florida report that oats and vegetables have been killed by frosts. Oranges and fruits are not seriously damaged.

Mrs. Coons, of Nebraska City, sues for a divorce on the ground that old Coons "bought her stockings with holes in them, as he could get them at half price."

Mrs. Bowers, who pretends to possess some wonderful powers as a prophetess, warns the people of Reno, Nev., that a great fire will destroy that town in April or May.

A variety actress named Nellie Palmer, arrested on Monday at Nashville, Tenn., and sent home to Detroit, Mich., proves to be a nun escaped from an Ontario convent.

There were 1,676 accidents in the mines of the Pennsylvania anthracite region during 1883. Of these 320 resulted fatally, making 153 widows and rendering fatherless 512 children.

Leroy Warned, of Erie, Pa., recently asked the court to approve a document setting forth that for a certain sum he had sold his daughter to Peter Wild. The court declined.

Two boys named Shadwick, who informed on illicit distillers in Gilmer county, Georgia, have disappeared, and it is feared they have been murdered and thrown into the river.

Quite a number of toothless individuals in Iowa are out gunning for a travelling dentist who pulled out their teeth free, and collected half the price of new sets which he forgot to bring around.

A secret oath-bound brotherhood has been formed at Greensburg, Pa., the members of which are pledged not to buy French goods and to boycott all dealers selling them until the embargo is taken off American pork.

The discovery of tin at King's mountain, Cleveland county, North Carolina, is announced. This is the first discovery of that valuable mineral in the United States. The State chemist will make a careful examination.

It is stated in Washington that the reports of the richness of the placer deposits in Cœur D'Alane mountains, Idaho, are greatly exaggerated. The ground is covered with three feet of snow, and mining operations there are impossible.

A terrible explosion occurred recently in a mine at Crested Butte, Colorado, by which fifty-six men in the mine were imprisoned, and are feared to have been killed. A leak in the air compressor is supposed to have caused the disaster.

Fred. Douglas, the coloured politician, was married to Miss Helen M. Pitts, a white woman, formerly of Avon, N.Y. The wedding took place at the house of Dr. Grimke, of the Presbyterian church, and was private, only two witnesses being present.

In the house of the eccentric recluse who died in Kingston, New York, a few days since personal property valued at $150,000 was found, among other articles being a barrel half filled with pennies and a note for fifteen thousand dollars which had never been presented.

Chas. Nash, of Stapleton, L. I., on a wager of $10, ate on Friday 300 oysters, five pounds of roast beef, and drank twelve "schooners" of lager without leaving the table. He did not seem uncomfortable after an hours' moderate walking, and said he could repeat it within a few days.

The young man in South Yonkers who spent five regular-sized hours with his "best girl" on a recent Sunday night and never offered to kiss her "red, red cheeks," gave as on excuse that he had seen a placard on the stoop as he came in which warned visitors to beware of the paint.

It is said that fifty thousand diaries have been sold in New York since the beginning of the year, and that the demand still continues. There are no reliable statistics as to the number of people who buy them for the purpose of keeping a journal of their daily lives and fail after a few spasmodic efforts.

The smallest inventions sometimes prove the most lucrative. A San Francisco lady, inventor of a baby carriage, received $14,000 for her patent. The paper pail, the invention of a Chicago lady, yields a large income. The gimlet-pointed screw, the idea of a little girl, has realized millions of dollars to its patentee.

Early Saturday morning the State penitentiary of Minnesota was totally destroyed by fire. The building contained over three hundred convicts, among them being the notorious Younger brothers, all of whom, however, were safely removed with the exception of one, who is reported as having perished in the flames.

Mr. W. C. Coup has recovered a verdict for $15,000 against the Wabash railroad in his suit for damages, resulting from a smash-up in Indiana in 1882, which killed and wounded a number of his employés, demolished his special trains and prevented his circus from fulfilling its dates, and eventually drove him into bankruptcy.

James Nuts, in reply to a question, declares that he had no intention of shooting Dukes when he left home on the day of the occurrence, that he did not lie in wait for him, that none of his relatives had ever advised the shooting, and that the time from commencement to end of the firing has always been a blank to him.

A Key West despatch says Col. Aguero, a Cuban insurrectionist, was arrested there on Saturday as a bandit. The arrest causes much excitement among Cubans in New York. The Cubans in Key West held a mass meeting recently and prepared an address to the American people protesting against the arrest of Carlos Aguero.

Theodore Van Alin, of Syracuse, N. Y., celebrated his one hundred and fourth birthday on Saturday. He claims to be the oldest Democratic voter in the State. Mr. Van Alin's father was accidentally killed at one hundred and five years of age; his grandfather lived to be one hundred and twelve, and a brother of the latter was one hundred and fifteen years old when he died.

Dewey, the notorious forger who absconded from Montreal after victimizing banks there and in the United States by means of forged bills of lading, and who was subsequently captured in San Francisco and taken to Boston, was recently sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. His partial restitution of his ill-gotten gains doubtless prevented his receiving a heavier sentence.

A curious law suit is now awaiting trial in New York. Some ten months ago Miss Annie Pettit, a young girl of unusually large proportions, was engaged by a dime museum manager to exhibit herself as "the largest young lady in the world." Miss Pettit was given to understand that her position was a life one, and it probably would have been hadn't nature interfered and reduced her size so much that she was no longer a curiosity. The management promptly discharged her, and she now sues for reinstatement.

Mrs. Lucretia Neeley, of Jeffersonville, Ind., a lady prominent in charitable and social circles, was taken very suddenly ill on Thursday night last, and in two hours was pronounced dead. Heart disease, hastened by acute asthma, was assigned as the cause. On account of the suddenness of her death, the funeral was postponed until Monday morning. The undertaker was about to replace the lid on the coffin, when a glance at the corpse caused him to draw back with an exclamation. The friends were summoned, and, after a hasty consultation around the coffin, the preacher said: "My friends, the funeral of Mrs. Neeley will proceed no further, as he is thought she is still alive. The audience is dismissed." The undertaker says that as he was about to close the lid of the coffin he noticed a flush on the cheeks of the corpse, and saw a movement of the body as of a person in a desperate struggle for life. The burial has been postponed indefinitely, and every effort will be made to bring Mrs. Neeley out of her supposed trance.

A Man Passes for a Woman for Thirty-eight Years Without being Detected.

WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 26.—Elizabeth Rebecca Payne, daughter of the late Joseph Payne, who lived seven miles from here, and for thirty-eight years has appeared as a woman, avowed herself to be a man a few days ago, and yesterday was married to Miss Hinton at Martensburg. A surgical operation was recently performed on Payne which brought about the above result.

Living Together as Man and Wife on a Written Contract.

MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 25.—Seth Whitten, a prominent lawyer, drew up a marriage contract which he and Maud McArthur signed and then lived together as man and wife. There were no witnesses to the signing of the contract. Whitten was arrested at the instance of the citizens, and on his trial he ably defended himself. The court, in charging the jury, said if they found that both or either of the parties entered into the contract in good faith a verdict should be given for defendant. The jury were out all night, and finally disagreed.

A Domestic Tragedy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—An Elgin despatch confirms the report of a tragedy near there. Mrs. Combs staggered to the house of a neighbour covered with blood flowing from deep gashes, and with a long knife in her hand. She said her husband tried to murder her, and thinking he had done so, cut his own throat. Combs was found dead in the house, which showed evidence of a fearful struggle. The woman was alive at last accounts. She was Combs' third wife, and was considered an adventuress before her marriage. There is a suspicion that she may have murdered her husband and received her wounds in the struggle.

Strange Reticence of a Doctor.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Dr. Temple S. Hoyne found the body of a friend on the dissecting table in Hahnemann college six years ago, and although he has continued to attend the family ever since never disclosed the facts. Meantime the family of the deceased have continued to pay the insurance premiums on a policy of $20,000, on the supposition that he may be still alive. Hoyne says the deceased was addicted to drink, and probably died on the street from exposure. In explanation of his oconduct he says he was shocked on discovering the body, and intended informing the family, but as the boys needed a subject he let them go along with their work.

The Anti-Polygamy Bill.

The Anti-polygamy bill reported by Senator Hoar provides that in any prosecution for bigamy, polygamy, or unlawful cohabitation under any statute of the United States the lawful husband or wife of the accused shall be a competent witness, and may be called and compelled to testify. A prosecution for bigamy, polygamy, or unlawful cohabitation may be commenced any time within five years after commission of the offence. This provision does not apply to offences barred by the statute of limitations. One of the sections provides for certification of marriages in the territories and prescribes penalties for its violation. The records of marriages or of anything in the nature of a marriage ceremony shall be subject to inspection at all reasonable times by proper officers.

The Irish "Emergency Fund."

CINCINNATI, Jan. 24.—The *Commercial Gazette* will publish to-morrow an open letter from John Byrne, vice-president of the Irish National League of America, to Patrick Ford, editor of the *Irish World*, taking strong exceptions to Ford's call for "an emergency fund," to be subject to his judgment alone, with no accountability, for the purpose of waging war with England. Byrne claims that such a course as this fund implies would be regarded by all civilized nations as guerilla warfare, revolting to the belligerent uses of the age, and they would be bound from self-interest to assist England in crushing it. He protests against allowing Ford and Rossa and that class to fix the standard by which 95 per cent. of Irishmen and Irish politics shall be measured. Byrne closes by saying he believes he can rely on the majority of the Irish element in America, including the business and professional classes, to support this declaration.

Desperate Attack on a Farmer With Fishplate—No Hope of His Recovery.

HICKSVILLE, L.I., Jan. 25.—At half-past six this morning Selah Sprague, a well-to-do farmer at East Meadow, went to the barn to feed his horses. He had just reached the barn when a tall mulatto attacked him with a fishplate used for coupling railroad tracks, and after striking him several murderous blows on the head left him for dead and made his way to the house. Upon entering he saw Mrs. Sprague in the kitchen, and struck one blow at her and demanded her money. She told him to get it out of a drawer and then ran screaming from the house. Before she had gone far the man overtook her and passed her, soon getting out of sight. The neighbours hurried to the spot and found Sprague's almost lifeless body lying in a pool of blood near the barn. The country was scoured, but the miscreant was not found. Great excitement prevails. Sprague and his wife are about 50 years of age and amongst the most respected residents of the country. There is no hope of Sprague's recovery.

LATER.—The mulatto has been arrested.

Burned to Death by Ignited Naphtha—Sad End of a Practical Joke.

DETROIT, Jan. 28th.—At 3 o'clock Saturday morning Charles Reschka, fireman at the Mutual Gas Company's works at Hamtramck, was seen to rush from the engine-room enveloped in flames and throw himself in the snow. Some men employed around the works ran to his assistance and extinguished the fire, but not until Reschka was burned in a terrible manner. He was taken to his home, where he has since died. August Heintzman, accused of causing Reschka's death, admits that he threw naphtha on Reschka, but only in fun. Reschka tossed an old shoe over at him. He seized a dipper, scooped up about a pint of the fluid without knowing its inflammable nature, and threw it back over the boiler in the direction where the shoe came from. He did not see Reschka at the time, but an instant later heard him scream. The police decline to arrest Heintzman on the ground that the affair is not within their jurisdiction, and the sheriff [illegible] nothing unless the coroner orders [illegible] man under arrest.

RELIGIOUS.

Monks and nuns are forbidden to reside in France in communities.

Six cardinals are to be created at a Papal consistory to be held on the 21st proximo.

It is announced that Bishop Patrick J. Ryan, of Missouri, has been made an archbishop by the Pope.

The Most Rev. Dr. Medley, Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of Canada, has entered upon his eightieth year in good health and full of vigour.

One hundred years ago the first bishop of the Anglican communion outside the British Isles was consecrated. Now 133 bishops look to Canterbury as the seat of their patriarch.

Rev. J. S. Bush, for twenty-eight years rector of the church at Stapleton, S.C., preached his farewell sermon on Sunday. He resigned because at a Sunday-school fair articles were raffled off contrary to his wishes.

At a banquet given on Tuesday at Paris, Ont., by the Very Rev. T. J. Dowling to the clergy of his diocese, the rev. gentleman was presented with a congratulatory address, accompanied by a purse of five hundred dollars.

Rev. Dr. Wilson has addressed a farewell letter to his former congregation in Kingston, stating that in consequence of the failure of all efforts at reinstatement in his charge on account of his firm refusal to sever his connection with the Salvation Army he has decided to seek another field of labour.

Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Bishop of Algoma, will return to Canada in a few weeks. His Lordship was one of the bishops who assisted the Archbishop of Canterbury at the consecration of Dr. Barry as Bishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, which ceremony took place in Westminster Abbey on January 1st.

Mr. Innes, M.P., of South Wellington, has received a draft petition from Rev. W. S. Griffin, of Guelph, asking Parliament not to sanction any legislation which shall endanger the superannuated fund of his church. He fears that the ministers of the minor Methodist bodies may get a share of this fund without having contributed a proper proportion towards it.

American Methodism, from which Canadian Methodism is an offshoot, will be 100 years old in December next. Some idea of its remarkable growth may be had by the following figures, gleaned from the minutes of the annual conferences of 1882:—Number of bishops, 11; number of itinerant preachers, 11,022; number of preachers on trial, 1,337; number of local preachers, 11,967; number of members in full connection, 1,572,177; number of probationers, 175,841; whole number of churches, 18,162; value of the same, $65,467,082; number of parsonages, 6,224; number of Sunday schools, 20,901, with 224,667 scholars; amount of benevolent contributions:—For conference claimants, $167,693; for the Missionary Society, $824,186; for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $107,673; for church extension, $146,000; for the Sunday School Society, $13,[illegible]; for the Sunday School Union, $16,991; for the Freedmen's Aid Society, $56,808; for