

General News.

The great strike among the telegraphic operators still goes on. There is very little prospect of a settlement as yet. On the whole the strikers are acting in a united and orderly manner, and thereby securing a great deal of public sympathy. Other societies and unions are giving them strong moral and financial assistance.

CANADIAN.

Powerful machinery is being constructed to drain 6,000 acres of marsh land, near Chatham, in Kent county.

Two young men have been arrested in Port Hope, in the act of setting fire to an old building.

Mr. J. R. Brough, Toronto's City Engineer, has died from the effects of internal injuries received when he was thrown out of his buggy nearly two weeks ago.

Toronto had a great Trades and Labor Unions demonstration last Saturday. The members of the different societies with their banners, bands, &c., formed an imposing procession of about a mile in length.

Preparations are being made at Halifax for a concert in honour of Prince George, of Wales, who is expected to arrive there shortly on H. M. S. Canada.

Captain Matthew Webb undertook to swim down the rapids in the Niagara River, and lost his life in the attempt going down in the Whirlpool. His body has not yet been recovered.

Mr. John F. Stairs has been elected to the House of Commons for Halifax county.

BRITISH.

The Privy Council has decided in favor of the Province of Ontario, in the famous Mercer Escheat Case.

A terrible tragedy has occurred at Bedford. A young man, in a fit of jealousy, shot his sweetheart and then himself.

M. Waddington succeeds M. Tissot as French Ambassador to England.

Orders have been received at Aldershot to prepare four batteries of field artillery for active service.

Lord Penzance has sentenced Rev. Mr. Mackonochie, the well-known ritualist, to deprivation of ecclesiastical preferment with costs.

The English Government will not ask Parliament to sanction the Suez Canal agreement this session.

UNITED STATES.

A terrible tornado in the Western States, last Saturday, destroyed much property and many lives.

The cotton worm is destroying the crops in the South.

The New York cigar makers' lock-out still continues. 1,300 dress and cloak makers are now on strike.

Three Calcutta ships were burned in Brooklyn harbor last week and several lives lost.

An awful disaster has occurred at Baltimore, Maryland. A wharf crowded with excursionists gave way, and about a hundred lives were lost.

FOREIGN.

THE CHOLERA in Egypt is growing worse; all Europe is alarmed. England is sending medical men to aid the sufferers. 500 deaths have occurred at Cairo in one day. In addition to the cholera, leprosy has broken out near Damietta.

Serious anarchy prevails in Zululand. There is constant war between Cetewayo and other native chiefs.

Eight officers of the Egyptian army have been sentenced to seven years penal servitude for complicity in the massacres at Alexandria last year.

An embassy from Burmah is at Vienna on the way to France.

Several storms have swept over the north of Italy, causing much damage to crops and some loss of life.

A village in Styria, Austria, was recently burned by incendiaries while the inhabitants were absent from their homes to give a welcome to the Emperor.

LET IT PASS.

Be not swift to take offence;

Let it pass!

Anger is a foe to sense;

Let it pass!

Brood not darkly o'er a wrong

Which will disappear ere long,

Rather sing this cheery song—

Let it pass!

Let it pass!

Strife corrodes the purest mind;

Let it pass!

As the unregarded wind,

Let it pass!

Any vulgar souls that live

May condemn without reprieve,

'Tis the noble who forgive.

Let it pass!

Let it pass!

Echo not an angry word;

Let it pass!

Think how often you have erred;

Let it pass!

Since our joys must pass away,

Like the dewdrops on the spray,

Wherefore should our sorrows stay?

Let it pass!

Let it pass!

If for good you've taken ill,

Let it pass!

Oh! be kind and gentle still;

Let it pass!

Time at last makes all things straight,

Let us not resent, but wait,

And our triumph shall be great;

Let it pass!

Let it pass!

Bid your anger to depart,

Let it pass;

Lay these homely words to heart,

"Let it pass!"

Follow not the giddy throng,

Better to be wronged than wrong;

Therefore sing the cheery song—

Let it pass!

Let it pass!

—All the Year Round.

Literary Record.

The National Temperance Orator, edited by Miss L. Penny and published by the National Temperance Society and Publication House, New York, is one of the best collections of temperance articles that we have met. We have two selections from it in this week's *CITIZEN*; we have been indebted to it before and hope to use it again. It is just the thing for those who want help in their efforts to make lodge-meetings and such gatherings both pleasant and profitable. The selections are interesting, of suitable length, and first-class in style and character.

We have received the printed report of the 30th annual session of the Grand Lodge of Canada I. O. G. T. It is neatly gotten up, and full of information of special interest to members of the order. The statements of the improved financial condition of the Grand Lodge and the increased membership of subordinate lodges, are particularly encouraging and gratifying. The Order has now an aggregate membership of 290,700, and 10,107 of this belong to the Province of Ontario.

The Annual Announcement of Pickering College is a neat pamphlet, giving details of the success and prospects of this interesting school. Planned and conducted by the Society of Friends, with particular reference to the development of moral character, and the imparting of a sound education, it offers peculiar advantages to students of either sex, who desire to pursue any special line of study, to qualify themselves for teaching, or to prepare for a University or Professional course. The situation of the College is convenient, beautiful and healthful, and it has many advantages that cannot be offered by similar institutions in larger towns or cities. For information address the principal, W. H. HUSTON, Pickering.

The sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is either right or it is wrong. If right, take away the license (as in the case of vinegar or syrup). If wrong, it should no more be licensed than theft. High license will not reduce the business. If the saloons are reduced to half their present number, that half will find their business doubled. Washing our hands in high license will not cleanse them. The story of the ox is (Ex. xxi. 28), "If he is wont to push with his horns in times past," and the owner knew it, and do not keep him in, he is responsible for all damages. The fence must be so high that an ox cannot get out. The ox can jump over any high license fence. But one fence will answer the purpose, and that one reaches to the throne of God—that fence is Prohibition.—*Christian Guardian*.