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### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

An event which not a few people regard as a happy omen of Union between the Free and United Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, negotiations for which are in progress, was lately witnessed in Aberdeenshire. The United Presbyterian Church of Stuartfield became vacant and it and the Free Church congregation of the same place agreed upon a basis of union which was speedily carried into effect. The Rev. Principal Rainy, who was present on the occasion of the union, said that he regarded the event as a step of excellent promise, and a good omen for larger efforts and larger results in the time to come. A few more such cases would demonstrate the feasibility of union so far as the congregations of both churches are concerned.

A well known and respected citizen of Toronto, for twenty years an elder in St. Andrew's church, died last week, in the person of Mr. Peter Barclay, whose simple, unaffected piety, and worthy life were highly prized by his colleagues and co-workers in congregational affairs. He was a native of Fifeshire and resided in Toronto since 1867. He reached a good old age, having been born 80 years ago.

One of the many interesting facts brought out at the Woman's Temperance Convention was that sixteen million school children receive scientific temperance instruction. If the women had done nothing more for temperance than this one thing it would have been a great achievement. The

minds of the young are stored with knowledge of the baneful physical results of indulging in alcoholic liquors, and it is not too much to expect that future men and women will be intelligent total abstainers as a consequence of such instruction. No more effective mission work could be pursued by social reformers.

There seems to be a rising tide in favour of adopting the use of individual cups or chalices in dispensing the Individual Cups communion wine. However difficult Recommended. the thing may be to accomplish, no doubt the tendency at present is in favour of the individual cup. The medical faculty has been very generally on its side, and it is only the other day that the American Public Health Association—an influential body of professional and official men, pronounced against the practice at present prevailing. Of course the change is advocated for hygienic reasons and in the long run, these, if genuine, will prevail.

It is not in the Canadian Church only that special efforts are necessary this year to bring up to the requisite amount the fund for Aged and Infirm Neglecting a Sacred Duty. Ministers. The Church in the United States is under the same necessity as will be seen from the following appeal: “A worthy Presbyterian elder, a member of the Loyal Legion, believes in loyalty to the veterans of the Church, who instead of a six years' campaign have served on an average of from forty to forty-five years and in their old age are incapacitated for work. He makes the remarkable statement that every ninety days the government distributes to the veterans and their dependants in Minnesota as much as the wealthy Presbyterian Church has given to its veterans throughout the United States in the past nine years. Would that the whole membership of our churches might be swept into a Loyal Legion that would forever put an end to the disgrace of neglect of the veterans who have given their best years to the service of the Church and because of their self-sacrificing devotion are, in their declining years, without the means to ward off actual suffering! How can pastors allow their churches to remain in ignorance of the needs of this important board of our church and discharge their duty to their aged comrades?” Ponder the last sentence well. It fits in Canada, the liberal and kind.

A point of great importance to the public health was raised by Dr. P. H. Bryce, the Secretary of the Ontario Board of Health, in a paper delivered The Treatment of Tuberculosis. by him last week in Philadelphia. He laid down as a principle that the state should deal with tuberculosis or consumption in as responsible a manner as it deals with lunacy. Dr. Bryce's figures are startling. He showed that in Ontario ten times as many persons become afflicted with tuberculosis every year as with insanity; that ten times as many die, and that since Confederation in 1867 to 1895 the maintenance of the asylums in the province had cost \$9,854,499 98. He also showed by statistics that from fifty to