

MR. W. H. RODDEN, of Toronto, has been appointed Provincial Organizing Agent for the I. O. G. T. We wish that worthy gentleman every success, and congratulate the Good Templar Order upon having secured the services of so enthusiastic a worker in the Temperance Cause.

BRITISH.

Already this session there have been presented to the British Parliament 6,261 petitions with 1,751,243 signatures, in favor of the Sunday closing of places where strong drink is sold.

A deputation of 400 fishermen who called upon the Prince of Wales for some purpose as representatives of the interests of their fellows, were invited to lunch on the lawn of Marlboro' House. In serving out the alcoholic part of the meal, the butler found one half the number were totalers, and had to send out and nearly break the lemonade market. Good luck attend the sober fishermen.

Francis Murphy is having large success in his temperance work in England.

The Scottish Band of Hope Union has 368 active Bands of Hope in connection with it.

IRISH TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.—On Thursday morning the Rev. Charles Garrett, President of Wesleyan Conference, was entertained at breakfast by the Irish Temperance League. There was a very large attendance. Mr. M. R. Dalway, D.L., J.P., presided, and a resolution of welcome, moved by the Moderator of the General Assembly (the Rev. H. B. Wilson), was supported by Mr. W. M. Scott, the Rev. George Cron, the Rev. John Fordyce, M. A., and the Rev. T. S. Woods. In responding, Mr. Garrett gave an interesting account of the progress and prospects of the temperance movement, and said:—I owe very much more to the temperance movement than the temperance movement owes to me. It took hold of me at a most impressionable age, and at an age when I was in the greatest peril. I am perfectly conscious from my knowledge of myself that it was the best possible thing that could have happened to me. I am naturally social and emotional. I have every qualification except birth for the honor I should feel it to be if I were an Irishman—(laughter)—and that very sensitiveness, of which I am most conscious, would have done a great deal to imperil my career if I had tampered with strong drink. I am made of the very stuff of which drunkards are made. Drink lays its hand upon the emotional, sensitive, social men, while the stolid men are unharmed—the men of heart and sensitiveness are the men in infinite peril, and I rejoice I was saved from it, for it has blessed me and made me a blessing.

General News.

CANADIAN.

A terrible disaster has occurred at London, Ont. Owing to the sudden rising of the river Thames a large number of houses have been flooded, and many carried completely away. At least seventeen lives have been lost, and more than half a million dollars' worth of property destroyed.

The village of Little Bay, in Newfoundland, has been destroyed by fire, and nearly 600 of the inhabitants are homeless.

Wallace, the Conservative candidate, has been elected in Albert County, N. B., by about 100 majority.

A company has been formed called the "Trent Valley Navigation Company." It will purchase and run steamboats over all routes in the Trent Valley district.

A disastrous railway collision between two freight trains occurred on the G. T. R., near Port Hope, on the 6th inst. Both locomotives and about a dozen cars were smashed. No one was killed.

Railway travel has been much impeded by recent heavy storms.

The Exhibition at Toronto this year is expected to be a grander affair than any held in Canada before.

The Lord Chief Justice of England will visit Canada in September.

The Kingston Ladies' Medical College will open in October.

The A. F. & A. M. Grand Lodge of Canada is in session at Ottawa.

BRITISH.

The Duke of Marlborough, father of Lord Randolph Churchill, died suddenly on the 5th inst., of cardiac syncope.

Bradlaugh has again been excluded from the House of Commons by a vote of 232 to 65.

Four more Irish conspirators have been sentenced to terms of penal servitude.

There have been serious riots in Staffordshire, ten thousand striking iron-workers refusing to allow the work they abandoned to be carried on by others.

The Government favors the construction of the new Suez Canal.

UNITED STATES.

Crops in the West promise to be better than last year's.

There were thirty-four fires in New York on Independence Day, and many serious accidents from the use of fireworks.

Archbishop Purcell, aged 83, died on the 5th inst.

The U. S. troops in Montana have been defeated by a party of Cree Indians.

There have been riots by striking miners in Vermont.

A mob of masked men has murdered a number of county officials at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado. Soldiers have been asked for to put down the mob.

Great preparations are being made at Boston for the Foreign Exhibition and World's Fair, to be held there in September. No domestic exhibits will be allowed. Canadians are requested to take part. The exhibition is expected to surpass the Centennial.

The St. Louis School Board has ordered the abolishment of corporal punishment in their schools.

The heat recently has been very excessive. Fatal cases of sun-stroke have occurred in many cities.

FOREIGN.

The cholera is still raging frightfully in Egypt. A cordon of soldiers surrounds Damietta, to prevent the inhabitants escaping and carrying the disease to districts not yet affected. The citizens are starving. The disease has also broken out in China.

Egypt is also scourged with a cattle plague, and crops are being destroyed by the cotton worm.

Typhus has attacked the French soldiers, in the Upper Senegal in Africa.

In India a tribe of natives attacked a detachment of British troops. They were repulsed with much slaughter, fifty of them being killed. The British did not suffer any loss.

Cetewayo has fought a great battle with another native chief. The latter has been defeated and captured.

The Count de Chambord is slightly better.

CHANGE THE SUBJECT.

"Always," said papa, as he drank his coffee and enjoyed his morning beefsteak, "always, children, change the subject when anything unpleasant has been said. It is both wise and polite." That evening on his return from business, he found his carnation bed despoiled, and the tiny imprint of slippered feet silently bearing witness to the small thief. "Mabel," he said to her, "did you pick my flowers?" "Papa," said Mabel, "did you see a monkey in town?"

"Never mind that. Did you pick my flowers?"

"Papa, what did gran'ma send me?"

"Mabel, what do you mean? Did you pick my flowers? Answer me, yes or no."

"Yes, papa, I did, but I fount I'd change the subject."—*American Home.*

Consumption is a disease concentrated by a neglected cold, how necessary then that we should at once get the best cure for Coughs, Colds, Laryngitis, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. One of the most popular medicines for these complaints is Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. Mr. J. F. Smith, Druggist, Dunnville, writes: "It gives general satisfaction and sells splendidly."