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### The World.

We omitted last week to notice the annual announcement of the "Woman's Medical College," of Toronto. This school is in affiliation with the University of Trinity College. We sympathize most heartily with the work in which it is engaged believing that the thorough medical education of a large number of women is a much needed and most salutary reform. We wish the Women's Medical College every success, and hope its growth and efficiency may be indicated by many an annual announcement in the years to come.

The course of the new British Ministry will be watched with great curiosity and great interest. One of the most progressive Cabinets that ever guided the affairs of the State is suddenly superseded by another composed almost exclusively of land-owning peers, and yet there are indications that this aristocratic government is prepared even to outbid its Liberal predecessor in radical reforms, especially in concessions to the demand for Irish Home Rule. If this be true, it will be a curious study

to watch the process of winning over the rank and file of sturdy Conservatives to the support of measures which contravene all the principles and traditions of British Toryism. There can be little doubt that, through the one set of leaders or the other, home rule for Ireland is to be one of the events of the near future. The change is as inevitable as it seems inherently just and reasonable. Whether it, or any possible political change, will bring early peace and prosperity to the disturbed and distressed districts of Ireland is another question.

We received a few weeks since a well written pamphlet by Mr. Thomas Ritchie, on the "Fallacy of Insolvency Laws and their Baneful Effects." There is much to be said in favor of the views advocated in the pamphlet, and also a good deal on the other side. The space at our disposal for general topics will not permit the discussion of so wide a question. A kindred question in regard to both political economy and legislative morality, has been raised by the recent remarkable Act passed by the Manitoba Legislature, to protect from seizure the property of insolvent debtors. How to protect the honest debtor from unreasonable persecution and cruelty without putting a premium on fraudulent dealing, is one of the most difficult problems with which the legislator has to deal. Some, and perhaps an increasing number, are contending, with a good deal of plausibility, that all legislation on such matters is wrong in principle, and that both solvency and morality would be promoted by leaving all business transactions matters of mutual trust between man and man.

### The School.

The *N. E. Journal of Education* comes to us this week in a new and beautiful dress, having been printed from new type cast expressly for its use. This valued weekly we regard as *facile princeps* amongst many excellent American exchanges. We are often glad to give our readers the benefit of copious extracts from its pages. We congratulate our contemporary on its great success and hope that its hope of a doubled subscription list may be speedily realized.

We beg leave to congratulate Mr. W. H. G. Colles on his appointment to the responsible position of Public School Inspector for East Kent. From all we know of the character and abilities of Mr. Colles we believe the schools and the public are equally entitled to congratulation. The appointment is, no doubt, a good one, and we are glad to learn that it was unanimous. Mr. Colles has been Principal of the Chatham Model School for several years, and by his efficiency, earnestness and ability, has proved himself well fitted for the duties of the Inspectorate. We wish him every success.

We have received a copy of the Annual Report of Mr. Arthur Brown, I. P. S. for the County of Dundas, containing