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Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren) is to lecture in America during the winter of 1896-7.

The new head of the United States Army, General Nelson A. Miles, was a Boston merchant when the Civil War broke out.

Manchester Presbytery has disapproved of the Synod's remit proposing to ordain probationers that have no pastoral charge.

Rev. Thomas Stevenson, at one time of Auchtermuchty, and afterwards of Owen Sound, Canada, died in Edinburgh on 17th inst. at the age of 78.

Episcopalians in the United States have often fondly talked of calling their denomination "The American Church." Now they are discussing as a fitter name, "The Holy Catholic Church."

Dr. Nigel Macneil attempted to disparage the character of the late Professor Blackie at a meeting recently of the Gaelic society of London but his remarks were interrupted, and he had finally to desist.

A Norwegian paper states that "Amongst all our tottering social institutions there is none more thoroughly rotten, so ready to fall, and so little consistent with enlightenment, not to say Christianity, as militarism."

In a lecture in Edinburgh Mr. S. Frank Whitehouse, who has returned from East Central China, deprecated the abandonment of mission fields in that country, lest Christianity suffer in the estimation of the people.

Principal Hutton opened the U. P. College session with an address on "Jurisdiction and Contract; The Churches and Civil Courts," a subject evidently suggested by the Court of Session's action in the Skerret case.

The Glasgow Sabbath Protection Association is getting up a conference of representative bodies with a view to legislation for the extinction of Sabbath hotel licenses, or for restriction in these of the supply of drink to actual residents on the premises.

By the sudden death at Basle of Dr. Durnford, Bishop of Chichester, the Church of England loses its oldest prelate in office. He had almost completed his 93rd year. A man of sweet disposition, he was frequently a moderating influence in controversies.

When an American minister at eighty-two preaches twice every Sunday and cultivates a farm besides, it must be acknowledged that the dead line of fifty is wiped out in that region. Rev. Elijah Kellogg, of Harpswell, Maine, who is doing this, is better known as an author than as a minister.

The Yale Lyman Beecher lectures on preaching will be delivered this year by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of New York. Dr. G. A. Gordon, of Boston, will lecture on the "Prophetic Element in Preaching." Other special lecturers are Professor John F. Genung, of Amherst, on the "Literary Equipment of the Minister," and Professor John C. Griggs, of New York, on "Church Music."

The session at the Glasgow college was opened with a lecture by Prof. Bruce on the University of Chicago, in the course of which he referred to the danger to the independence of the professors through the patronage of the institution by millionaires. Such interference, he said, was found elsewhere than in America, and the only safeguard against it was the sacred passion for freedom.

Lord Overton confesses that his blood boils when he hears it said, that the cessation of state support to the Church of Scotland would result in the decay of true religion. During fifty years, he says, it has been discovered that, however excellent in theory state support may be, it is impracticable in the present circumstances of the country, and is hostile to spiritual independence.

ALMOST DEAD.

PITIFABLE CONDITION OF A YOUNG GIRL IN TORONTO.

A Mysterious Illness—Doctors Were Unable to Give Her Any Relief—Her Uncle's Story of the Case.

From the Toronto News.

The remarkable recovery of Cora Gray from a mysterious illness that baffled two of the best known physicians of West Toronto has been the subject of a good deal of talk among the residents of Bloor street and Brunswick avenue. As it was expressively put by a neighbor, "she was all but dead, when suddenly she began to regain strength, and in a short time was out on the street with the colour restored to her cheeks and the brightness to her eye.

Learning of the case a News reporter called on her uncle, Alpheus Ramsay, who is the proprietor of the Bloor street shoe store, at the corner of Brunswick avenue, and with whom she has lived since infancy. On learning that the visitor was a reporter he was somewhat loth to speak of the case.

"Everybody about here knows of the case," he said, "and I will be glad to tell any sufferer all about it, but I would rather not have it published."

When the reporter pointed out that he was in a position to let thousands know and probably be the means of giving them information that would lead to their recovery, he began to hesitate, and finally he gave a brief account of the girl's miraculous restoration. He said:

"My niece is more like a daughter to me. She has been in my care since she was a child, and when she was taken sick a few months ago I was heart-broken. I got two of the best doctors in the west end to prescribe for her, but their medicines made her worse instead of better. She lay in bed week after week, looking like a corpse, eating nothing, and apparently wasting away in a mysterious manner. Her blood was thin and poor, and almost every day there was a change for the worse. She could not take the doctor's prescriptions, for she sickened at taste of them. While I was in this state of worry and anxiety a man came around one day delivering pamphlets and he threw one into my shop. I picked it up and read an exact description of the illness with which my niece was suffering. The remedy prescribed for the cure of the malady described was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I sent for a box and Cora took them in a mechanical kind of a way. Well, sir, when she had taken them four days a change came over her. She began to eat with a relish, and every day she seemed to gain fresh strength. She adhered faithfully to the directions, and took four boxes. By that time the roses had returned to her cheeks and she was a different looking girl. She discontinued taking the pills and later the same languid feeling began to creep over her, so she bought another box and is now as bright and well as ever she was.

"That is the whole story," added Mr. Ramsay. "There may not be much in it for others, but I believe these pills saved Cora's life, and while I am not anxious for publicity on her account, it may be that other sufferers will be benefited by hearing of this remedy. I cannot speak too highly of Pink Pills. I recommend them to everyone I know, and I take them myself."

Mr Ramsay is one of the best known men in his neighborhood. He is the superintendent of the Sunday school of Concord Congregational church, and has the confidence of the entire community among which he lives. He has spent two years in business at his present location and his business has grown so much that he is about to remove to larger premises in the Douglas block on Bloor street, near Bathurst.

His statements as to the young girl's condition are amply corroborated by residents of the locality, and up that way there is a boom in Pink Pills.

Any sceptic who has the inclination to visit Mr. Ramsay will be courteously received, no doubt, and the circumstances frankly related. His gratitude for his niece's recovery leads him to make the most enthusiastic statements regarding the efficacy of the remedy that saved his girl's life.



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