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On Sunday, 11th instant, the Lord Bishop of Toronto confirmed fourteen persons at St. Bartholomew's church, River street.

On the 8th inst., William John Slemin, 16 years old, the son of Mr. William Slemin, of the Custom House, was drowned while bathing at the Island.

The first of the Saturday afternoon concerts in the Queen's Park for this season will be given by the Band of the Queen's Own on Saturday, the 17th inst.

The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Association was held on the 8th inst. in the reading room, Shaftesbury Hall. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Macdonald, M P.

The new Worthington engine recently purchased by the Water Commissioners, which has a capacity of 8,000,000 gallons in 24 hours, was started on the 15th inst. and worked admirably.

A new drill shed is to be erected on a plot of ground 144 x 96 feet in the rear of the City Hall. The space inside the building available for drill purposes will be about 150 feet long by 75 feet wide.

On Saturday, 11th inst., a little boy, two years old, named Bernard Osborne, was killed by a Grand Trunk return train, east of the Union. The little fellow was sitting on the end of a sleeper, and was struck by some portion of the engine.

On the evening of the 13th inst. Mr. John Alexander Macdonald, late Secretary of the Liberal-Conservative Association, was presented with a valuable collection of law books by the members of the United Empire Club.

On the 9th inst. an "anti-bona" meeting was held in St. Lawrence Hall. Speeches were made for and against submitting a by-law granting a bonus of $200,000 to the Credit Valley railway, and at the close when a division was called for, his Worship the Mayor declared the bonus largely divided on the question, neither side carrying the day.

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The Hamilton council, which opened its annual session on the 6th instant, continued over the three following days. Some important changes in the mode of conducting the examinations was resolved upon, with a view to testing the practical knowledge of the students. The Committee appointed to enquire into the alleged irregularities connected with the recent examinations, and the Examining Board of the Council in this city presented the following report, which was adopted and signed:—"The Board of Final examination was regular and satisfactory in every respect, except in the case of a German student, whose papers were passed as a regular manner, and contrary to the doctrines of the Council, although he is a student who is entitled to receive his diploma, which we, the Committee, have signed. To obviate such in the future, we would urgently recommend to the Council that a change be made in the examiners, being fully of opinion that on so important an occasion the carrying out of these examinations should be attended with promptness and regularity. 3. In future the students presenting for examination should be provided with an ante-room, so as not to obstruct the proceedings of the examiners and outside irregularities such as experienced during the recent examinations. 4. For the future your Committee would recommend that every possible care be taken to maintain the honour and dignity of the position, and that every degree be recorded to those coming forward for examination, and that no intercourse between examiner and students be allowed, and would indicate the points of examination, should take place. 5. The examinations as a whole were unsatisfactory. Still, while regretting exceedingly that any irregularities should have taken place, we are of opinion that the published accounts of such were considerably overdrawn. 6. In the performance of duty assigned your Committee every opportunity was afforded all concerned to give such evidence as would enable them to form a correct decision on the question, neither side carrying the day.

## SALE OF SHORT-HORNS.

### Disposal of Fifty-four Head from some Celebrated Herds.

Wednesday the sale of choice short-horns from the herds of the Messrs. H. M. Cochrane, S. Mon Beattie, and John Hope, which took place at the Crystal Palace Grounds, attracted a large number of buyers from all parts of Ontario and the United States. The day was pleasant as could be wished, and nearly all the cattle offered were in first rate condition. The sale was conducted by the business of the day was commenced by the serving of an elegant collation in the Crystal Palace. Among the prominent breeders present may be mentioned T. L. McKean, Easton; H. N. Moore, Red Oak Junction, Iowa; Albert Crane, Durham Park, Kansas; E. Cobb, Kankakee, Ill.; S. W. Jacobs, West Liberty, Iowa; H. C. Meredith, Cambridge City, Ind.; C. Mills, Delaware, Ohio; S. R. Streator, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. Sumner, Woodstock, Conn.; Hon. A. W. Griswold, New York City; Col. L. G. B. Smith, Burlington, Vt.; J. F. Sanborn and C. L. Stebbins, of Fort Huron, Mich.; Richard Gibson, London, Ont.; Col. J. B. Taylor, London, Ont.; Hon. D. Christie, Paris, Ont.; John R. Craig, of Burnhamthorp, Ont.; Nawes of Toronto, Ontario; Major Greig, Toronto, Ont. John Thornton, of London, the famous auctioneer of fancy stock, was present, and made bidding in the most spirited manner on some of the finer animals, gave the crowd a specimen of how Short-Horn sales are conducted in England.

The first animal was led into the ring at about one o'clock, Mr. Thornton officiating as auctioneer, until five lots were disposed of, when Mr. John R. Page, of Scarsdale, New York, took the stand. He in turn gave place to Mr. Mott, of Toronto, and the two Americans continued alternately fill the sale was completed. The great offer was made by Mr. Thornton, when the representatives of the patrician blood of the Duchesses were led into the ring. Great efforts were made by the bidders in looking at the splendid animals before them to talk to one another, and a little chat with the gentlemen—*Meteorology*—Blackadar, A. K. *French Prose*—Ponton, W. N. *Oriental Languages*, 1st year—Builder, J.; 2nd year—McEwen, W. A.; 3rd year—Baird, G. The Dufferin Gold Medal was won by Mr. A. Johnston. He was presented to the Lieutenant-Governor by Mr. Falconbridge. Mr. A. K. Blackadar, of Nova Scotia, was the recipient of the Prince of Wales' medal, was also awarded by the Lieutenant-Governor.

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## INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

### COMPLETION OF THE ROAD.

*(From a Reporter of the Montreal Herald.)*

As announced in a despatch, a few days ago, Northern Division of the Intercolonial railway, that extending from Campbellton, N. B., to the Flavie, P. Q., is now finished, and the road will within a week be open for traffic all the way from Halifax to Dorchester du Lac. The completion of this division has been delayed until now, owing to the late period at which the contracts were given out, coupled with the engineering difficulties which had to be combated with; the severity of the season and the existence of so many natural obstacles, preventing the carriage of the necessary supplies for more than two or three months in the year. In Adjudication Report, Mr. Page's first cost "how much for Airdrie Duchess 3rd?" the answer, "ten thousand dollars from Mr. Emery Cobb, of Kankakee, Ill. "Eleven thousand" was the next bid, and the celebrated Shawnee Chief Tecumseh, with a view to placing them beside those of the gallant Brock on Queenston Heights. At the same meeting the consideration of the proposal to hold a centennial celebration in 1881 was deferred until another time. Following are the remarks of the President on that subject:—"Our American cousins are now holding their Centennial, and why should we not hold likewise a centennial of the landing of the United Empire Loyalists in this country? I find in reading the history of the country that at the time of the American Revolution, in 1783, the Royalists left the United States for Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and in the following year, 1784, some settled near Kingston, some on the Niagara river, and some at Toronto; consequently 1884 will be the year that we can commemorate.

## Commutation of Death Sentence.

BRAMPTON, June 14.—Ward, the Caledon murderer, who was sentenced to be hanged here next Tuesday, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment in the penitentiary for life. A strong feeling prevails here against this act of executive clemency, although it was generally anticipated.

## Attempted Suicide.

*(Detroit News of Saturday.)*

At about 10 o'clock this morning, as the ferry boat Excelsior was approaching the Windsor dock, a young girl was seen leaping across one of the boats, and before the balance of the ferry boat is generally thrown. The captain cried out to her to "get away," and a second or two later she began forward and threw herself into the river under the bow of the boat. She sank immediately, and was thought to be the surface, she cried for help. Bob Richards, the customs officer, and Captain Jenkins were standing by and went to her rescue and in a few moments landed her on the dock. She was taken to the Beeman House, where she spent the remainder of the night.

The name is Elizabeth Langley. Six months ago, she says, she was first led astray through the agency of "Madame" Field, a well-known keeper of a house of ill-fame in this city, who, she declares, got $50 for her commission. Previous to that she had been living with her father on Lafayette street, keeping house for him, as her mother was dead. From Madam Field's house she went to Madam Hudson's and from there she was taken by her father back to his own house. Again she ran away, and again her father brought her back, and this time caused her to be sent to the House of Correction for a short period. After she got out of prison she went to Toronto, where she has been for about a week, when she became the mistress of a well-known merchant of that city. Yesterday morning she returned to the city of her own accord, and resolving to reform, sent word to her father, asking permission to return to her home. The gentleman who had so grievously wronged her, and who had advised them, in which the audience signified their accord by standing up. His Lordship then closed the meeting by pronouncing the benediction.

The Synod was continued at 9.30 this morning, the Bishop in the chair.

The subject this morning was Missions and Missionary Meetings. The subject was taken up with great spirit. The chief speakers on the subject were the Rev. Dr. Griffin, Mr. Kilvert, Hr. Yeomans, Rev. Canon Worrel, and Rev. W. S. Spence; Rev. Mr. Holland also, as well as Dr. Reid, addressed the Synod. The school system was not so well filled, owing to some of the clergy and lay delegates having to go home to attend to the fruit, and to the proper laws to control the distribution of the Diocese funds.

There was a large attendance of ladies and the proceedings were quite interesting.

## CHURCH CONFERENCES.

*(Continued from Fourth Page)*

to the members of the Presbyterian Church in the city, as there would not be room for all. As however, it was evident that the members of the Assembly would not occupy the whole of the floor of the church, he suggested that members of the congregation of Knox church who desired to hear the Lord's Supper should be permitted to do so.

Dr. D. J. MACDONNELL asked if it were not a fact that the majority of the members of this Church did not, when giving intimation of the celebration of the ordinance, state that members of all other evangelical Churches might participate by giving their names to the elders. (Cries of "Yes," and "No.")

Rev. Dr. COOK thought there was no need for so much discussion as to whether they were in a fit state to celebrate their Saviour's dying love, when they were here engaged in doing His work. It was not at all to be anticipated that anyone who was not devout would present himself at the celebration, and he suggested that any member of the Church in good standing, known to any of the elders present, should be permitted to commune. The celebration would not be under the direction of the session of Knox church, but of persons belonging to the Assembly to be appointed by the Moderator and himself.

The motion was carried.

Rev. Mr. LAING presented the report of the Committee appointed to prepare a compilation of rolls of Presbyteries. It recommended that they consist of—

1. The names of pastors with charges within the bounds, including colleagues and assistants who are ordained ministers.

2. The names of Professors in Theological College and half within the bounds, appointed by the Assembly.

3. Names of ordained ministers who are employed by Presbyteries as missionaries within the bounds, and who are not members of the Assembly.

The Assembly met again Monday morning at eleven o'clock.

The morning session was occupied by miscellaneous services.

The Assembly met again at three o'clock, and after prayers and the reading of the minutes.

The first of business taken up was the dissent and complaint of the Rev. David Mitchell and others, against the action of the Presbytery of Toronto in the case of the Rev. J. J. Macdonald. After the case had been formally put before the Assembly,

Rev. Dr. McMURCHY said that he was a member of the Presbytery of Toronto in which complaint has been lodged, and he felt it his duty to occupy the chair while this case was under consideration.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Macpherson of Stratford, assumed the Presidency of the Assembly in the meantime.

Rev. DAVID MITCHELL, as one of the complaints, said:—Mr. Moderator and fathers and brethren. The duty I have to perform on this occasion will be found after a few remarks to be a very simple one, and I am glad of this on many reasons. I feel that my ability certainly does not lie in the direction of addressing a Court like this and upon such a grave subject as may be involved in this discussion. I may have that the appellants at the bar—of course I except the Moderator—are quite as in his own account—are entirely in agreement with the majority of the Presbytery. I take a view which we entertain regarding the sermon out of which this matter has been created. Indeed I may say for Mr. Macdonnell that he has expressed himself frequently in very much of the same mind as we are. We are also in entire agreement as to the truth of the doctrine of the eternity of future punishment. We have, I think, shown ourselves to be not in the desire—while conserving the truth of the standards of our Church—if possible to conciliate a gentleman so well qualified naturally and by his talents and fundamental doctrine in relation to religion. There was another feature of that sermon, that we felt it our duty to bring to the attention of Mr. Macdonnell, that it was not in accordance with the doctrine of the Church, and that it was not in accordance with the Assembly's mind on the subject. We felt that it was our duty to bring the case to the Assembly, and the motion was that the General Assembly, recognizing the forebearance, wisdom, and faithfulness of the Toronto Presbytery in dealing with the case, and also adhering to the doctrine contained in the fundamental doctrine involved in it in view of the nature of the discussion that has taken place in connection with the whole system of revealed truth, especially the portion of it relating to the supreme desirableness of the remedy and the sufficiency and adequacy of its application to life—and in view of the fairness in which it is stated in the Bible and in the Confession of Faith on which the present application thereof of the Church, and the Confession of Faith, that Mr. Macdonnell's statement that "not" substantially the difference I have regarding the eternity of future punishment, I continue my adhesion to the Confession of Faith." adhesion to the Confession of Faith." expression of the Confession of Faith." Rev. Prof. McLAREN said that after listening to the eloquent address of his colleague and his brother in the Divinity chair, he felt that he could not but feel that the Presbytery in this case, if it had been in the Presbytery in the Presbytery Church, would have felt the force of the arguments which they hope they have, at all come near the majority of the Presbytery of Toronto in the matter with kindness and Christian courtesy in dealing with the case, and in conducting the whole proceedings, I may say we are at one as to the end and aim of the whole discussion on this occasion. The appellants, however, while they do not differ from the majority of the Presbytery as to the essentials of the doctrine, find it necessary conscientiously to take a different course from them in dealing with the case. They do not agree with the Presbytery in some of these proceedings that if we could have seen which way to shape upon the case on the spot and dismiss it with admonition or otherwise we would have been saved from the necessity of the discussion of the case—I mean, beneficial in so far as the result which has instantly followed in the case of the great discussion that has been going on in the public press and elsewhere. I myself felt strongly that there was danger occasioned with sending a brother, almost to his school books to learn his tasks and report himself to the Presbytery, and that the standards on some future occasion. We differed then on this point. I may say also that the appellants differ from the majority of the Presbytery in the form of the sentence which they have given from the standards of the Church shown by Mr. Macdonnell in his sermon, and in the subsequent written statements. I also feel that the Presbytery in the form of the sentence which they have given, I think, do full justice to the position of the gentleman concerned in this case. I feel, and I have stated more in the public press than once, that many expressions of regret which fell from our esteemed brother in his reference to his sermon, that his promise to abstain from saying anything which would disturb the peace of the Church in regard to Future Punishment, and from his earnest effort to fulfill this promise—as I know well during the intervening period he has kept it—that he would have put the matter as this in the hands of Mr. Macdonnell himself, and that Mr. Macdonnell would by an impression made upon him through the proceedings and what I have taken pains to study very likely at some reasonable period to report himself as in harmony with the brethren. As I felt equally strongly that though Mr. Macdonnell would be prepared to report himself in entire agreement with the Presbytery in regard to the doctrine held in the Church, he was too honest a man to remain in the Church, if he felt himself in any subject in any an honest and loyal adhesion. But, my brethren, I have felt that the matter should be taken by myself and others in the proceedings which we have taken, and I may say that I have felt that the Presbytery in this case of Christ change has taken place in the situation of affairs, and, in my own judgment, a very satisfaction, I find myself not in the minority but in the majority in this case. The Presbytery of Toronto, Mr. Macdonnell, in his extreme desire to do everything in his power to remove the difficult question from this Court, and to speak and act in a way which is of important business that is really its legitimate business, prepared another statement, and of course that was read it was found that the majority of the Presbytery a very large majority, was favourable to the reception of this new document. I do not say that the Presbytery was prepared to accept the statement as satisfactory; but I may say that they were willing to accept the statement on the hope that the results to which I have already referred would appear in after time. Now, Mr. Moderator, I had not been for the appellants at the bar and complaint by the Synod to the General Assembly. I believe that the Presbytery of Toronto would by a majority at all events have accepted that document, and that the matter would not have come before the Court. I may say that I felt it to be a most difficult thing for us to do, to bring the case before the Court, and to occupy the chair while this case was under consideration.

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Rev. Mr. McPHERSON submitted his resolution in the form of a motion, as follows:—

"Inasmuch as the Assembly's judgment in the case has not been rendered,

Rev. Mr. McLEAN (Peterboro) moved as an amendment:—"Inasmuch as the Assembly has the reference, express their satisfaction with the spirit in which the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case have been conducted, and with the fidelity with which the standards of doctrine of the Church, affirm the necessity of the eternity of future punishment, the doctrine involved in this case, it doctrine so important and so closely connected with the great subject of truth as set forth in the standards of the Church, and the Confession of Faith, and the Assembly's judgment of the 30th May last, wherein, while acknowledging that he feels certain difficulties on the subject of future punishment, he nevertheless abstains, his adherence to the teaching of the Confession respecting this doctrine, and that any further discussion is unnecessary in this case." Rev. Principal CAVAN said that he was very much pleased with the spirit of the speaker was interrupted with cries of "Adjourn." The Assembly at 5 o'clock, adjourned until three o'clock, and after routine business was disposed of.

Rev. Principal GEORGE said that they had good authority that in the multitude of counsels there was safety, and he would suggest that the members of the Assembly should adjourn, and that the Moderator should be requested to take the case in hand, and that the Moderator should be requested to take the case in hand, and that the Moderator should be requested to take the case in hand