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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We welcome the delegates to the Temperance Convention now in Session in the city. From all parts of the world, some of the brightest and best women of the day are assembled in the cause of moral and social reform. The homes as well as the hearts of our citizens have been opened to them and right worthily they deserve our very best.

On Sabbath morning one of those catastrophes which shock the mind and arouse the deepest sympathies happened on the Hudson River. The State Express, on the New York Central Railway, going at high speed, left the rails and plunged into the river bed. From twenty-five to thirty passengers were killed and a large number wounded. The accident took place under specially sad circumstances and the loss of life was caused in many cases by drowning. Among those who had narrow escapes was Mr. S. D. Wilkinson the representative of the Oxford Bible House, London, who will be remembered in Canada by many not connected with the book trade for his connection with the contract for publishing the Presbyterian Book of Praise. Mr. Glaser Appleton's representative, with his wife and daughter were also among those fortunate enough to escape with their lives.

The friends of Princeton wish they were well through with the question of the liquor bar permitted in the college, but it is not likely that the last word about it will be heard for many a day. And rightly so. In this age of enlightenment and social reform a great institution of learning like Princeton should certainly not give countenance in any form to the

drinking of intoxicating liquors among its students. It is therefore gratifying to find the Presbyterian Synod of Illinois denouncing the University for allowing the use of wine at banquets, and the New York Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, passing the following strong but moderate resolution: "The conditions of society are now more threatening than ever, and cannot be ignored much longer. With what astonishment and humility was the fact learned that a drinking bar, legalized through the signing of a petition by professors, has been established in Princeton College. It is a matter of some consolation that the logical department is not involved. But if students in course of preparation for the learned professions may be encouraged by such high authority in using intoxicating beverages, how long may we hope to keep the ministry, and even the pulpit, from the calamity of the cup? We cannot do less than enter our emphatic protest against the appearance of this old monster under the sanction of professors in American Protestant institutions of education."

According to Rev. G. Fillian, a native Armenian pastor, now in Canada, dark days are yet in store for Armenia at the hands of Turkey. Speaking evidently with accurate knowledge of the situation he warns Western civilization that events surely indicate a repetition of the massacres which shocked the world so recently. He is probably right when he says that Europe will not interfere. His hope lies in an alliance between Great Britain and the United States, and to such an alliance he looks forward for relief from the oppression of the Turk, notwithstanding the untoward questions at present holding these two countries at arm's length.

One of the addresses at the St. Andrew's Brotherhood Convention at Buffalo that will be remembered was delivered by Bishop Baldwin, of Huron Diocese. One passage was to the effect that the Brotherhood was doing good and substantial work, pushing the rough battle of the day to the gates. Every man that would not lead in the van had to swallow the dust of the people in front of him. He spurned Harriet Martineau's dictum: "Youth is a blunder; manhood a struggle; old age a regret." If that were true, wee worth poor trampled man; but true it was not, for Jesus Christ had power to glorify each life and make it beautiful. Again. The only power recognized by the Christian was the will of God. "This is the will of God, that every man that seeth the Son and believeth on Him, hath everlasting life and God will raise him up at the last day." Society was to be rescued through the individual and not the masses through society.

The discussion on the reduction of the number of commissioners of which the General Assembly is composed is likely to be renewed throughout the church by the action of the Presbytery of Whitby in adopting the following overture,—To the Venerable The General Assembly:—Whereas, through the expansion of our Church the number of commissioners to the General