

and status as a power in order that the nations may be kept from a great war over the division of the spoils of territory and position of vantage for purposes of commerce. Verily the greed of man and of nations is responsible for the heinous deeds that make angels weep.

Gambling.

It is pleasing to note the interest that American Church papers are taking in the action of the Toronto clergy against gambling, particularly upon the race-course. The following appears in the current issue of the *Outlook*. "It would seem that the race-track gamblers who have been outlawed in New York and New Jersey by recent legislation are aiming to establish themselves in Canada. If information now at hand is correct, and there seems no reason to challenge it, the Canadians are to have a carnival of blacklegs, extending from spring till fall, beginning at Windsor, continued at Hamilton, Toronto, and Newmarket, and ending where it began. The late Minister of Justice for the Dominion, Sir John Thompson, allowed an old law prohibiting betting and gambling to be amended by the insertion of a clause excepting betting on races while in actual progress on the track of an incorporated society. The book-making fraternity are now finding in that permission sufficient encouragement to incur vast expenditures in erecting tracks, and a racing programme is already outlined in one of the Toronto dailies extending over one hundred and eighty days. The Toronto ministers are taking steps to get the law restored to the condition in which it was before this obnoxious clause was inserted. Committees of the General Ministerial Association and of the Anglican Clerical Association are already appointed, and a joint meeting arranged. Archbishop Walsh, also, promises the support of the Roman Catholic Church in the movement. The temper of the Dominion on such questions is so well known that no doubt is felt as to the outcome when the people shall have been aroused; yet in the interim vigorous work will need to be done, or Canada may become a gambling center for the "States."

Presbyterial Conference.

The Presbyterial Conference held last week in Toronto on the evening of and in connection with the meeting of Presbytery was successful in proving the admirable uses to which such conferences can be put. As affording an opportunity for the discussion of important questions and for the enlisting of popular sympathy for the great schemes of the Church, no better plan could be suggested than that the members of Presbytery should mingle with the people in open meeting. The topics considered at the Toronto Conference were of urgent importance and the able addresses left a good impression and it is to be hoped a lasting one, on the audience. It is a step in the right direction and ought to be frequently repeated.

A Presbyterian Kingmaker and Martyr.

On May 27th, the anniversary of his martyrdom, a beautiful memorial was unveiled in Edinburgh for the great and good Marquis of Argyll, in presence of a brilliant company. The site of the monument is very fittingly chosen in St. Giles' Cathedral, near which is the place where the martyr and confessor died. This man, who was an honor to Scotland and an ornament to the Presbyterian Church, was born in 1598, nearly three hundred years ago. As a patriot, he took an active part for his country against the despotism of Charles I. After the judicial murder of that monarch;

Argyll took up the cause of his son and lawful successor and it was his hand that actually placed the Crown on the head of Charles II. at Scone. As an elder of the Church, he took prominent part in the Assembly of 1638, which did so much for Reformation work in Scotland. Yet on the Restoration he was committed to the Tower under the eyes of the very King Charles whom he had crowned. Trust not in Princes. On his trial for treason in Scotland, he conducted himself with singular meekness and majesty, and altogether in a way that showed his religion was a reality. On the scaffold he said, "I could die like a Roman, but I choose to die like a Christian." Such was his physical courage nothing daunted him, and such his moral force and spiritual sincerity that few martyrs have done more credit to the Christian faith. The ceremony on Monday took place within St. Giles's, the metropolitan sanctuary in Scotland, and the Marquis of Bredalbane, Queen's Commissioner to the General Assembly, presided. The grand old 124th Psalm, "Now Israel may say," was sung, the Marsellaise of the Scottish Reformation. Prayers were offered by the Moderators of the two Assemblies at present in session; the Lord Provost, on behalf of the citizens, accepted care of the monument, and said it would present to strangers and visitors in tangible shape an important page of history.

Children's Aid Society. The good work carried on by the Children's Aid Society of Toronto is once again brought to public notice by the publication of the Fourth Annual Report of the Society. At this season of the year the children ought to be remembered by kindly friends.

Prin. MacVicar on "The Holy Ghost the author and Interpreter of the Scriptures." The preter of the Scripture" forms the subject of a paper by Rev. Principal MacVicar D.D. in the current number of the Presbyterian College Journal. The limitations on finite man and the disclosures of the Infinite Divine mind are argued ably, followed by a very clear exposition of the subject in its various bearings. The article is timely as well as scholarly.

Our Municipal Rulers. The time is drawing nigh when the citizens in the various municipalities will be called upon to choose their representatives in the civic councils. It is the duty of every patriotic ratepayer and of every right minded man to take an intelligent interest in this matter and to hold his vote as a sacred trust to be cast for worthy, honest, Christian men. Let the duty be not forgotten at this juncture when municipal institutions are severely tested and their value must be proved.

A learned Jew on Christening. A lecture was delivered recently to the Glasgow University Theological Union which has attracted considerable attention throughout the Scotch Churches. First because it was delivered by a learned Jew, A. M. Montefiore, President of the Union, on the subject of "the misrepresentations and misconceptions of Judaism by Christians and of Christianity by Jews," and second, because of the praise lavished upon the lecture by Principal Caird. The lecture showed clearly that the Jewish conception of the Old Testament God, was not that He was merely a God of justice but of love and mercy, also quoting Ps. ciii; that the Jews say that God looks to character only, not confined to the Jewish race but including the Gentiles, and so on. The Ministerial Association had a lecture from the Rabbi in Toronto, after some demur, but that delivered in Glasgow seems to have been a profitable study to the University Dons in Glasgow.