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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE unfortunate but brazen ex-member of the Pennsylvania Senate, R. L. Dukes, who shot the father of the girl he ruined and slandered, has in turn fallen by the assassin's bullet. The brother and son of the libertine's victims rashly became the avenger. Is it not high time that social wrongs were made criminal offences?

ON the arrival of the "Circassian," of the Allan line at Liverpool, by which the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie was a passenger, it is stated that in presenting an address to Captain Smith, Mr. Mackenzie, in the course of his remarks said: "I am sure that I speak the views of at least all Canadians when I say that we are proud of the Allan line of Canadian steamships, and that no money was ever better spent than the comparatively small mail subsidy which the company received from the Government to carry the mails and aid in securing a first-class steam communication with England."

MR. JOHN T. MIDDLEMORE, founder of the Orphan Children's Emigration Charity, London, Ont., left Liverpool on the 7th inst., in the S. S. Circassian with a party of fifty girls and eighty boys between the ages of three and fifteen years, who are brought out to this country for adoption or hire, chiefly among farmers. They are expected to arrive at the Guthrie Home, near the city, on or about the 20th inst. This will be Mr. Middlemore's eleventh annual visit to these shores with juvenile emigrants from Birmingham, England, since 1872. Already many applications accompanied with good references have been made for the children expected to arrive, but more are required. Further particulars may be obtained by addressing Mr. H. Gibbens, Manager of the Guthrie Home, London, Ont.

IN reference to the resignation of the presidency of Princeton College, the Philadelphia "Presbyterian" says: "Dr. McCosh has given official notice of his resignation as President of the College to the Trustees. Their action at the present time is not known. President McCosh announces that the Trustees of the late Frederick Marquand have given \$60,000 for the establishment of a School of Art in the College. He also recommends the establishment of a Department of Philosophy, for which he has the promise of \$150,000 from Mrs. Stuart, widow of R. L. Stuart, of New York. More is needed, but it will probably be soon received, and with these additions to the great gifts of the past Dr. McCosh will close a most successful and memorable Presidency of this venerable Institution."

THE Toronto License Commissioners have come to a decision that merits the approval of most right-thinking people. They decline to grant licenses for the sale of liquor on the Island. Summer residents and the largely increasing numbers that visit it for recreation have good reason to be satisfied. An endeavour was made in the Property Committee to make an exception in favour of the Hanlan hotel, but the matter coming before the City Council the effort was frustrated. In favour of the exception it was urged that people would carry drink with them to the Island. Probably they will, but it seems to be a shadowy reason for allowing full scope for those that way inclined to indulge without restraint in that which is injurious. The order loving citizens of Toronto will sustain the action of the License Commissioners and the City Council.

THE Annual Methodist Conferences of London, Montreal and Toronto have pronounced on the Union question. In each of these Conferences the discussion was conducted with marked ability and in the main in a most excellent Christian spirit. It would be difficult to say on which side, for or against the basis, most logical acumen was displayed. One thing is very obvious that those most strenuously opposed to the basis were careful to concede that the principle of Union was both right and desirable. Montreal Conference decided in favour of the Union on the proposed

basis by a majority. London Conference voted against it, while in the Toronto Conference the vote after a prolonged debate stood 137 for; 37 against. The keenness with which the subject is canvassed has occasioned increased interest, and though the movement seems now assured, the meeting of the General Conference will be looked forward to with not a little anxiety.

THE protracted trial of the Star Route delinquents has at last come to a close. Despite the admitted evidences of their guilt the jury have acquitted them once more. It is stated that their delinquencies amount to over \$2,000,000, and the cost of the second trial is estimated at \$1,000,000. The press is speaking out manfully on the glaring failure of justice in this case. Dorsey threatens the New York "Times" with a libel suit, and this is how it takes up the gauntlet: "It will continue the warfare. If this course should be unsatisfactory to Thomas J. Brady, Stephen W. Dorsey, or any other Star Route thief, and they choose to attempt to vindicate themselves in libel suits, the 'Times' will welcome the opportunity to do the Republican party and the country the grandest service of which it is capable by proving in a court of law that they are thieves and that it has told the truth in calling them such."

THE death of Bishop Colenso was announced last week. The erratic character of his speculative views on the Pentateuch brought his name into great prominence in 1862 and subsequent years. In the department of Biblical criticism he settled nothing while unsettling much. He was a painstaking and persevering scholar. He achieved eminence in mathematical studies, and Colenso's Algebra is yet a text-book in educational institutions. Bishop Colenso is a tangible illustration that a studious divine is not necessarily a dreaming dotard. As a missionary bishop he was eminently successful in the administration of a large and interesting diocese. He entered into the feelings of the Zulus, and when they were made the victims of a grasping ambition his voice and pen were employed in pleading for their rights. However much the scholarship of Bishop Colenso may have been misapplied, it is universally conceded he proved himself a Christian philanthropist.

THE following gives the votes on the union question recorded by the laymen of the various Methodist conferences up to date.

Toronto Conference.			
	For	Agst.	Ties.
Boards.....	217	16	3
Individual vote.....	2,521	402	
London Conference.			
Boards.....	208	21	1
Individual vote.....	2,542	474	
Montreal Conference.			
Boards.....	111	29	4
Individual vote.....	1,095	362	
Nova Scotia Conference.			
Boards.....	46	16	1
Individual vote.....	348	130	
New Brunswick Conference.			
Boards.....	55	2	1
Individual vote.....	491	33	
Newfoundland Conference.			
Boards.....	9	2	
Individual vote.....	83	18	
Total—Boards.....	646	86	10
Total—Individual vote.....	7,085	1,425	

A DISCUSSION of most absorbing interest took place on the use of instrumental music in public worship in the Free Church General Assembly on the 20th May last. By a vote of 390 to 250, the motion made by Rev. Dr. Rainy on the subject was carried. It was as follows: "The General Assembly having considered the report of the committee with relative overtures, memorials, and petitions, find that there is nothing in the Word of God, or in the constitution and laws of this Church, to preclude the use of instrumental music in public worship as an aid to vocal

praise. The General Assembly do not feel entitled to withhold this declaration, which in the circumstances, it has become their duty to make. But they desire to record their sense of the regard due to the numerous petitioners as well as the Presbyteries which have sent up overtures, and their regret at not carrying with them the convictions and feelings of so many office-bearers and members. They declare that while, in all such matters, due regard must be had to the peace of congregations, and the authority of the courts of the Church, it is peculiarly incumbent on all parties to bear their obligations in mind, in a case where judgments are so much divided, and in view of the associations connected with the manner of everlasting public praise heretofore universally prevalent in this Church." The minority entered a protest.

REFERRING to the progress of the female medical education movement in England, the Liverpool "Mercury" says: "The Government have made a significant concession in favour of lady doctors by appointing Miss Shove as medical superintendent of the female staff at the Metropolitan General Post Office. The field available for lady doctors has recently been greatly widened by a movement which has met with much favour in India to give the women of that country an opportunity of consulting medical advisers of their own sex. Very large sums of money have been contributed in furtherance of this object, and one native gentleman has offered £10,000 to build a hospital for women and children, to be entirely under the care of lady doctors. In India, as in other countries, females not unfrequently endure untold miseries rather than consult medical men. The information collected on this point by the Zenana missions has excited throughout India a strong feeling in favour of the introduction of medical women, and the proposal has received the approval of the Queen, who in this, as in everything else, shows a womanly sympathy with suffering which none the less appeals for relief because it is borne in silence. A sum of about £5,000 has been promptly raised at Bombay as a guarantee fund to meet the expenses of qualified ladies who will go out to that country to act as doctors, so that there is likely to be no lack of encouragement to women to enter the medical profession."

WEEKLY HEALTH BULLETIN.—Amongst Fevers, while several cases of Euteric are reported, yet the prevalence of such diseases belongs wholly to Intermittent. With the enormous quantities of rain which have fallen, the usual drying out process, accompanied by organic decay, of marshes and low lands has been delayed, and hence we expect to find in the latter and hotter summer months this disease increasing even over its present prominent position. Amongst Zymotics, Measles, although it has greatly receded since last week, still remains the most prevalent, amounting to 55 of the total reported diseases. Mumps is decreasing, and Whooping Cough does not appear; but Diarrhoea is prominently present. The increase which ordinarily occurs from this disease during the summer seems delayed for something of the same reasons referred to in speaking of Fever Intermittent. Amongst some of the noticeable health matters of the week, is that of the complaints due to the presence of a fat rendering establishment in a suburb of Toronto. It is complained that the odours from it not only render the air of the suburb unpleasant to the senses, but have actually been instrumental in promoting a severe type of Measles. The numerous establishments existing through the Province such as this and tanneries, slaughter-houses, etc., which, though nuisances, have been hitherto allowed to continue, make it necessary to call the attention of the public to the definition given of such a nuisance as is actionable. According to Mansfield, a British authority, to constitute a nuisance it is enough that the matter complained of renders the enjoyment of life and property uncomfortable. It will therefore be well for health officers everywhere, ere the intense heat of summer has come, to see that the proprietors of such establishments as are nuisances be required to remedy such at once.