

Though there is much that is objectionable in College competitions it is perhaps fortunate that they were not entirely abolished before the young women were in a position to compete. Nothing could have done more than their success this year to dispel lingering prejudices, and make it impossible to raise again the question of allowing them to attend lectures in the Provincial institution. In a few years the number of women taking a full University course will have greatly increased, and there is no reason to suppose that they will not in a comparatively short time be as numerous as the young men in the halls and lecture rooms of University College. It is worth something to get even one vexed question disposed of, and, thanks to the girls themselves, this has, after years of somewhat acrimonious controversy, been accomplished.

The question of women's education leads not unnaturally to that of women's right. I notice with pleasure that Miss Helen Taylor, the step-daughter of the late John Stuart Mill, has been asked and has consented to run as the Liberal candidate in one of the new parliamentary constituencies in England. Miss Taylor is a well-known and able advocate of woman's rights, and has been for many years a useful member of the London School Board, to which she has been returned by popular election again and again. She may not succeed in winning a seat in the House of Commons, but her candidature will do good to the cause for which she has done and sacrificed so much. If she is elected she will prove a useful working member of the House. In this country, democratic as we are, many will be shocked by the spectacle of a woman seeking a seat in Parliament, but they will become accustomed to the spectacle, which, as the result of Miss Taylor's example, will soon be seen nearer home. It is certainly time for us at all events to elect some women to school boards, a practice which obtains very extensively in both England and Scotland.

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## General News.

### CANADIAN.

The Queen has conferred the honor of knighthood on Hon. A. G. Archibald, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

Mr. W. T. Benson, M.P., for South Grenville, died suddenly of heart disease Wednesday morning, aged 57 years.

The crops in North Middlesex and other sections, except where injured by the recent storms, present a very fine appearance.

The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto was opened on Tuesday, in Toronto. The Bishop delivered his usual address.

The Archbishop of Martiansopolis died in Montreal on Monday of disease of the kidneys, from which he had suffered for the past twenty years.

Dr. Bergin, M. P., was on Tuesday elected president of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, now in session in Toronto.

The Niagara Methodist Conference on Monday passed a resolution that the conference discountenance the use of tobacco, and urge upon the ministers and members abstinence from the weed.

The annual temperance meeting in connection with the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church was held Wednesday evening in the Metropolitan Church. The place was crowded to suffocation.

The annual Commencement of Toronto University was held yesterday, the occasion being of more than usual interest owing to the fact that five young ladies received their degrees of B. A.

A brakeman named Livary, while coupling cars on a freight train at St. Lamert's junction, near Montreal, on May 4th, fell and slipped under the cars, which were in motion, and was instantly killed, his legs being severed from his body.

Senator Chaffee's house and outbuildings at St. Cosaire, Que., with sixteen other houses and stores, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday night, causing a total loss of between one hundred and fifty and two hundred thousand dollars.

A scaffold, 70 feet high, gave way Monday in the steeple of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Quebec, and three men were precipitated to the ground. Louis Galarneau, of Beauport, was instantly killed; Jos. Savard is dying, and Elzar Cardinal received internal injuries which may probably prove fatal.

The Eleventh General Assembly, of the Presbyterian Church in Canada commenced in Montreal, Wednesday, evening. Rev. Principal McKnight, D.D., of Halifax, has been chosen Moderator.

There are now twenty cases of small pox in the Civil Hospital, Montreal, seven being dangerous and the rest progressing favorably. The municipality of St. Jean Baptiste village, adjoining the city have established a local Health Board.

The storm of Sunday seems to have been general throughout Ontario and to have extended as far east as the State of New York, raging with unparalleled violence. An immense amount of damage has been inflicted on grain crops and fruit trees, while in many places not a pane of glass has been left unbroken. In St. Thomas a woman was killed by lightning.

Writs have been issued for elections to fill the vacant seats in the Ontario Legislature. In Lennox, East Kent and East Simcoe the nominations will be on June 19, and the elections on June 26. In West Algoma the nomination will be on June 12, and the election on June 26. In East Algoma the nomination will be on June 15th, and the election on June 29.

At Niagara, on June 6th, a lad about 16 years, named John Roache, son of engine driver James Roache, of the G. T. R., was shot dead by another youth, named Charles Barge. It seems the two boys went into Mr. Webb's house to get their week's wages, and Barge picked up a shotgun, pointing it at young Roache, not knowing that it was loaded, and pulled the trigger, when the contents struck Roache on the left cheek, killing him instantly. Barge went to the police office and gave himself up.

Big Bear with his braves, is making away northward with Gen. Middleton's flying column in hot pursuit. The country is a most difficult one, full of brush and ravines; and the trails are terribly heavy from the recent heavy rains. Nearly all the captives that were with Big Bear, managed to escape, assisted by some half-breeds, and are now in Battleford. The Government have retained Messrs. Christopher Robinson, Q. C., and B. B. Osler, Q. C., of Toronto; Mr. Casgrain, of Quebec, and Mr. Scott, of Regina, to prosecute Riel. The trial will proceed in the ordinary way, and before the local bench of stipendiary magistrates, as in ordinary murder cases.

### UNITED STATES.

Gen. Grant is now working on his boo. He had a quiet day on Wednesday last, and experienced little pain.

Cotton worms are playing great havoc with the cotton crops in portions of Texas, many fields having been completely devastated.

A nine year old boy, while playing with an old gun on Monday, at Auburn, Pa., shot and killed his infant sister while asleep in bed.

One hundred lives are reported to have been lost by a flood in Mexico on Sunday, caused by the bursting of a waterspout in the mountains.

Toll-gate keeper Wimberly, at Cleveland, Tenn., shot Marion Harper dead for refusing to pay toll. Harper, in the quarrel, had shot and fatally wounded Wimberly.

Wisconsin was visited on Sunday morning by a disastrous cyclone, eighty miles in width, which injured a number of people and caused a great amount of damage. Two villages were completely destroyed.

A man, named Hensin, recently deserted his sick family in Haywood County, North Carolina. Their provisions soon ran out, and two of the children died of starvation. The mother and third child were found almost dead.

One hundred and thirty Apaches who escaped from the reservation are making for the Sierra Madre mountains of Mexico. Crook is preparing to follow them. They are still stealing stock en route. The Apaches have killed three men in Sonora.

It is reported the troops following the renegade Indians on the head waters of the Gila River have captured the main portion of the band, including the squaws, and are now en route for Apache with their prisoners. It is supposed about fifty escaped to Mexico. The campaign is virtually ended this side of the line.

The aggregate wheat yield of Michigan is estimated at 25,250,000 bushels. The southern counties promise an average yield of seventeen and a quarter bushels per acre, which is a fourth of a bushel better than the average for the past eight years. The northern counties yield may reach sixteen bushels, or nearly a bushel more than the average of the last eight years. In Illinois, the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture estimates that the wheat crop will be less than ten million bushels this year, against thirty-two million last year. The winter wheat outlook is very discouraging; it is expected not sufficient for home consumption will be harvested. The Hessian fly and chinch bug have badly damaged the Kansas wheat fields. The crop is estimated at 13,000,000 or 15,000,000 bushels, or 35,000,000 less than last year. Corn now is the only hope for Kansas this year.

### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

In the English Commons the Government was defeated by a vote of 264 to 252, on the second reading of the Budget. Mr. Gladstone has announced to the House the resignation of his Cabinet. Speculation is now rife as to whether Mr. Gladstone will reconsider his resignation, or whether the Conservatives will take office.

Gen. Sir Peter Lumsden has arrived in London.

It is officially announced that the marriage of the Princess Beatrice to Prince Henry of Battenburg will take place on Thursday, July 23. The wedding is to take place in Whippingham, Isle of Wight, and will be as private as possible.

An explosion of gas on Monday in the coal bunkers of H. M. S. Inflexible, lying at anchor off Portsmouth, severely injured fifteen of her crew, and three of the number fatally, and also badly damaged the vessel.

M. De Lesseps has been appointed president of the Paris Exhibition of 1889.

The French warship *Renaud* reported to have foundered in the Red sea, was a despatch gunboat and carried 150 men.

A Berne despatch says while the members of the Rhine club were returning from an excursion to Rheinfelden, Germany, the boat struck a bridge and was upset. Ten men were drowned.

The funeral of the Prince of Hohenzollern, which took place at Sigmaringen, was attended by thirty princes. The Crown Prince of Germany, on behalf of Emperor William, placed a wreath upon the tomb.

A train on the Moscow Caucasus Russia railway was derailed by robbers. Seventy passengers were killed and wounded, and the robbers plundered the survivors without resistance.