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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

It is *The Church Times* which has a notice of "Wayside Springs," by "Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, an American Dissenter of some sort." It says that "not a few of the chapters might easily be made into very useful sermons by putting some distinctive Church doctrine into them, and omitting the unsound parts." This is a specimen of High Church condescension which most people will think highly ridiculous as well as highly impertinent.

THE Rev. R. Heber Newton, rector of All Souls Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, whose biblical theories attracted attention a year ago, and who has been delivering a series of Sunday afternoon lectures to his congregation on the Old Testament, has yielded to a request from Assistant Bishop Potter that the lectures be discontinued. Mr. Newton's free treatment of Genesis as largely mythological and legendary has attracted much attention from his brother clergymen, many of whom thought he ought not to be allowed to proceed. No complaint, however, was lodged against him.

ANOTHER distressing railway accident has been reported from Pennsylvania. Two miles from Bradford the track was covered with oil which had overflowed from some well. On account of a curve the engineer did not perceive the danger until he had to face it. It was too late. Efforts were useless. The engine was reversed but the breaks would not hold. Cinders falling from the fire box ignited the oil, and the unmanageable train was wrapt in flames. Panic added to the danger which menaced the passengers. Several were crushed and burned to death. Another sad casualty has been added to the many for which the opening weeks of the present year will be remembered.

IF "emotional insanity" is no longer a sure plea by which a murderer may escape conviction there is no diminution of the emotional insanity that makes pets of noted criminals. At the trial of Nutt, who shot Dukes on the street at Pittsburg, the prisoner was the recipient of floral bouquets, evidently to the great scandal of the court. With a becoming sense of the fitness of things the judge intimated that the next one who presented a bouquet to the prisoner in court would be committed for contempt. People who do not respect themselves can hardly understand what is proper in a court of justice except when made plain to them as was done by this judge who has more respect for propriety than sentiment.

DELMONICO, the famous New York restarateur has ended life sadly. His friends were kept in a state of great anxiety for several days as he had disappeared mysteriously. His body, frozen stiff, was found in a wood near Newark, N. J. It is said of him that in former years he was a diligent and thoughtful student of scientific works. On succeeding to the business of his uncle from overwork and keen speculative propensities he became a changed man. His one aim was to make money. He made himself decidedly disagreeable to his friends. He was by turns irritable, morose, passionate, till it was at length plain that his mental faculties had become disordered, efforts were made to put him under proper treatment, but he gave his friends the slip and wandered aimlessly till he was frozen to death. Another painful instance of the destructive force of the passion for money-making.

BISHOP POTTER in his letter to R. v. Heber Newton says: "You know how thoroughly persuaded I am that you are animated in all that you have said and done in your ministry by a sincere desire to serve and help your fellow men. But I am no less persuaded that the influence of what you are now doing on Sunday afternoons is not such as you yourself would wish, and that its results are both painful and harmful to an extent of which you have no knowledge. And so I ask you to stop, and remind you of your promise to do so."

I do not approach you in any attitude of authority; it is doubtful whether, in view of all the circumstances of your own position and mine, I have any right to do so. Be that as it may; I have the best reason for believing that you will heed this request of mine, and I will only add that if you need a reason to give to your people for doing so you are at perfect liberty to say that I have made it."

DOMESTIC unhappiness is not confined to any grade of social life. The air in the upper regions is not always serene. Prince Frederick Charles, the famous "Roth Prinz" of the Franco-Prussian war, has come unpleasantly into the light at present. His behaviour according to recent reports has been simply disgraceful. The veriest rough could not have acted more brutally than the Prince Frederick is said to have done. Princess Marie has taken refuge with her relatives at Arhalt and insists on a divorce. The Emperor, counsels peaceful separation, dreading the public scandal of a divorce trial. This imperial wife-beater should be subjected to the punishment usually meted out to the ruffians in obscure life who are convicted of similar crimes. The cause is said to be the common one—excessive drinking. Military valour and moral heroism are not always associated. Self is sometimes more difficult to command than a *corps d'armee*.

THE successful operation of the Scott Act in Halton county fully justified its adoption. A successful experiment in one county is encouraging to others who desire to see the extension of the Act to other counties. Last week a convention was held at Halton mainly for the purpose of concerting measures to counteract the efforts of the opponents of the Act, who are working for its repeal. In a resolution adopted by the convention it was stated that the amount of liquor sold in the towns and villages is gradually decreasing, and in the rural districts has practically ceased altogether; that the condition of families formerly in a state of misery through drunkenness is much improved; and that many who were formerly opposed to the Act are now speaking in its favour; and whereas the public records show that during the last sixteen months (setting aside convictions made for the violations of the Scott Act) crime has decreased about seventy per cent. in the county, and that at the sittings of the last three Assize Courts there were no criminal cases on the docket. Such results would follow its adoption everywhere.

WHATEVER restrictions legislators are willing to impose on the sale of intoxicants, many of them have no strong desire to render it very difficult to get a drop of something to sustain their own flagging energies during the fatigues of a protracted session. Such concessions to weak human nature are not confined to Ottawa. The mighty statesmen of the neighbouring Republic, it appears, have a great fondness for "cold tea." The rule of the House and Senate prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the walls of the Capitol has been disregarded for years. Anyone, by calling for cold tea, can at any time get all the whiskey he requires, and last winter it was not an unfrequent occurrence during the long night sessions to see men around the corridors and lobbies much the worse for "tea" which had been purchased in the basement. The new Senate rules now under discussion directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to see that the rules in this respect are rigidly enforced. Mr. Bayard wanted malt liquors excepted, as beer is sold openly, and he thought it useless to continue a rule which is never enforced.

THE inquest on the death of James White one of the many victims of the railway collision near the Humber has been completed. The verdict returned is a comprehensive but lengthy document. The jurors seem to have discharged their responsible duties conscientiously and intelligently. On their part there has been no effort to make a scape-goat of any one at all implicated. The prominent officials come in for the censure which in the estimation of the jury rightly

belongs to them. They reflect on the superintendent's want of knowledge of details in the management of the line under his control. Operators and other officials are charged with negligence in the discharge of their respective duties, and thereby contributory to the accident. The chief blame, however, rests on the conductor and engineer of the special freight train. Against them a verdict of manslaughter has been returned, on which charge they will be tried at the approaching assizes. The poor engineer has not yet recovered from the injuries he received in the collision. The tangible sympathy extended to the wife of the conductor is becoming and proper in the circumstances.

GOVERNOR MURRAY, in his message to the Utah Legislature says: "I will gladly co-operate with you in passing laws that will retire Utah affairs from the halls of Congress, and for ever bury out of sight the charge that ecclesiastical power dictates legislation in Utah. The present condition of affairs cannot longer continue in safety to either the United States or the people of Utah. I ask the repeal of chapter five of the Compiled Laws of Utah because it invests the ecclesiastical courts with authority which may only be exercised in the United States by the civil courts. Sheer justice demands the right of dower for widowhood. I earnestly urge that this right be no longer withheld from the wives of this Territory. The fact that there are no laws upon our statute books forbidding polygamy, bigamy, and adultery as public offences is not creditable to Utah. I trust the Legislature will not fail to place the seal of condemnation upon these offences. I submit that you will do injustice to yourselves if you fail to pass final laws upon the subject of polygamy, with effective measures for their execution. Marriage should be made by law a civil compact, to be entered into only by persons competent, and the contract valid only as between one man and one woman. Any other marriage, under any circumstances, should be declared void from the beginning."

WEEKLY HEALTH BULLETIN.—The weather of the week, has been marked by extreme changes both in barometric pressure and in temperature. High winds and stormy weather have also prevailed. While we find Bronchitis reported prevalent in every district, closely followed by Influenza, with Tonsillitis however, less prominent, it cannot be said that any increased degree of prevalence has attended the extreme changes and severe weather. It has, however, apparently made Whooping Cough more severe, since of this there seems to be in all the Lake Erie districts a widespread prevalence. Amongst Fevers, Intermittent maintains a prevalence at least equal to that of last week, but Enteric has very perceptibly decreased. Amongst the contagious Zymotics, there is none excepting Whooping Cough which shows any noticeable advance during the past week. This, however, shows a very great advance, appearing amongst the six most prevalent diseases in five districts. An idea of the sudden expansion of this disease is gained from the fact that it has risen from 2.1 to 6.3 per cent. of the total diseases. It would appear that in this instance the atmospheric influences present in the past week or two have exerted an influence in the spread of the disease beyond what can be asserted to be due to contagion from person to person. Regarding Diphtheria, which has been noticed as being prevalent in various localities in recent reports, it would seem to have somewhat lessened its prevalence. It will be information for the public to know that there does not appear to have been as yet any spread of Small Pox by inoculation from the case which in last week's report was referred to as having broken out in a lumber camp near Rosseau. Dr. Powell, of Edgar, has informed the Secretary of the Provincial Board that the patient is still isolated, and is convalescent. The vaccination precautions taken seem to have protected other members of the family temporarily exposed to the disease. It is to be hoped that should any case break out similar energetic measures will be taken for the immediate stamping out of the disease.