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Notes of the Week.

In the vote in the House of Lords on the Home Rule Bill, fourteen Roman Catholic peers voted against, and four voted for it. The Duke of Norfolk, the most devout of the Pope's friends, stated publicly that he would vote against Home Rule because the actions of those who would be brought into power, had been condemned by the Church and they had acted in open defiance of the decrees of the Pope.

Prof. Johnson, the Vice-Principal of McGill University, will continue to act as Principal till the Board of Governors elect a successor to Sir William Dawson. It can be stated with authority that no steps will be taken this year looking to a new appointment. The Governors have not discussed the matter. In all probability nothing will be done till after convocation next year. Sir William Dawson's health just now is not so robust as his friends could desire.

The danger to life and limb in great crowds of human beings, and inadequate provision against accident, was made conspicuous at the Great Fair on Chicago day. Between 700,000 and 800,000 people were on the grounds, and when all was over for the day, so great was the rush for two of the leading outlets, that the precautions taken by the police and officers of the guards to resist the human tidal wave, which swept towards the street and the stairway leading to the elevated road were quite insufficient and many men and women were injured in the crush.

The following contains in a nutshell the whole question of the success or failure of prohibition, that is, having once been enacted by the will of the people, it depends upon the officers appointed to enforce it, doing their duty. When Sheriff Hill took office in Lewiston in January last, there were probably 200 places selling liquor. He had closed up nearly all. With the officers I now have, he said, I will clean the whole business out. The prohibitory law can be enforced, even in Lewiston, and wherever law is well enforced, the result is good. In two years I will guarantee you can't get a drop of liquor in Lewiston.

With considerable pomp and ceremony Rev. Dr. Lawrence was on Thursday, Oct. 5th, consecrated as the successor of the late lamented Phillips Brooks for the diocese of Boston. The interior of old Trinity church, that historic and venerable structure, was filled to overflowing two hours before the opening of the services, despite the fact that admission was by ticket. The service followed the usual set form in the prayer book. Right Rev. Dr. John Williams, of Connecticut, presiding bishop of the church, officiated as consecrator, and the sermon was delivered by Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota. Two hundred ministers in white vestments, occupied seats within the chancel.

Ontario has done magnificently at the World's Fair. Her display of agricultural and pastoral products has been by far the most successful of all the displays made by states or provinces of this continent. Canada as a whole has done well, but it is just beginning to dawn upon her people how much better they might have

done. Had the farmers of Quebec received as much encouragement as the farmers of Ontario received, Quebec, which has done well, would have done even better. It is pretty clear that Canada has taken first rank as a producer of all things agricultural and pastoral. At the next great World's Fair, perhaps that at Paris in 1900, Canada should be first in the first rank.

It gives one rather a rude shock to notice that, after all the excitement connected with the great Exposition, and all the interest that so long have been directed to and fixed upon it, one day after the final closing of the gates on Oct. 30th, the work of destruction will begin. The organization is already perfected for the destruction. It only waits the word from Director General Davis. The word will be given on the morning of Oct. 31st. The plan of demolition was heartily endorsed. This plan contemplates that but one building shall be attacked at a time. One plan proposed is to sell the buildings in Jackson Park at auction to the highest bidder, and it is thought they will bring more this way than any other. The scheme is a decidedly original one, and having already received semi-official sanction, it will probably be adopted.

In these days when such conduct is not so common as it ought to be, the example of Erastus Wiman and his wife deserves to be noticed and commended. They have sacrificed all they have to meet just business obligations. A million of property, it is stated, stood in Mrs. Wiman's name and was safe from their creditors had husband and wife chosen. They have given it all up. Mr. Wiman, at near sixty years, practically begins the world anew, after having been rated in the millions. The other week also, Mrs. Field, the wife of a son and namesake of the late Cyrus W. Field, became partner in a millinery establishment on Fifth avenue, with the honorable purpose of making money with which to assist her husband in paying obligations resting on him because of the failure of his brother, now under confinement in an asylum for the insane. All honour and all success to such brave and conscientious honesty as is seen in such cases.

On Monday evening, Oct. 9th, a little before six o'clock, Dr. McKay and his family arrived at Woodstock station. Their long journey of nearly half around the globe occupied 27 days. Besides his family, he was accompanied by a brother, now a resident of Vancouver. They were met at the station by his two brothers, Alexander and James, of East Zorra, and their wives, by Rev. Dr. McKay, of Chalmers church, Woodstock, and Mrs. McKay, and quite a large number of old friends and members of the church. After all had exchanged greetings on the platform, they reverently uncovered their heads and offered up thanksgiving to the God that has so mercifully watched over them on sea and on land and thus permitted them to again meet together under such favourable circumstances. The grand old hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was first sung, all present heartily joining, when Dr. McKay, of Woodstock, offered up a very appropriate prayer of thankfulness for the protection and safe return of their friend and co-worker and his family, and invoking blessings to result from the present visit.

PULPIT, PRESS AND PLATFORM.

Hervey: I would never wish to be in a company in which there is not room for my Master as well as myself.

United Presbyterian: Sinful tendencies are never suppressed by yielding to them. Indulged, they become habits, chains of evil from which we cannot escape.

Guesses at Truth: Since the generality of persons act from impulse, and not from reason, men are neither so good nor so bad, as we are apt to imagine them.

Lutheran Observer: If the world is ever to be redeemed to Christ, Fifth Avenue and Five Points will have to be brought nearer together in Christian worship and church work.

The Voice: If the cholera should be quarantined, how much more should the saloon be quarantined, which, according to Gladstone produces more evil than "war, pestilence and famine combined."

Presbyterian Witness: Every church and chapel in Christendom is a monument to Christ. Nay, every true man in the world is His witness—a witness of His life and work, of His birth, death and resurrection.

New Zealand Presbyterian: Our advice to our temperance brigade is, work steadily, hopefully and charitably at your oar, for the enterprise on which you have embarked is, commending itself to increasing numbers on every hand, and the day for which you long and labour will soon enrich town and country with blessings, material, social and religious, which Christian temperance has a mission from God and man to diffuse.

Buffalo Presbytery News: Our Lord "saw a man" (Matthew ix. 9) where others could see only a publican and a sinner. No possibility of manhood are overlooked by Him who "sees with other, larger eyes than ours." Sir Humphrey Davy, when asked what was the greatest discovery of his life, replied, "The discovery of Michael Faraday." The ability to discover men, and power of developing their latent possibilities, are desirable qualities in the followers of our Lord.

Homiletic Monthly: The true test of preaching is the effect it has upon the lives of the hearers. By the fruit ye shall know its service and value. There is a story told of a saint who preached to the fishes a most delightful sermon. The fishes were all charmed; but the narrator says:—

The sermon now ended,
Each turned and descended;
The pikes went on stealing;
The eels went on eeling;
Much delighted were they—
But preferred the old way.

It is well to please an audience; but please it to its edification. Make the truth stick. Rhetoric and oratory whose end is entertainment are out of place in the pulpit.

Presbyterian Witness: How amazingly would the world, such as it is, be transformed for the worse were we to abstract from it all that it owes to Christ our Lord! Overthrow all the churches. Abolish the Lord's Day. Abolish Christian schools, asylums, hospitals, refuges, reformatories. Transform all ministers of religion into

political agitators. Abolish the motive of, "for Christ's sake"—"the love of Christ constraineth us,"—and we lose one of the mightiest agencies in the moral world. If the birth of Christ and its consequential effects were blotting out, how changed would be all the conditions of life and thought for us!

Canada Citizen: The economic side of the temperance question is the one which will, perhaps, in the long run, appeal most strongly to the great mass of the people. The moral aspect of the question has been dwelt upon until there seems little to say that is new, but if we could succeed in convincing the average sober citizen that he bears his full share of the financial depletion and industrial loss attendant upon the drink traffic every year, its doom would be sealed. Let all such become really aware of the drain upon their pockets as a consequence of the existence of the license system and its effects, and the huge farce would be quickly "played out."

Ram's Horn: Does it not begin to dawn upon some of the wise leaders of business and politics that something is out of joint in the social structure? Is it not about time to begin to enquire whether the laws of the devil are the only practicable laws? Whether the maxim, Every man for himself, and so forth, is the true regulative principle of all human affairs, outside of the home and the Church? We have kept saying, lo, these many years, says Washington Gladden, that Christ's law would not work in practical life. Certain it is that the law of that kingdom which He came to overthrow does not work very well. Might it not be worth while to try the law so long discarded?

Rev. A. T. Pierson: The writer is just at home after two years of service in the great Tabernacle and among the British people generally. One solemn impression weighs on my mind: That the greatest conflict of the ages is even now in progress, and that the battle rages about two great issues, the inspiration and infallibility of the word of God and the perfect Deity of Jesus Christ. So hot is the battle getting that once more it is coming to pass that Christ sends not peace but a sword, and that a man's foes may be they of his own household. The doctrines which are imperilled are so vital that it may become necessary to sacrifice the dearest friends in order to maintain our loyalty to Christ and His own truth, as we understand the truth.

Son of Temperance: To Mr. Laurier's statement that one reform at a time is about all history allows one man or generation to accomplish, probably little exception will be taken. But—since the burden of the licensed liquor trade was fastened on the country by the government before the burden of a high tariff was—and since careful investigation, we believe, will show that, apart from all moral and social considerations, the liquor trade fastens far heavier burdens on the community and hinders the development of its prosperity far more even than does the high tariff, we humbly venture to think that Mr. Laurier and the platform-makers of his party have put the cart before the horse. From priority and the heavier weight of the liquor evil, prohibition should be first on the battle-ground of reform, leaving the question whether Canada should have a high or low tariff to be settled by a plebiscite.