

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PROF. McLAUREN OF KNOX COLLEGE ELECTED MODERATOR.

A Close Vote Between Him and Dr. McLaughlin—Dr. Cochran's Opening Speech—Announcement of Resolutions—The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada met last night in St. James' square church.

In the absence of Rev. Dr. King, the moderator of the last general assembly, Rev. Dr. Cochran, his predecessor, opened the assembly in the usual form.

Dr. Cochran is in one sense of the word emphatically not a great man, but he is more than usually powerful preacher, and hence the double appropriateness of the epithet "mighty five pounder" facetiously applied to him by his brethren in the church.

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THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

APPEAL FOR BLAINE—A Lull in the Proceedings.

CHICAGO, June 4.—It was after 11 o'clock when the convention was called to order. Massey of Delaware offered a resolution referring to the committee on resolutions a proposition to enlarge the presidential term to six years.

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CITY HALL COMMITTEES.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT—Assignments of Leases.

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SPORTING NOTES.

LOUISVILLE, 6, Brooklyn 3 at New York yesterday.

At Boston yesterday—Boston 9, New York 1.

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The repairs and improvements to the Kingston race track cost \$500.

The Forest City bicyclist at London had landed on account of internal discussions.

Hamilton's second eleven and Upper Canada college play a cricket match here Saturday next.

Rain stopped yesterday's Chicago-Buffalo game at Chicago in the sixth inning.

At Kingston Monday J. E. Clancy and E. Crosby ran 100 yards for \$10 a side.

In a cricket match at Dublin yesterday between the Americans and the Gentlemen of Ireland team, the former won by 220 to 85.

John Brooks, London, has deposited \$50 for a fight with John F. Scholer or Jack Stewart, and wants them to "put up, or forward" him next week.

John Clarke of Hamilton has offered to back E. T. Case against Dave Bennett of Toronto to run five miles for \$500 a side.

Hamphreys Davis forfeited \$250 to St. Hewitt because his 2-year-old colt was not ready to trot a cocked ball with Hewitt Tuesday last.

The glove fight at New York last night between Chas. Lange, champion heavy weight of Ohio, and Michael Dempsey, of New York, was a draw after three rounds had been fought.

Mr. Mulock, the popular member of North York, has been elected president of the Ontario racing club.

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SCOTT ACT IN HALTON.

THE TEMPERANCE PARTY'S ANSWER TO THE "BUSINESS" ARGUMENT.

How Much It Affects the Trade of Oakville—The Respectable Men on the Temperance side.

Some days ago The World published the investigation of a reporter into the working of the Scott act in Halton.

One of the articles gave the opinions of the business men of the town of Oakville, and those opinions from the business standpoint were against the act.

A gentleman who is a prominent supporter of the act wrote us asking if The World would give the other side if a committee of their party drew it up. He answered yes. Here is their first letter:

The Scott Act in Halton.

Sir: As this much discussed subject has again been brought prominently before the people, especially in reference to the effect on the trade in Oakville, we wish to state our views on the whole matter, and in a short series of letters to correct some glaring misrepresentations that appeared in your article of May 27, and to try to lay before your readers the real state of affairs, and the real sentiments of a substantial majority of the people of this county. We will try to view the subject as fairly and impartially as possible, and to indulge in no reckless statements, nor to indulge in any assertions that cannot be borne out by facts, or substantiated by argument.

We speak the sentiments, and in behalf of the people of Oakville, among whom are numbered the majority of our most intelligent and most respected citizens. And just here we would like to say that we have no objection to the publication of our views, and we are prepared to stand by them as long as they are true and just.

And now as the outset, for there will be no attempt at denigration in what follows, and that is that a majority of the business men of Oakville are opposed to the Scott act, and profess to believe that it has injured business and has proven a failure.

While admitting that it is to be regretted that the act has not been repealed, we do not believe that it is a failure, and we do not believe that it has injured business.

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OSTERLO COULD BECOME FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE COUNTY, could see and know the men who range themselves on either side.

The numbers are on the side of right. The Scott act was carried by a good majority, but numbers alone convey no adequate idea of our strength.

We say without fear of contradiction that we positively take on the list of our opponents may be found the rowdies, drunkards, and degenerates of our community, and we challenge our opponents to publish the list of their supporters to place them alongside of the list of the supporters of the Scott act, to designate every man by what is known as his true character, and character is a commodity ever at par, and we may tearfully say to the world, here are the forces, discuss between us, and judge us.

The parties are known at home, would that the world could see them at the avowed enemies of both God and man. Look at the employes of the L. V. B. A., who boast that they, too, wish to promote the cause of temperance, and who do not say that they are all temperance men, are they in this county representative by one individual for whom it can be claimed that he is a temperance man? Give us his name, prove your case and we will retract the charge.

They could be named easily if they existed, but they are not to be found. Then let attention be given to the low, sly, clandestine manner in which signatures are obtained for their lists. Do they call on a town, village or county meeting and start squarely on principle? Is it not rather a beating up to catch signers by any cheap-trap either to the Scott act, or to the political or other purposes? We enter our protest against this desecration of political party for motives so unworthy. The great temperance cause is not to be won by such means, it is the cause of sobriety, of humanity, of the church and of God. In this county every effort will be made to repeal the law, and we will be lavishly employed, it is trade capital and is expected to pay large returns. What care the L. V. B. A. or their supporters for the groans and tears of the widow and orphan, or the destruction of the poor inhabitant, the call of the trade is for cash, cash, at any risk or hazard, as it could be to our opponents, and we trust there is enough of right and justice to meet such an unjustifiable means of verbal contest unnecessary.

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POISONING AT PARKDALE.

A DRUG CLERK'S MISTAKE RE-VEALS IN MR. J. E. FRANK'S DEATH.

A Druggist's Mistake Instead of Being a Fatal Case—The Cause of the Fatal Case—The Death of Mr. J. E. Frank.

The suburb of Parkdale is mourning over the death of Mrs. J. E. Frankish which occurred Tuesday from the effects of taking a poisonous herb in mistake for tea. At an inquest presided over by Coroner Lynd last night, the facts of the painful case were related.

Frank William Frankish, aged 11, was sent by his father to Gaisor's drug store for a package of tea. The boy proceeded to say to Gaisor, "I want tea," and Gaisor handed him a package of tea. He opened a case and gave me a package of tea, and I gave him a package of tea.

The next day he was taking something out of a cup and said "that was the strongest tea I had ever taken." She then sat down to her dinner, and just as she was about to eat, she felt dizzy and asked for a drink of water.

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There was the gloom of a great sorrow in the proud halls of the Veretons; the haughty master lay cold and still; the handsome, warm-hearted Gerald—a wanderer, suspected of having stained his young hand in the blood of his father; the proud woman, who became so suddenly widowed and whose two children—was it wonderful that she thought the world darkened and God's mercy withdrawn? Ah, had she foreseen this when she accepted into her heart and home the girl whose door it all day! Had a warning come to her, when the dying mother gasped her prayer, that she—Mrs. Vereton—would be as a mother to the helpless child whose father had forsaken her? Would not her heart have hardened, her lips refused, although the dying woman was dear to her as a sister? The pale child, not far beyond her infancy, had been taken from her mother's bosom and laid lovingly on that of her mother's friend, who was without a daughter, and then the young girl saw how beautiful was the girl's sweet face, how true and tender her young heart, and he—loved her!

The pride of the Veretons sprang to life. The girl, whose beauty and worth were her only dowry, whose father had left her young mother to die, who owed him life and love and kindly care, was not sitting mate for the heir of the Veretons. And how would she, for the first time in their lives, between the father and his son. For the old man was passionately scornful, the young man proudly defiant; and the wife and mother listened, her face growing white with terror.

"Go!" the old man cried wrathfully. "Go from my house! I will not have you here! She has repaid our kindness well and you our careful training! Since I must blush for my son I will not have one! Leave my night and my house within an hour!"

Mr. Vereton had shut the door of his library even against his wife, and in the morning he was found there—dead! Dead for hours, the doctors said; and the crimson stream which was dripping from his head, the hand that drove the dagger home had gone unretreating and the blade had gone unswerving to the seat of life.

"What was the motive?" men asked, ransacking about the murdered man's mail, for he had no enemy. Ah! his private desk had been opened and a large sum of money taken. So it was the work of robbers, they concluded, turning their scornful eyes toward the dead. And then came the question: Where was the son whose father's life was to be avenged? Where was Gerald Vereton?

Suddenly, as the wife bent over her dead husband, stunned with this terrible blow, a low whisper reached her, which made her very brain reel.

"It does look queer," the servants said that there was a bitter quarrel last night between Gerald and his father, and Gerald has not been seen since. I tell you it looks rather suspicious."

Crushing down the wild terrible fear that shadowed her, the mother faced the whisper in an angry scorn, from which she shrank in confusion; and then the world seemed to be crashing to chaos about her, as, flinging out two helpless hands, she fell across the body of her husband. But it was the noon of night when Mrs. Vereton again sought her dead, and she started with a proud gesture of intolerance as she saw the slender figure of the girl who had adopted kneeling beside her coffin, her face buried in the velvet pall. And as the girl lifted her blanched young face, the woman who had held her to her heart as a daughter, motioned imperiously for her to make way for her—the widow!

"How dare you come here to see your work?" Mrs. Vereton cried hoarsely. "You have murdered him, and destroyed alike the soul and life of my infatuated son! It was about you they quarrelled; it is to you I owe it that my son has shed his father's blood! Your baby face was the cause of all this. It was my boy by its unworthy beauty to flatter and delude his parents. It stood between him and the mother on whose bosom he has lain. It stained his soul with murder—with the blood of his father!"

Three years have told their four-fold tale of budding, fructage, decline and death, and Mrs. Vereton, sitting alone in her desolate chamber, is thinking deeply of the past. She is thinking of Helen Lee now, and her thoughts are neither kind nor loving; she opens slowly and advances into the room as Mrs. Vereton, looking up, saw the dark eyes and perfect features of the girl whom she once so kind to, and who, across with a naughty frown; but her face blanched sadly; she regarded the intruder in a haughty alliance, which the latter was first to break.

"You bade me come, madam," she said in tones that had desolate notes of pain in their young voice, "when I could take the stain of blood from Gerald's soul. It has never lain there—ah, no! But I have brought you proof—you are his mother, proof of his innocence—the cure of a man who murdered your husband!"

"It was not Gerald!" The mother's very lips were white, her hand clasping each other in agony. "Not Gerald!" Oh, heaven have some mercy for me still. My boy! My innocent and future love, the girl cried bitterly. "For me—you shall judge when I have told you all, madam. I must love your son well in this clear his name by darkening my helpless future—branding myself the child of a murderer!"

Mrs. Vereton shrank from her with a faint cry.

"A murderer's child," she said, loathingly, in that moment of strange revelation. For an instant the girl's eyes flashed, and she drew her slight form to its full height.

"You thought yourself a murderer's mother!" she exclaimed. "Did you think that from you as though you had shed blood? Ah, madam, I am young!" with sudden passion; "will this red stain ever leave my life?"

"My child," Mrs. Vereton said kindly, holding out her hands, "you have come back to me, my son, clear his name. We will call him back to us, you and I. He can come now, when there is nothing for him to fear."

But before she could proceed further, there was a confusion in the hall outside, a mingling of servants' voices and a ringing of clear and free, ringing high above them all. As that voice reached them the two women grew suddenly white, and while one hid her young hands, the other stood up, grasping the arm of her chair tightly, a glad mother light in her eyes.

A moment later and the door was flung wide and Gerald sprang to her outstretched arms, which she closed around him with a glad cry.

Gerald! my eyes!

He held her closely an instant, kissing the tears from her cheeks; then, putting her aside the young man knelt beside Helen, his eyes tracing her yearningly.

"No welcome, love!" he asked reproachfully; "no little word after our long separation! I am accused of my father's death! I will offer myself up to stand the trial. Helen, I was sure you loved me. Do you shrink now because I think me blood-stained? Is it that, dear? Surely you do not hold me a—murderer!" She bared her face and showed it to him then, haggard, dreary, white with pain; but the dark eyes, meeting his, were full of affection.

"Gerald," she said hoarsely, "you need not fear arrest; there is no trial before you. The stain has been taken from your name and placed on mine. Listen!" She told her how her father—naming him with a shudder—had stolen into the house that night—to rob the Veretons! He had seen Mr. Vereton in his chair, and on the moment his impulse awoke him; then, unsupported, with the money he had taken, and waited near with the intention of speaking once with the daughter, whom he had deserted in her infancy. He then claimed her, and in his way, been kind to her; but the pure heart of the girl had nearly broken when she learned that the comfort he had given her were the fruits of plunder and bloodshed.

Eric, who had finished Gerald had taken her trembling hand in his and drawn her to his bosom. When she burst into a wild passion of weeping, he held her there, his lips upon her forehead.

"My darling," he said tenderly, "you have borne enough. Let me win you to forget all the horror of the past, and let my love comfort and shield you now."

But she put up her hands and held him off still.

"Think!" she cried brokenly. "If my father, Gerald, who made you—fatherless! You cannot love his child! You must shrink from her! Oh, let me go! Your pity would sacrifice your peace!"

"Mother," Gerald said, looking up to where Mrs. Vereton stood, with down-dropping tears and a trembling lip, and she bent and kissed the sorrowing girl again and again.

"This is not pity, Helen, my child," she said, brokenly; "it is love. Accept it, dear! become Gerald's wife and my beloved daughter! Who will remember that a father who was nothing to you all your life was a saint to me! Come to us, Helen."

And the girl laid her dark head gratefully upon her lover's breast.

"Yes, I shall break the engagement," she said, holding her arms and looking down at the papers; "it is really the most disgusting!" "Don't break the engagement for that; let him take Dr. Sage's Cathartic Remedy. It will cure him completely." "Well, I'll tell him I do hate to break it off, for in all other respects he's quite charming." Of course, it cured his catarrh.

The Century Magazine, which has just published President Eliot's plea for a new and wider meaning of the phrase "A Liberal Education," is about to publish a number of papers bearing directly upon the study of Greek literature. The first of these is an illustrated paper on A Greek Play at Cambridge, England, the article of which performance was looked after by Dr. Waldstein, the young American who has charge of the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. In addition to these will appear before long Mr. Stillman's illustrated series, giving an account of his yacht voyage, "On the Track of Ulysses," and a paper, "On the Track of Ulysses." Other papers on the same general subject will be written by the Rev. James Freeman, of the University of Cambridge, and Latin, shall they stay or go.

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Indirect.  
Mrs. Blank—Ah, Jim, our—  
Mr. Blank—Oh, Mary, the news is—  
Mrs. Blank—Why, you told you—  
Mr. Blank—I saw it in the paper; the bank has—  
Mrs. Blank—The bank; why what has that to do with—  
Mrs. Blank—Why, you know the panic will—  
Mrs. Blank—Who's talking about panics? Who cares for panics? Baby's cut a tooth!"

**Catarrh—A New Treatment.**  
Perhaps the most extraordinary success that has been achieved in modern science for catarrh. Out of 2000 patients treated during the past six months, fully ninety per cent have been cured in this stupendous malady. This is none the less startling when it is remembered that not five per cent of the patients presenting themselves to the regular practitioner are benefited, while the same medicines and other adjuvants never record a cure at all. Starting with the claim now generally believed by the most scientific men of living times is due to the presence of living parasites in the tissues. Mr. Dixon at once adapted his cure to their extermination; this accomplished, the catarrh is practically cured, and the permanency is unquestioned, as cures effected by him four years ago are cures still. No one else has ever attempted to cure catarrh in this manner, and no other treatment has ever cured catarrh. The application of the remedy is simple and can be done at home, and the present season of the year is the most favorable for a speedy and permanent cure, the majority of cases being cured at one treatment. Sufferers should correspond with Messrs. H. DIXON & SON, 305 King street west, Toronto, Canada, and enclose stamp for their treatise on catarrh.—Montreal Star.

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The study of acting in Paris, is the title of an open letter to be published in the July number by Miss Constance M. Everts, who writes from her own experience. M. Sargent of the Madison Square theatre also will contribute an answer to the query, "Should we have an American Conservatory?" Mr. Sargent thinks we could and should.

Prof. F. A. Forel of Merges, who has for many years recorded his observations on the Mer de Glace, reports that the glaciers of Mont Blanc are advancing again, after a long period of decrease.

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