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"THAT GOD IN ALL THINGS MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST." -Peter.

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Editorial Outlook

THE W. INDIES.

A Trinidad banker, now in Canada, says there is quite strong feeling in the British West Indies for annexation with Canada. The people, he says, are opposed to trade concessions to the United States; they prefer encouraging all trade relations with Canada.

BOER BIBLES.

The appeal of Lord Roberts for the return of Boer Bibles taken during the South African war has met with a response, and a considerable number of them have been handed in. Some of them weighty old volumes, which contain the family records of more than a century. Others are small pocket Bibles, inscribed as gifts of wives and sweethearts. The committee had considerable difficulty in locating the owners of these books.

POPE PIUS X.

After several votes the conclave of cardinals at the Vatican succeeded in electing one of their number as Pope. The choice fell upon Cardinal Sarto, of Venice. Those who were supposed to have the best chances of being elected were only strong enough to defeat each other, and so one scarcely regarded as a probability was elevated to the leadership of the church. He is sixty-eight years of age, which was the age of Leo XIII when made Pope. Each new Pope may choose the name by which he will be known. This one elects to be called Pius X.

AN ESTIMATE.

Some of Canada's immigration officials have been estimating the coming population of this country, and they say that in the next twenty years there will be 25 to 30 millions of people within our borders. The way they figure it out is this:

"There is the present population, with its natural increase; there is the influx from the old world, and especially from the United States, which latterly has amounted to something like a quarter of a million in the year, and which will soon reach half a million in the year; and there is, or there will be, the great reaction in regard to immigration to the United States.

In the first place, say the officials, the United States is always making restrictive immigration laws, which are already having a most discouraging effect—laws which impose the most onerous obligations, and which are obviously designed to keep aliens, of whatever condition, out of the country. In the second place, the United States

is no longer able to absorb the foreign populations which were at one time vital to her. There will be a reaction, indeed it is coming already. What will be the consequence? Why, Canada will get immigrants by the hundred thousand, and it is an easy thing to calculate that in the next twenty years she will have the figures indicated."

INSANITY.

It is sad to be confronted with the fact that insanity is steadily increasing, and in some countries quite rapidly. In England and Wales, says the *Mail and Empire*, there is now one insane person to every 293 of the population. Since 1894 there has been an increase in the number of the insane of nearly 22,000. The same phenomenon is observable, if we mistake not, in all the more advanced nations of the world. It is certainly observable both in the United States and Canada. Alcoholism is, and always has been, a more or less potent cause of insanity. The subject is one deserving of profound study. The Lunacy Commissioners of Great Britain do not consider that the facts bear out the common impression that the main cause of insanity is the strain of modern life. The causes seem in the main to be physical; one case in three can be traced to some disease or disorder. We cannot but believe that in time science will give us a better account of the cause of insanity than any that has hitherto been put forward, and that the efficacy of preventive and remedial measures will be correspondingly increased.

THE KING AND IRELAND.

The visit of the King and Queen to Ireland was a great success. Their Majesties were, evidently, much touched by the heartiness of the welcome given them, and the King issued the following note on the eve of his departure:

I desire on leaving Ireland to express to my Irish people how deeply I have been touched by the kindness and good will they have shown to the Queen and myself. Our experience on previous visits had indeed prepared us for a traditional welcome of a warm-hearted race, but our expectations have been exceeded. Wherever we have gone, in town or country, tokens of loyalty and affection, proffered by every section of the community, have made an enduring impression upon our hearts. For a country so attractive and its people so gifted, we cherish the warmest regard, and it is, therefore, with supreme satisfaction that I have so often during our stay heard the hope expressed that a brighter day is dawning upon Ireland. I shall eagerly await the fulfillment of this hope. Its realization will, under Divine Provi-

dence, depend upon the steady development of self-reliance and co-operation, upon better and more practical education, upon the growth of industrial and commercial enterprise and upon that increase of mutual respect which my Irish people now enjoy in the public administration of their local affairs. It is my earnest prayer that those and other means of national well being may multiply from year to year in Ireland and that the blessings of peace, contentment and prosperity may be abundantly

NOTES.

Hon. Edward Blake is in poor health, and has been ordered by his physician to rest for at least six months. He will not be able to act as senior counsel to Canada in the Alaskan boundary matter.

Dowie was last week made a citizen of the United States, having renounced his allegiance to Great Britain. Oh!

The Duke of Fife, the King's son-in-law, has been a total abstainer for five years. He gave up intoxicants, he has recently explained, not on doctor's orders, but because he believed it was best for him.

Five members of the former legislature of Missouri were recently sentenced to the penitentiary. The crime in each case was bribery, or the acceptance of bribes.

Reports of distraints and sales for non-payment of school rates in England, which appear in the *London Christian World* and other papers, make strange reading in these days of liberty, and it is hard to understand the pressing of so obnoxious a measure in the face of such an influential and strongly organized opposition.

Lord Strathcona, Canada's High Commissioner in London, celebrated his eighty-second birthday Thursday.

The members of the British press party, who are now in the west, are expected to visit the Maritime Provinces on their return.

The Executive of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada is meeting in Ottawa on Wednesday of this week, in connection with legislation touching on Lord's day, which has been asked of parliament.

There is likely to be a large number of Welshmen come to Canada next year.

—The labor bureau is responsible for the statement that more than 75 per cent of the employers of skilled labor and more than 50 per cent of the employers of unskilled labor in the United States require total abstinence of their employes.

What Others Say.

A SHAM.

He who, in weighing the license system for the liquor traffic, allows the interest of his pocket to enter the scale on the side of that which "is not without sin" has a citizenship that is doubtful and a Christianity that is a sham.—*Free Baptist*.

SURE DECAY.

It is difficult to imagine any surer way of inducing premature mental decay than for a man of active habits to retire and do nothing when just past the zenith of life, and on the other hand, there is no surer way of enjoying a green old age than to keep on working at something until the close.—*Dom. Presbyterian*.

SOWING WILD OATS.

Said a young man: "That will do well enough for a grown-up man, but a young fellow like me must 'sow his wild oats.'" This is Bob Burdette's answer: "No young man, it does not hurt you a particle to sow your wild oats. Go ahead, and sow as you like. But it's the gathering in of the crop that will make you howl; and you have to gather it, too. If you don't, it gathers you in, and one is a great deal worse than the other."

PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

It is inevitable perhaps that the first enthusiasm of a people for a new pastor should wear off in time. It was said of a certain clergyman, of whom his congregation was trying to rid themselves, that when the pastor came they nearly ate him, but that then (at the time when the remark was made) they wished they had eaten him. But if the early reputation of a pastor somewhat wears away with the years, there is generally time and opportunity to build up a second reputation, perhaps with the very same people. Reputations need repair and renewing. Where the first love goes a second love may come. Popular regard for a pastor often fluctuates. Let a man do his duty, then his reputation will take care of itself.—*Chris. Intelligencer*.

THE RETIRED MINISTER.

The responsibility of retired clergymen is very great. They prove a large blessing or a great curse. At no time should a minister be more careful than when he has given up his professional work and sits in the pew as a layman. He is not there to criticise or to lord it over God's heritage. He is no longer the shepherd of the flock, and must not expect that the sheep will follow him. If ever Divine qualities of love and patience are required, it is in such a case. It would almost seem as if the retired minister at this time can do more good or more harm than at any previous period of his life. He must conscientiously choose which course he will pursue.—*United Presbyterian*.