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Editorial Outlook

A MAN CANDIDATE.

Australian women who aspire to seats in the Commonwealth Parliament are greatly excited by the prospect of attaining their wishes sooner than they expected, owing to an accidental slip in the drafting of the Commonwealth Constitution. The Constitution, giving the franchise to men only, used the word 'he' in the clause defining the qualification of an elector. Since that date the Federal Parliament has enfranchised women, and it is now claimed, on the authority of the Imperial Acts Interpretation Act, that the Commonwealth Act must be construed so that the word 'he' includes the feminine gender. A lady who is president of a local political association has in consequence announced her candidature for the Senate.

RE-SUBMISSION.

There is a movement in Maine to secure the re-submission of the question of prohibition to the electorate of the state. The liquor traffic people are carrying on a systematic campaign in behalf of re-submission. About the success of the movement, Mr. J. H. Manley, who is understood to be the state director of the political action of the Republican party, which is in a large majority in the state, says: "The session of the Legislature the 1st of September will not re-submit the question of prohibition to the people. They have already passed upon that, and it cannot be re-submitted and should not be submitted. I am for prohibition and the enforcement of the law right up to the handle, and I am firm upon this position, and I propose to remain so. The principle of prohibition has come to stay in Maine."

DISAPPEARING.

The aboriginals of Australia, like the Indians of this continent, are disappearing. It is stated that in the year of settlement of the country (1778) the native population was believed to be one million. Now it is only 47,000. In Tasmania the aboriginals are already extinct, in Victoria nearly so, and in New South Wales the numbers less than 4,000. The *Canadian Baptist* remarks that the extinction of this race is the more remarkable because the Australian aboriginals have not been subjected to the injustice and outrage which have been inflicted upon the Indians on this continent. The Government has been very careful and solicitous regarding the interests of the natives of Australia, but notwithstanding all that has been done for them they are steadily declining. In some mys-

terious way civilization appears to be deleterious to the original occupants of both the eastern and the western hemispheres. It has been remarked that "the presence of white men in a new country acts like a subtle poisoning of the atmosphere on the native uncivilized inhabitant."

CHINA.

Conditions in China are not re-assuring. The *Presbyterian* suggests that it is becoming increasingly clear that a mistake was made after the occupation of Peking by the Powers in the failure to dethrone the wicked Empress and give the country a new and more enlightened ruler. There is a party of reform in China, represented on the one hand by a group of young men trained in Western learning or influenced by it, and on the other hand by men of liberal tendencies who have risen to high position, such as the Yangtse viceroys, who rendered such noble service in 1900. But the Empress and her retinue are hopelessly reactionary and are going just as far and as fast as they dare in crushing out the reform party. One of the young reformers was lately put to death in Peking with torture, 5 others have been arrested and death is threatened against the publishers of native newspapers for the publication of so-called seditious matter. There is no reason to think that the heart of the Empress has changed since she encouraged the Boxer massacres.

NOTES.

A lot of the priests that have had to leave France because they would not submit to law, are taking up their residence in Ottawa.

From Halifax to Vancouver by the Canadian Pacific Railway, is 3,662 miles, and the journey is the longest railway trip without a change in the world.

New Zealand has made illegal the smoking of opium, prohibited its importation in any form suited to smoking, and admits it in any other form only under careful restrictions.

There are about 50 Boers yet in Bermuda. They can go home as soon as they sign a declaration of allegiance, but they refuse.

Mr. J. W. Bengough, the Canadian cartoonist, has been engaged to help in Mr. Chamberlain's tariff reform propaganda.

There is a scarcity of teachers in Ontario, due mainly to the small salaries paid.

Of the 567 colleges in the United States, 347 belong to religious denominations.

THE IMPERIAL IDEA.

In an article on this subject, the *Presbyterian Witness*, pointing out some of the evidences of the national spirit in Canada, urges that it is our duty to contribute to the support of the British navy, which has been ours for our protection and defence, ever since we belonged to the Empire. It says:

Why do we desire to have a great British Empire consolidated at every point? The reasons are more than one or two. It is a pleasure to be part of a Christian Empire, the greatest, the freest, the most progressive and beneficent the world has ever seen. Once and again we have found it greatly to our advantage to belong to that Empire. Citizens of the United States had to wage a war from 1861 to 1865 that costs many hundreds of thousands of lives, and many millions of dollars—that led to the payment of six billions of dollars in pensions alone! Now, all this misery and woe, all the desolations of war, all the fearful cost of it, we have escaped because of our British citizenship.

We have had a vastly better system of enforcing law and securing life and liberty and property. For example, for the past forty years the homicides in Canada have not been as one to ten in the United States—making due allowance for the difference of population. From successive commercial "cyclones" that have swept the United States in the past forty years, Canada has been almost entirely free.

It is true also that the British power wherever it operates is a refuge for the oppressed. Great Britain was the first power to emancipate her slaves. For more than fifty years she has spent millions in putting down the slave trade and in opening paths for civilization and true religion.

The British Empire is the greatest instrument that has existed on earth for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. This can easily be demonstrated; and for this reason alone we should strive to the utmost to consolidate the Empire and strengthen it as an instrument for the promotion of well-regulated liberty and rightful authority. Suppose on the other hand the British Empire dissolved, shattered. Who would rejoice? Who would perform the duties to humanity that to-day fall to the lot of the British?

We trust that Canada will be ever ready to do her share in advancing the great cause of British unity and solidarity, and that without too much delay she will cheerfully bear her proportion of the enormous cost of the British navy.

RETURNED.—Miss Gaunce returned last week from a pleasant visit of a month with relatives and friends in Manitoba. She enjoyed it much. She was back in time to attend the Third District Meeting last Saturday. She intends to be at the Fourth District Meeting at French Lake this week.

What Others Say.

JUST AS ABSURD.

That prohibiting the traffic will make men generally more inclined to get drunk than by legalizing it, is as absurd as to hold that laws against theft will help to raise up a generation of thieves. —*Can. Baptist.*

READING THE SCRIPTURES.

There is a divine art in reading the Scriptures to a congregation, and every minister should study that as thoroughly as he does the sermon he is to preach. —*Baptist Commonwealth.*

REMEMBER IT BOYS.

For a boy to expect to become a scholar by having his teacher or some one else solve all the hard problems for him is as foolish as it would be for him to expect to grow and become strong and manly by having some one eat all his meals for him or by staying in bed all the time and never taking any vigorous exercise. Boys, stick a pin right there. —*The Telescope.*

SENSIBLE.

That was a sensible father, alert to his moral responsibilities as a parent, who declared to his son, in the course of a discussion as to church going, "As long as my boy sits at my table he must sit in my pew." That sort of training raises up generation after generation, firm and loyal supporters of the church. There is no reason why children should share in the privileges without sharing also in the duties of the home. And the home duties are not confined to the area of the parlor or the dining-room, but should properly be recognized as having an outward sweep in the direction of the church and of society in general. —*N. Y. Observer.*

"CASTE" AT HOME.

"What is the use of talking of the caste system in India," said the Rev. Dr. Pierson, at one of the recent Northfield conferences, "when we have it in our own churches?" Then he told how, in a former pastorate, the members of his church, having voted to make the pews free in the evening, a number of them had gone to the ushers and instructed them, under no consideration, to put any of the "rif-raff" into their pews. "Rif-raff" is a fine expression to be used by alleged Christians when it is a question of saving men's souls. Why can't such people be honest with themselves and say that their heaven is the heaven of wealth and fashion, and their hell the hell of small means and social obscurity. As to their God, what can he possibly be but some myriadfold billionaire away up in the skies, who looks with especial favour upon people who are "well fixed?" With such a conception of God really hovering in their minds we can imagine their singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee!" with a good deal of sincerity. —*Montreal Star.*