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

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## Editorial Outlook

POPE AND KING.

The Emperor of Germany is credited with an attempt to reconcile the Vatican and the Quirinal—the Pope and the King of Italy. He will, probably, have small success. Such reconciliation, if accomplished, would be a doubtful good to Italy.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

There is again talk at the Danish capital about the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. A Royal Commission has been examining into conditions in the islands, and the report they will make is understood to recommend the sale, on the ground that to keep them is too great an expense to the Danish govern-

THE YUKON.

The Canadian Yukon is an immensely rich gold-field. It is estimated that its gold output in the last five years is nearly eighty millions of dollars. And its future is likely to be quite as good. Much ground is profitably workable now that could not be made to pay before the introduction of modern machinery and the improved transportation facilities. It is very important to have the boundary question satisfactorily settled.

LIVINGSTONE.

The obelisk, surmounted by a cross, a memorial of Dr. Livingstone, has been erected on the spot in Central Africa where once stood the tree trunk on which was recorded his death. This now permanently marks the position formerly occupied by the tree, under whose shadow the missionary, philanthropist, and traveller, breathed his last, on May 4, 1873. Part of the funds remaining are to go to build a native hospital at Fort lameson.

DEATH OF A JUDGE.

Judge Mills, of the Supreme Court of Canada, died suddenly in his home Cat Ottawa, Friday evening. He had not complained of illness, and was sitting with his family when death came to him. He was seventy-two years of age, and had been on the Bench about two years. He was a member of the government of Hon. Alex. McKenzie, and was Minister of Justice in the Laurier government prior to his appointment to the Bench. He was a man of marked ability and high character.

THE COLDEST PLACE.

The coldest town on earth is said to be Yakutsk, in Russian Siberia, where the thermometer sometimes marks eighty degrees below zero. The Yakuts seem to enjoy life notwithstanding the extreme cold. They are said to be the only progressive aboriginal people in Siberia. In midwinter Mr. R. Kennan met some of these 'men of iron' airily arrayed in nothing but a shirt and a sheepskin, lounging about as if in enjoyment of the balmy zephyrs of some genial subtropical zone.

ANTI-ALCOHOL.

Says the Presbyterian Witness: The Anti-Alcohol Congress, held recently in Bremen, Germany, was a notable gathering, calculated to make a deep impression for good upon the intelligent and morality-loving elements of the entire world. It was attended by 1,400 delegates, notable as scientists and philanthropists, from fifteen of the chief nations of Christendom. Nothing was attempted in the way of passing resolutions, but many noteworthy papers were read and expressions made in behalf of total abstinence. Dr. Forel, an authority on brain and nerve diseases, declared that neither science nor experience justified calling alcohol a food. Professor Berens, on "Alcohol and Arts," said "that Alcohol, by dulling the spiritual aspirations, essential to great work, is an enemy of the highest attainment."

RADIUM.

A report from St. Petersburg says a Russian engineer has discovered a deposit of natural radium. The Montreal Witness thinks the report may be received with caution, for while "it is not impossible for such a deposit to exist, if it did exist, it is very improbable that any one who found it would come back to tell about it. If, as those who know most about radium tells, a pound of it would blind and probably kill any one who came into the same room with it, what would happen to the man who stumbled on a large deposit of it? One reason for believing that no such deposit exists is that, according to recent experiments, radium seems always engaged in slowly wasting away and suffering a change into something new and strange,' so that in the nature of the case a deposit of it could not remain pure. It is possible that pitchblende, the uranium ore which contains, in exceedingly small quantity, all the radium that has yet been found, was once largely composed of

the rare element, and has degenerated to its present condition by natural processes. Pitchblende (which resembles pitch only in appearance) is found in the Ural Mountains, and it is presumably a deposit of this that the Russian engineer has found."

IMPRISONED.

Anna Rothe, called by her followers "Sister Anna," the most conspicuous and successful spiritualistic medium in Europe during the last few years, was recently sentenced by a Berlin court to eighteen months imprisonment for fraud. Some persons of considerable prominence, professionally and socially, testified in her favor. All they could say was that they were satisfied that her demonstrations were supernatural. When confronted by evidences of deception thoroughly mundane, they said nothing or made explanations in spiritualistic terms. This medium's specialty was the production of flowers, fruit and other objects from the world of spirits. It was proved that these objects had been purchased at earthly shops, and detectives who captured the medium in the midst of a seance, found them secreted in great numbers upon her person.

NOTES.

Except \$28,000 contributed by the Swedes in the United States, Sweden has declined outside aid in relieving the famine suffering in that country.

The government old-age pensions scheme in Australia has not yet, it appears, been a success.

The people of the United States paid for their grog last year \$1,172,-565,235.

There is in France a flourishing society against the use of tobacco.

A negro lad has won the first prize (\$100) for oratory in the junior class, Yale University.

North America has twenty volcanoes, Central America twenty-five, and South America thirty-seven.

A new law in Switzerland forbids all Sunday excursions.

-Marconi's father was an Italian; his mother was an Irish woman. The mother was a Presbyterian, the father a Roman Catholic. Young Marconi is an only child, and he has followed his mother's religion. His parents lived in Bologna. There was no Presbyterian church in that city; but young Marconi sought out and joined the Waldensian church, of which he is a member. The difference in religion has never interfered with the love and esteem between father and son.

## What Others Say.

WHAT IT IS LIKE.

"A remonstrance against the saloon which does not find its way into the ballot box is in the nature of sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."— Free Baptist.

BITTER EXPERIENCE.

One of the bitter things of life is to rest under the stigma of an act that we never intended to do and to suffer for motives that we never cherished. -United Presbyterian.

JUST THEN.

When the church will put off the world the world will put on the church.—United Presbyterian.

The Britisher, and particularly the Scotch type of him seems to be ubiquitous in the world of commerce and politics. He is found in all countries.—Dom. Presbyterian.

THE INDIVIDUAL CUP.

As soon as we eliminate from the supper the common cup we have stricken from it a most important, and indeed, essential feature, so that what is left is not, truly and honestly, "the Supper of the Lord."—Journal and Messenger.

FORM ONLY.

It is pitiful to see so many vain people flocking into our churches, who go only through the forms of worship. They bow their heads upon the pew backs on entering the church, stand up and sing, kneel down while prayer is being offered, listen with wandering thoughts while the Scripture is being read or expounded, and then go straightway and forget everything they have heard and without the least intention of doing it.—Baptist Commonwealth.

JUST AS YOU VOTE.

Politics is not and will not be any cleaner and more honorable than the majority of the electors make it by their votes. Do not blame the politician if he be corrupt or unreliable. Blame yourself, if you do not do what you can to rid politics of this sort of men. After you have shown them once or twice that you will not countenance dishonesty, extravagance, or dishonorable acts you will get honest, honorable, economical politics, but not until then.—The Liberator.

How THEY FEEL.

Those outside the church, however careless as to their own conduct, have sincere respect for those in the church who conscientiously avoid worldly or doubtful practices, and very decided contempt for those members of the church who indulge in them .- The Guardian.