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

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Editorial Outlook

REQUEST REFUSED.

Some months ago a delegation of representative temperance men memorialized the Provincial Government to enact a provincial prohibitory law, and failing that, to make certain specified amendments in the License Law. A few days ago the Government replied to the memorial declining to press a prohibitory law and refusing, also, to make any of the most important amendments to the License Law.

A DANGEROUS LOT.

It is stated that only three cities in Italy—Naples, Milan and Rome, have more Italian population than New York. And the New York Italians are from the lowest classes in southern Italy. They are the most turbulent and criminal classes, the people who have made certain parts of Italy notorious for vendettas and brigandage. They are causing an epidemic of crime in New York, and in other large cities of the United States. Many of them are being made full-fledged citizens these days—to help elect a President.

THE WAR.

The Japanese advance northward continues, and there have been several small engagements during the week. De Pass was taken.

It is believed that Field Marshal Oyama has begun the advance upon the Russian army at Mukden and a coincident movement against Simintin is indicated by the fact that the Japanese have occupied Siaobeyho, west of the Liao river. There is a concentration of Japanese forces in the vicinity of the Yentai mines, and the advance lines are being gradually pushed eastward.

Port Arthur holds out, though the situation there must be very critical.

NO NEWSPAPERS.

There are no newspapers in Korea. Rumor and hearsay are all the natives have to depend on. But the rapidity with which the hearsay news flies is said to be quite surprising. A postal express could scarcely outdo it. All the way from the capital to the outskirts of the empire speeds the word from tongue to tongue, growing in intensity as the miles increase. If it is a good story, before it reaches the far north, it is intensely good, embellished by the best hands at story-telling, each one of whom, as he passes it on, adds his touch at ornamentation and heightening of color; if the story is bad it grows unspeakably vile long before 200 miles are covered.

WHAT THEY LIKE.

One of the side-shows of the St. Louis Fair is the Boer War, as it is called. Gen. Cronje and a lot of his fellow Boers give an exhibition, with coloring, to suit their own ideas and the taste of those who attend, of some of the battles fought in South Africa. The scenery is a representation of the plains, rocks, etc., about Modder River. Of course everything is made to tell against the British, and the show is, evidently, a great delight to our dear neighbors. A writer in one of their religious papers tells, with great pleasure, that "whenever the English were introduced there was but feeble applause, but when the Boer regiment appeared vociferous and prolonged cheering spontaneously followed, and the height of enthusiastic applause was reached when General Cronje and Veljoen and Commander Van Dam were presented. They were the heroes of the occasion. It was evident where lay the sympathy of the people."

FOOLISH PREDICTIONS.

There are always some people predicting the near end of the world, forgetful of the statement that "of that hour knoweth no man." Just now certain ministers and others are declaring that the world will come to an end in 1906, and that the new heaven and new earth that John speaks of will then come. This, as the *Advocate* well says, is the extreme of rashness, and only those can be convinced by them who are constitutionally credulous or utterly unacquainted with the history of the world and with the teachings of the New Testament. Others, still more hysterical, are declaring that the Russian and Japanese war will terminate in a mighty conflict spoken of in the Bible as the battle of Gog and Magog in the Valley of Armageddon. The literal and geographical interpretation of poetical expressions produces some of the most frightful absurdities that have ever oppressed the human mind. The only thing to deduce from those symbols is the conflict of good and evil, and the terrific collisions it causes between the representatives of each.

TURKISH OUTRAGES.

A correspondent of a London paper, who is known to be in close touch with Armenian affairs, furnishes an account of the recent burning of Marsovan, in Pontus. In 18 hours 360 houses and 280 shops were burned. As can be expected from the Turks, they never moved to help until it was too late, and forbade the necessary steps to stop the damage.

In fact, it is believed that the Turks were the promoters of the mischief, as it was confined entirely to Christian quarters, and the Turks were heard to say among themselves, "It is the quarter of the infidels; let it burn." The misery in the town, great already before, is now indescribable, and the screams and cries during the fire were such as never to be forgotten by those present." Of course, there are no such things as insurances in the country. Even now the privations and the famine are great. Many people are not only without any roof over their heads, but also without bread, as the provisions, the money, and the goods were burned with the rest, without, naturally, any hope of redress. Why the European powers do not interfere to stop these outrages is a puzzle.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Sir Richard Cartwright has been appointed to the Senate.

A York Co. Convention has been called for Tuesday, 11th inst.

F. O. Davis, M. P., and J. H. Ross, M. P., have been appointed to the Senate.

The Liberal Convention of Kings and Albert, Thursday, nominated A. S. White.

Mr. A. Morrison, M. P., has been appointed a judge of the British Columbia Supreme Court.

Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Dominion opposition, has been offered the nomination in Chateaufort, P. Q.

It is reported that Mr. Costigan, M. P., for Victoria Co., will be appointed to the vacant Senatorship for the Province.

The Governor General's departure, which was fixed for Oct. 21st, will, it is stated, be delayed till after the elections, as his successor cannot come till December.

Two more Ontario election trials took place last week, resulting in the unseating of A. M. Little (Liberal), and the dismissal on a technicality, of the case against Dunlop (Conservative).

The Northwest Territorial Legislature is to divide on party lines, Mr. Bulyea, a member of the present coalition government, is to become the Liberal leader. The leader of the government, Mr. Haultain, is a Conservative.

Parliament was dissolved Thursday. The general election is to be held Nov. 3rd, with Oct. 27th as nomination day. For a month there will be great political activity from ocean to ocean. The late House of Commons had 213 members; there will be 214 in the new Commons. As

to provinces the new members will be distributed as follows: Ontario, 88; Quebec, 65; Nova Scotia, 18; New Brunswick, 13; P. E. Island, 4; Manitoba, 10; British Columbia, 6; the territories, 10.

BRIEF MENTION.

Some of the Doukhobors have again started on a search for the Messiah.

Sir Wm. McGreggor, the new Governor of Newfoundland, arrived at St. John's last week.

The Japanese Government has called out its reserve, 125,000 strong, to make good the losses by the war.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, is dead. For many years he has been a leading member of the United States Senate.

Plans have been made and contracts invited for the construction of a surface railroad from Jerusalem to Bethlehem.

The 123,000 Americans who came to the Canadian West during the past five years represented 25,000 heads of families.

Rev. J. A. Cahill is delivering a series of temperance addresses in Queens Co. He is a forcible and fearless advocate of the great reform.

Dr. J. W. Anglin, the new Superintendent of the Hospital for the Treatment of Nervous Diseases, St. John, entered upon his duties on the 1st inst.

Wholesale frauds have been discovered in the preparation of the New York voters' lists. Tammany is evidently preparing for the Presidential election.

A new evening paper, the *Times*, takes the place of the *St. John Gazette*. It began publication Saturday. Mr. D. Russell, owner of the *Telegraph*, is the proprietor.

S. S. CONVENTION.—The convention of the New Brunswick Provincial Association, to be held in Woodstock, October 11-13, is expected to be one of the best ever held in the province. The programme has been arranged, with a special reference to pastors and teachers, and it is hoped will prove to be a valuable and effective means of reviving and strengthening the interest of the work. Mr. Pearce, of Chicago, an able speaker, will give seven or eight addresses chiefly of the teacher and his work. Mrs. Bryner, a successful worker and speaker, will give addresses on junior and primary work; and Mr. Excell will have charge of the music. Pastors and teachers are urged to attend. The rates of travel will be one fare on all roads. The people of Woodstock will provide entertainment for delegates. Each school can appoint two delegates, besides the pastor and superintendent. All who intend to be present are asked to send their names to Mr. Andrew Miles, Woodstock, as soon as possible.