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

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Editorial Outlook

THE WAR.

The Japanese keep moving and winning. On Monday they met and defeated a Russian force near Polaudein. The engagement lasted two hours. A Tokio despatch Friday said: The Japanese have occupied the first line of the outer fortifications of Port Arthur, after a feeble resistance.

A KIND OF SLAVERY.

It has become known that of the large number of boys who are brought from the south of Europe, the majority are practically slaves in the United States. They are brought by "padrones," who hire them out as bootblacks and to fruitsellers. The boys cannot speak English, and are kept in ignorance of their rights and treated with much harshness by the men who control them and take their earnings. The immigration authorities are making an effort to stop the traffic in boys.

SPIRITUALISTIC.

It is stated that the Czar has quite strong spiritualistic tendencies. There is a story current that a lady, known as Mdlle. Galaczky, who is frequently in St. Petersburg, has convinced the Czar, by a means of fortune telling of a novel kind—the throwing on a screen pictures of events to come—that Russia will finally defeat the Japanese, but only after a series of disasters. She is said to have projected on the screen a vague image, from the luminous details of which the Czar was able to distinguish Port Arthur in ruins and his fleet being blown up, followed finally by the Japanese withdrawing from Korea with a victorious Russian army crowning the heights behind.

AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE.

One of the facts brought out in the present temperance agitation in Great Britain is that 1,154 clergymen are shareholders in the liquor trade. Of these, 940 are of the Church of England, 16 of the Church of Scotland, 9 Non-conformists, 104 Roman Catholics, and 85 whose denomination is not stated. Besides those who have personal shares, there are 516 who hold shares as trustees, making in all 1,670 ministers of religion who have an interest in the traffic, to the value of £1,639,000, or \$8,000,000. It is gratifying that there are so few Non-conformist ministers in the list, but they are nine too many. It is stated that there is not a bishop of the Church of England among the shareholders—a pleasing fact. It is a pity that so many of their clergy have failed to follow their good example in this respect. It is a most deplorable and shameful thing, and wicked, that men appointed to preach the Gospel should

be sharers in the profits of a traffic which thrives only by destroying those for whom Christ died.

CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN.

The adoption of the Christian religion by Japan may be nearer than has been supposed. A very remarkable religious meeting held on a recent Sunday in Tokio, called by men of position and influence, and largely attended, pointed strongly in that direction. The proposal that appears to meet with favor is one for founding a new church on independent lines, but Christian in sympathy and ideas. The Japanese minister in London, however, does not believe a religion is likely to be adopted. As it is, he says, all religions are tolerated, and every man is free to profess what he will. The Anglican bishop of Tokio, in a recent letter, mentions a fact which is a significant indication of the favour with which Christianity is regarded in Japan. The government has insisted that the interpreters accompanying English and other war correspondents to the front shall be Christians. The purpose of this order is that Japan might be represented among the European correspondents by men of strong principle—men who would do honor to the Japanese name. Confidence in the character of Christian Japanese prompted the order. This may be set against the sneers about 'rice-Christians' in the East, in which men unsympathetic towards missionary work so constantly indulge.

FRANCE AND THE PAPACY.

France is swinging away from the authority of the Church of Rome. What will come in its place? is the question. The *Journal and Messenger* points out that in former times the revolt against the spiritual tyranny of Romanism has made the way for Protestantism; the destruction of the authority of the papacy has been replaced by the authority of the Bible. It was the Bible and faith which gave Germany its strength after the Reformation. It was the English Bible that made England what it is. But revolt against Catholicism in France has led to skepticism and to irreligion. The best blood of France was spilled in the massacre of the Huguenots, and France has never fully recovered from that dark tragedy. The few earnest Protestant churches in France are not increasing in religious influence as fast as the Romish church is losing it. What France needs is vital piety and godliness. The objects of the present government are purely political. It wishes to make loyalty to France and the French Republic the first principle governing the rising generation. While the reaction from the superstitions of the Romish church may at first lead to an extreme, we may hope that faith in God and in the Christianity of the New Testament

will return, as it is presented in its simplicity. The few Protestant churches in France have a great work before them. France will either become Protestant or the French Catholic Church will be reformed.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Bar-tenders League of the United States has voted to refuse membership to negroes. The negroes are to be congratulated.

Hon. John C. Watson, the new Premier of Australia, was setting type ten years ago. He is only 37 years old.

U. S. Senator Quay died last week. He was one of the Republican leaders, and belonged to the class of politicians who believe that anything, however corrupt, which contributes to party and personal success is allowable.

The junior and senior classes of the N. B. University have memorialized the Senate of the University against the appointment of an applicant for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Davidson.

The Senate of the University has abolished residency in the building.

WINTER SANATORIA.

Consumptives make good recoveries in Canada and the Adirondacks, with the thermometer at forty degrees below zero. The extreme cold is bracing and up-building, not because it is cold, but because one gets so much more oxygen in a lungful. It is the oxygen does the healing, keeps the fever down, helps the digestion, and gives refreshing sleep. The patients must not suffer from the cold, so they are warmly wrapped in fleecy blankets. They wear "pontiacs" and moccasins for the legs and feet, fur mittens, and woollen caps that draw down over the ears. Persons with long noses wear foot-ball guards to keep off frost-bite. Those not strong enough to tramp about on snow-shoes sit out of doors all the day long. There you will hear no nonsense about the night-air being bad for you. What other air is there to breathe at night but night-air? The only choice we have is between pure night-air and impure night-air. There you will hear no nonsense about keeping out of draughts, or that you must never sit down in the shade when it is cool, or that you mustn't go out of doors after 4 p. m. or before 9 a. m. If words can kill, these are the words. The tents the patients sleep in do not depend for ventilation upon the air passing through the meshes of the canvas. They are made of the most impervious of all cloth. The best models are those which imitate the Indian teepee. The air enters at the sides and flows continually upward out of the top. You might have an open fire in one of them and the smoke would never trouble you. It would go right out at the top.—*Consumption, the Great White Plague, Everybody's Magazine for June.*

What Others Say.

DUTY.

Young man, make it a rule of your life never to neglect duty for the sake of "having a good time."—*Rel. Telescope.*

WHO IS TO BLAME?

The saloonkeeper is as good as his license; the license as good as the legislature which made it possible; the legislature as good as those who elected them. The blame falls on the citizenship.—*Dr. H. S. Taylor.*

FOR THE CAUSE SAKE.

A preacher may be most diligent in caring for the particular congregation he serves and still be a selfish man. The supreme test of an efficient minister is his readiness to serve the people and the church when no personal gain or glory is involved.—*Chris. Standard.*

SHOULD NOT SHIRK.

A father's responsibility to his boys does not stop with his provision for their material support. This is only a small part of it. The father is the divinely appointed head of the home, and by no sort of subterfuge can he shirk his responsibility for the right training of the home.—*Presbyterian Witness.*

WHAT HE DOES.

A cold church throws the organ out of tune, and the trumpet stop proclaims the fact more painfully and impressively than any of the others. So a loud-voiced and ostentatious Christian, when he goes wrong, certifies to the fact more strenuously than the humbler and less pretentious Christian.—*Journal and Messenger.*

APPROACHING IT.

What would our grandfathers have said if they had been present two Sundays ago, when a Congregational pastor came to our Free Baptist church in Boston to borrow the use of its baptistry to baptize two of his young men in? Are we approaching the days when there shall be "one Lord, one faith, one baptism?"—*Morning Star.*

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

In the United States, notwithstanding the boasted progress in civilization, just in proportion to the substitution of imprisonment, with the consequent pardon, for capital punishment, and the delay in its execution, has been the increase of crimes and lynchings, until this country is secure in the evil supremacy for the greatest number of murders and the smallest proportion of murderers punished.—*N. Y. Advocate.*

A QUESTION OF PASTOR.

Dr. Hurlbert, from twenty-one years' experience and observation, declares: "In most rural churches the success or failure of the cause is 99 per cent a question of pastor." Is not this true everywhere and of all churches? What a solemn responsibility rests upon pastors and upon our educational institutions which have so much to do in shaping their thought and life.—*Can. Baptist.*