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Editorial Outlook

CHRISTIAN JAPANESE.

Christianity makes progress in Japan. It is noticeable that Christian Japanese occupy a good many prominent and influential positions. Several have lately been elected to parliament. In the High Court of Appeal there are two Christian judges; and two under secretaries of State are Christians; and there are many Christian officers in the navy. Several daily papers in Tokio are controlled and edited by native Christians. The being a Christian is no bar to a place in the public life of Japan, which fact is full of promise for the progress of Christianity.

MUTUAL PROTECTION.

Because anarchists are continually plotting against the rulers of civilized countries, it has been found necessary to take extraordinary precautions for the protection of kings, emperors and presidents. It is stated that the heads of the leading nations have formed "a mutual protective association against anarchists and anarchical assassins." The plan, it is explained, includes a system of international exchange of detectives, so that soon English, French, German and Italian detectives will be among those guarding the President of the United States, while United States officers will be on duty near the rulers of the foreign lands named.

SPAIN'S PROGRESS.

That Spain felt keenly the loss of her colonies, there is no doubt. But it begins to look as if the loss will prove a benefit to the country. The resources which before were neglected are now being developed, and an economy in government expenditure is being practised, which was before not thought of. In agriculture, manufactures and mining, progress is being made, and the public revenues are now greater than the expenditure. One great drawback is the large number of feast days the Spanish workman is required to observe; there are 128 such days in the year when the workman cannot work if he would. Perhaps this serious hindrance to industrial success will be corrected after a while. The fact that there is an objection to having the country burdened with any more monks is significant of a desire to be freed from the bondage of ecclesiasticism.

SHOULD BE BETTER PAID.

The lady teachers of St. John have petitioned the board of trustees for an increase of salary. Their petition sets forth that while in the last ten years there has been a marked increase in the cost of living, there has been no increase in their salaries, and that in no city of size and commercial importance in Can-

ada are women teachers' salaries so small as in St. John. They suggest a schedule of salaries:

(1) The minimum salary of female teachers on appointment shall be \$250 a year, to be increased at the rate of \$25 a year for each of the succeeding six years.

(2) The female teachers engaged in high school work shall receive a minimum salary of \$450 for the first year, and an annual increase of \$25 for the next six years.

(3) Assistant teachers shall receive a minimum salary of \$200 a year.

The increase they ask is, certainly, very modest, and there should be no hesitation on the part of the trustees in granting it. Why should female teachers receive less than male teachers for doing the same work?

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

A decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council a few months ago said that Provincial legislatures had no right to make laws for Sabbath observance where anything of a criminal nature is involved. By this decision, Provincial statutes touching the Lord's day observance, including New Brunswick's, which was acknowledged to be a good one, are made of no effect. The Lord's Day Alliance now intends to ask the Dominion Parliament to enact a Lord's day law for the whole of Canada. It is to be hoped that a good law—one that will secure the recognition of Sunday as a day of rest—will be enacted.

The December number of the *Lord's Day Advocate* tells that in a section of the Northwest, into which a large number of United States people had migrated, the men began to follow their ordinary avocations on Sunday, as they had been accustomed to do on the other side of the border. Their Canadian neighbors called a meeting, waited on the new comers and informed them that their course of conduct would not be tolerated in Canada. This had the desired effect.

MOVING ON.

Temperance reform in England is making progress. The *Christian Commonwealth*, of London, says:

An immense change in public sentiment during the past half century is evidenced by the great page which recently the *Daily News* devoted to a display of the temperance situation, the title of the broadsheet being, "The Liquor Trade vs. the Commonwealth." Even an organ which has always been consistent in its advocacy of liberal and progressive movements could not, fifty years ago, have taken up an attitude of direct and general advocacy of the temperance enterprise without sacrificing its existence. All social progress is uphill, and therefore is slow and gradual. The present hopeful position has not been attained without constant difficulty, nor have declensions been lacking. Not many years ago a Temperance Sunday, like that observed in some thousands of churches at the beginning of the present week, could have seemed a

chimera of fanatics. The higher sentiment of civilization has definitely pronounced that the drink traffic is a mighty embodiment of evil in principle and evil in fact. It is now beginning to be acknowledged that temperance must be incorporated as an essential plank in any progressive platform.

LORD MINTO.

The Governor General of Canada might be expected to respect the laws of the country. But he does not. He has repeatedly and flagrantly violated the Lord's day law. When in the Northwest he and his party travelled seventy-five miles by train and fifteen miles by teams on a hunting expedition. They tried, also, to purchase supplies on Sunday at Moose Jaw, but the storekeepers, to their credit be it said, refused to open their places of business. A late instance is reported from Ontario, when, going for a week's duck-shooting, he journeyed to the place and returned from it on the Sabbath. The associate secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. T. A. Moore, did well, in an address in Toronto a few days ago, to call attention to this very objectionable conduct of Lord Minto and condemn him for it. If he is without respect for God's law, he should, as the chief representative of authority in the country, have at least some respect for the country's law, and, also, avoid doing violence to the convictions and feelings of the best Canadian citizenship. Because he is Governor General he has no right to flaunt his disregard of law and Christian sentiment. That he does so indicates that he ought not to be Governor General. His predecessors in the high office were more mindful of the things that make for righteousness.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Parliament has been called to meet March 3rd.

A convention of Carleton County Liberals is to be held in Woodstock on Thursday of this week to nominate a candidate for parliament.

It is intimated that Sir Richard Cartwright is likely to take a seat in the Senate.

The representation in next parliament will be: Ontario, 86 members; Quebec, 65; Nova Scotia, 18; New Brunswick, 13; P. E. Island, 4; Manitoba, 10; British Columbia, 7; Territories, 10; Yukon, 4.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson has been appointed Minister of Railways and Canals, in room of Mr. Blair, resigned. He was sworn in Friday.

Mr. G. A. Cox was elected to the N. S. Legislature in Shelburne County Tuesday of last week, defeating Mr. McCoy. Both are Liberals.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster is to speak on the Imperial Fiscal question at Halifax January 25th; St. John, January 26th; Moncton, January 27th; and New Glasgow, January 28th. It is understood

that he will later deliver several speeches in Quebec dealing with the Chamberlain campaign.

Hon. M. E. Bernier, Minister of Inland Revenue, has resigned to become a member of the Railway Commission. Hon. L. P. Brodeur, speaker of the Commons, succeeds him as head of the Inland Revenue department.

A Liberal convention at Sydney, C. B., Thursday, nominated Alex. Johnston for the South riding. Dr. Kendall, the present member, announced his retirement. It is believed he is to be appointed P. O. Inspector for Nova Scotia.

It is reported that Charles Hyman, M. P. for London, Ont., will be given cabinet rank without portfolio.

It is announced that the G. T. P. Railway Co. require the terms of the contract made with them modified, and that a session of Parliament will have to be called to deal with the matter.

NOTES.

A petition for a vote to repeal the Canada Temperance Act in Cape Breton was recently forwarded to the Secretary of State. There were enough names on the petition, but examination revealed that a great many of them were in one hand-writing, and the petition was rejected.

The London *Standard's* Paris correspondent, referring to the Anglo-French negotiations, says that France is likely to abandon her rights and advantages in Newfoundland in return for compensation in Central Africa, and the New Hebrides.

Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia, advocates the establishment of a reformatory for the criminal boys and girls of that province.

There are in Canada 1,360,661 electric lights.

Dr. Borden, principal of Mount Allison Ladies' College, has been informed by Mrs. Massey Treble, of Toronto, that she will donate necessary money to thoroughly equip the domestic science department at Mount Allison.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has replied to Premier Seddon, of New Zealand, that the government of Canada must decline to join in the proposed protest of Chinese in the Transvaal gold mines.

Hon. Edward Blake's health is somewhat improved, but he is not yet able to do hard work.

ACADIA.—The Board of Governors of Acadia University have appointed Dr. Keirstead acting president of the University while Dr. Trotter devotes himself to the movement to increase the endowment of the institution.

HAS HELPED HIM.—A wide-awake pastor writes: "I have found the letters from the ministers a great inspiration, and the excellent editorials a source of many helpful suggestions. May the Lord give the INTELLIGENCER the success it well deserves."