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NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

There were 6,615 murders committed in the United States in 1882, and 4,436 persons committed suicide. These crimes are alarmingly on the increase.

It is said that in Japan a larger proportion of people can read than in any other country in the world. There are 28,000 schools, with 72,000 teachers and 3,410,000 scholars. Besides this there are 607 Protestant Sabbath schools, with 22,777 scholars; 16 theological schools with 542 students.

People who secede to the Church of Rome often find out their mistake. One of those who had thus learned wisdom by experience is Lady Evelyn Moreton, sister of the present Earl of Ducie, who was formerly a member of the Church of England. She has now left the Roman Catholic communion, which her ladyship joined about seven years ago.

It is reported from China that Cheo Han, the instigator of the riots and the fierce opposition to Christians and Christianity in 1891, has expressed his intention of visiting Dr. Griffith John at Hankow, seeking to know something of the religion he has been opposing. If he becomes a convert it will introduce Christianity into the province of Hunan, which has been almost sealed against the Gospel.

The death of Professor Tyndall by accidental poison has turned attention to the fact that in 1892 five hundred and fifty out of eight hundred and seventy-six deaths certified as due to poison resulted from accident. More than one half of these came from the accidental overadministration of chloral, chloroform, opium, laudanum, or morphine. The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain calls for the enactment compelling chemists to sell poisons of this kind in bottles of fluted glass, corked with screw stoppers, so that the bottles containing the poisons may be readily distinguished from others.

A determined effort is being made to deal effectively with the worst kinds of vice in the large cities of India. Calcutta is the leading city of India, and the vice rampant in certain quarters of the city has deeply aroused the religious and moral sentiment of the better class of people. The movement has drawn together in unity of purpose all shades of religious opinion. At the meeting in question Bishop Thornburn presided, and with him on the platform were representatives of the different evangelical denominations, besides Roman Catholics, Buddhists, Brahmans and Mohammedans. Some of the strongest speeches were made by distinguished natives of India, and an uncompromising hostility and desire for effective dealing with the deplorable conditions of society in Calcutta and other cities was shown.

The police census of New York shows 48,781 families whose breadwinners are out of employment. They represent 205,701 persons. Of these families 39,311 needed assistance, while 9,470 replied No to the question. While the number is not as large as has been asserted, yet it is so great as to show that speedy action should be taken for their help, and that it is desirable that the present financial uncertainty in reference to tariff legislation should come to an end as soon possible.

The Louisiana Lottery, which ceased on January 1 to have any legal standing in that State, is supposed to be

transferred to Honduras. The use of the mails in the United States has been prohibited to the lottery, but so long as it can work through express companies, no one need suppose that, whether its seat is in Louisiana or Honduras, the lottery will cease to ply its nefarious and demoralizing business all over the continent. It appears, too, that the removal of the lottery's headquarters from United States territory is more apparent than real.

Paris, following Manchester's example, is planning for a canal to the sea, by way of Rouen. A bill for this improvement is before the Deputies. Brussels also feels stimulated to improve the canal she has—to deepen it to twenty-two feet, and widen it, so that vessels of 2,000 tons' displacement may come to her wharves direct. It will cost about \$10,000,000. The Belgian government favors the plan, and will aid it with a preliminary appropriation and a liberal subscription to the shares of the company.

The school boys of New York City are joining the Anti-Cigarette Smoking League, started by the Board of Education. The pledge commits the signer to abstinence from cigarette-smoking until the age of twenty-one, and to the use of his influence to induce others to join. So simple and sensible a method of correcting this pernicious habit should commend itself to the educational boards of other cities.

The Congo State has decided to construct a telegraph line 1,500 miles up the Congo River to Kasonga, and then 250 miles east to Lake Tanganyika. Twelve years ago Stanley's idea of a telegraph line to Uganda was condemned as chimerical, but to-day a hard-headed capitalist like Cecil Rhodes pins his faith to the practicability of an inland telegraph line from South Africa to Cairo. The wire already stretches from Cape Town four-fifths of the way to the Zambesi. From the delta of that river, messages are flashed more than half the way to Lake Nyassa. No obstacle has yet appeared that cannot be overcome.

It is offensive to Protestants as it is occasion of scandal to many Catholics that religious papers of the latter denomination, advertise liquor and places where it is sold in their columns. It undoubtedly brings much discredit on the whole Church. Some of the best Catholic newspapers strongly condemn the custom; but it is very singular that such publications as *The Philadelphia Catholic Times*, edited by Father Lambert, give prominence to whisky advertisements. There is no Protestant paper that would publish such things, as there are no distinctively Protestant festivities of colleges or otherwise that would tolerate the public use of intoxicants.

The Nova Scotia Plebiscite.

One thing is certain, that those who are opposed to Prohibition will not fail to be at the polls; further, that the liquor forces will not be asleep. There can be but little doubt that Prohibition will carry throughout the Province. Still, it is all-important that the expression of conviction and wish should be as complete as possible—that every vote that can be obtained in favor of Prohibition should be recorded. Seeing the time before the elections is so short, how can it be best used? Each Division and Lodge can be, and no doubt will be, a centre for active and special work. Public meetings can be held, but a personal canvass of the electors is far more effective. Let the districts be divided and canvassers be appointed and pledges be recorded. It is not difficult thus to go over the registered voters. The ladies have a grand opportunity to exercise "woman's rights," and they are the most skilful canvassers. In an election nothing should be taken for granted until the last vote is polled and the ballot declared.

Then wisely the churches can be made centers of propaganda, organization and work. General advocacy is excellent, but just now it is direct personal work, votes and how best to secure them. That Prohibition sermons will be preached is taken for granted; also, that the claims of the ballot box will have the first place.

It is assumed that the church is on the side of Prohibition, because the church stands for righteousness, sobriety, progress, peace and prosperity; whereas the rum shop stands for godlessness, drunkenness, poverty, discord and death. A church on the side of the rum shop must make the devil wink. License means rum shop; Prohibition means none at all. Prohibition is the "pluck out" principle of the one book of the church—the Bible.

Then no doubt there will be as far as possible the massing of temperance forces in different communities for general work. Likewise special efforts by public meetings with temperance workers. Still, can there not be brief addresses given by temperance workers in connection with the meetings of the candidates for electoral honors? Such meetings will afford a grand opportunity. As in Ontario so in our Province, every advantage should be taken to make the Plebiscite an opportunity to educate, and so strengthen our position.

Need it be said that in the moral phase of Prohibition is found the strongest support and firmest ground. As to the question of Prohibition being practical, that to the Christian is not the first question, but it is morally right? That Prohibition makes for righteousness is beyond question. That being so, "who is on the Lord's side?" For the love of God, home and native land, may all show it by voting for Prohibition.

T. H. SIDDALL.

The Conversion of a Heathen.

Rev. Dr. Baldwin writing in the *Independent*, tells the following interesting story of the conversion of a heathen in China.

One day a heathen man entered a chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fuchau. The Rev. S. L. Binkley, who was preaching, said, among other things: Jesus can save you from all your sins. At the end of the service, when all others had retired this man came forward and addressed the missionary: Did I understand you right? I thought you said that Jesus could save me from all my sins.

Is that what you said? Mr. Binkley replied affirmatively. The Chinaman then responded: Sir, you did not know me when you said that; for if you had you never would have said it. I have been a gambler, a sorcerer and an opium smoker for more than twenty years; and a man who smokes opium that long can never be redeemed; every one knows that. Now, if you had known all this you would not have said that Jesus could save me from all my sins, would you? The missionary replied that he would have said just what he did, and reaffirmed that Jesus could save him from all his sins. He could not believe it, but went home to think about it, and came day after day to the missionary's house to talk to him and get more light in regard to Christianity, until one day he burst into the missionary's study without any salutation, saying: I know it! I know that Jesus can save me from all my sins, for he has done it! When asked as to his opium pipe he said: I have no desire for it, nor for any of the wicked things that I have been doing.

I only want to go to Hokchiang and preach to the people there that Jesus can save them from their sins. It was a dangerous district to visit on account of the village feuds existing, in which men were often killed. His friends tried to dissuade him from going; but he went, preaching everywhere the truth.

He was pelted with missiles, stoned in one place until he became unconscious, and afterward punished with two thousand stripes by order of a heathen magistrate on a false charge that was offered against him; but, with unwavering fidelity, he continued to preach Christ until about six hundred souls were brought into the Church through his labors. After many years of faithful service he died in the triumph of faith, saying, on Saturday night to the brethren about him: To-morrow morning you will be singing the Resurrection hymn in the chapel; but I will be singing with the angels of God in Heaven.

This man had no previous Christian training, but was converted right out of heathendom, in adult age, and manifested the power of Christ in the entire renovation of his being. There are thousands of such in the foreign mission field of the various Churches.

A Russian Prince Joins the Salvation Army.

Last September a Russian gentleman "of stately presence and refined manners" landed in San Francisco. He represented himself to be Prince Galatzin, and said that he was on a journey around the world in the interests of the Imperial Geographical Society of St. Petersburg. He went to Washington. "A chance stroll" one evening, a few weeks ago, brought him to the vicinity of a Salvation Army meeting. He entered the place, was impressed with what he saw and heard, became an attendant and finally a recruit; joining the Auxiliary League. He professed to be a Christian after the faith of his own country, and to have abundant means. After conferring with the leaders of the Army in New York, he decided to make the attempt to establish a branch in Russia in the shape of relief stations along the route taken by exiles going to Siberia. He proposes to abandon his scientific pursuits and devote himself to the physical and spiritual wants of these unhappy persons. To secure the Czar's permission he sailed for Europe last Saturday. The Salvation Army are jubilant, of course, over this titled and wealthy recruit, but when one remembers the bitter intolerance of the Greek Church, it seems to be more likely that Prince Galatzin will be summarily banished as an apostate to the end of the Siberian journey rather than be allowed to set up Salvation Army camps along the way.—*Z. Herald.*

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

"Euse up ye women that are at ease." Isaiah 32: 9.

[All contributions for this column should be addressed to Mrs. J. S. McLeod, Fredericton.]

A Call to Earnest Work.

For some time past I have been thinking of the *Intelligencer* and the Woman's column. The paper is welcomed as a friend to our home, and the first that receives attention is the W. M. column. The letters written by our sisters have been full of interest, and if more would come even short ones, giving a few items of information about the Aid Societies and their work, how gladly they would be received.

At our last District meeting Mrs. A. C. Thompson was appointed chairman of committee to procure and distribute mite boxes. She wrote me that she had applied to many different parties, but had failed to procure them, but that she could get them made to order. She will doubtless do this, and have them distributed among the Aid Societies, in the very near future.

We would suggest that our sisters take an interest in this plan, and hold public meetings say in May; and upon the programme have the opening of the boxes, by some one appointed for that purpose.

By this means we will be better able to carry out the principle:—"To lay by in store each week, as the Lord has prospered us." Also, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

This method has proved a success in other denominations, and if we will, we can also make it a success in our societies.

The suggestion made by a sister that the Aid Societies send in their dues, quarterly, would be a great improvement upon our present system. Many of us go to sleep, and this vital subject remains dormant with us until another year has nearly expired. Now this year is full of possibilities of work for the Master. Let us, dear sisters, not lose our opportunity. "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His kindness shown?" This cause, which is God's, has need of greater activity on our part. Each woman needs to feel that she is the responsible party and not leave the work for some other to do. Never will our influence be what it should be; never will our work prosper in our hands, as it is God's will that it should, until each Christian woman feels this responsibility, until each girls on the armour and comes to the rescue of our heathen sisters.

I remember hearing, a few months ago, a stirring missionary address by Dr. DeBlois as he told of one and another, and another, and another of his college classmates who had gone to heathen lands to unfurl the 'gospel banner.'

I thought of a class-mate, the widow's only son, who was soon to embark—not for India, not for China, not for Africa nor the islands of the sea, but—for the house of many mansions which the Father has prepared for those who love Him. How my heart was thrilled as I thought how dark and desolate indeed would be his condition, had he never heard of the "One Mighty to Save." And as I thought of the multitudes of India's sons; many it may be, with cultured minds and bright earthly prospects going down in deep, dark despair, with no ray of hope; How precious seemed the Gospel.

"So many are living and dying, who never have heard of the Light, Their lives by its story unsweetened, their death is Eternity's night. While we to our bosoms are folding, the Book with the Saviour's command, 'Go therefore and teach every creature, proclaiming my word through the land.'

"Then will ye not give them the gospel, ye people that dwell in the light? Why leave them to stumble in darkness, who might walk with the Saviour in white? Oh give of your time and your talents, your prayers, and your silver and gold!

For the Master but carries His coming, till this word to all nations be told."

"Then haste ye, arise and be doing, oh let not the moments be lost! The Saviour's well done and His welcome will more than repay you the cost, When out of all lands shall be gathered, a people prepared for the King. Who in glory and beauty forever, the praise of Jehovah shall sing." R. J. A.

THE MARYSVILLE A. C. F. SOCIETY.

The Marysville A. C. F. Society held their monthly meeting and roll call last evening. It was a pleasant time, there was not only a good attendance, but a true missionary spirit seemed to possess all present. We now number 42 active, and 14 associate members, we are glad to know that a number of our associate members have given their hearts to Christ during the month, six of whom have since taken the active pledge. We have decided to adopt one of Mrs. Boyer's boys, and have pledged ourselves to support him. Have sent the first quarter's payment to the Treasurer, to-day.

We were pleased to see the report from Hartland. We heartily congratulate them on being the first society to move in this direction, and hope to see many others following their good example. Mrs. Boyer has a large number of boys waiting to be adopted. A good opportunity is thus opened to us for not only helping ourselves by doing a kindness to our less fortunate brother, but of helping and encouraging her who is worthy of all the help and encouragement that we can possibly give her. If we cannot do great things we should be willing to do small things. We are a little sorry not to have been the first to move in this line, but we rejoice that we are not farther behind than, second.

J. J. R., Cor. Sec.

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE."—A painful case of Christian Science, or faith cure, is reported in the *New York Herald* as taking place in Elizabeth, New Jersey. A young married woman, whose people were Christian Scientists, had recently become a mother, and was under the doctor's care. The husband, who had kept the fanatics at bay, was induced to retire to take rest. In his absence they invaded the sick woman's room and held an exciting service there. Having done this, they tore away all the medical appliances that had been arranged by the physician, poured out all the medicines that had been prescribed, and informed the nurse that her services were no longer required, that the Lord would henceforth care for the sick woman. When the husband returned the wife for three days refused to see the doctor. When, at last, two physicians were admitted,

the woman and babe were in a very low state. Wife and child died next day. Both died, so the physicians say, for want of proper medical attendance during the most critical period of the mother's sickness.

THE UNINTELLIGIBLE LETTER.—Perhaps you have had, sometime, an unintelligible letter from a friend. Did you feel annoyed, and tempted to scold? Don't do it. It is better to do as Mr. T. B. Aldrich did, on receipt of a letter from his friend Prof. Morse, which he could not read. He wrote:

"MY DEAR MORSE: It was very pleasant to me to get a letter from you the other day. Perhaps I should have found it pleasanter if I had been able to decipher it. I don't think I mustered anything beyond the date—which I knew—and the signature—which I guessed at. There is a singular and perpetual charm in a letter of yours; it never grows old; it never loses its novelty. One can say to one's self every morning: 'Here's that letter of Morse's. I haven't read it yet. I think I'll take another shy at it to-day, and maybe I shall be able, in the course of a few years, to make out what he means by those t's that look like w's, and those i's that have no eye-brows.' Other letters are read and thrown away, but yours are kept forever—unread. One of them will last a reasonable man a lifetime. Admiringly yours, T. B. Aldrich."

ORANGE MEETING.—The Grand Lodge of the Orange Association of New Brunswick met in annual session at Fairville, St. John, last week Tuesday to Thursday. There was a large attendance and the session was evidently one of much interest. The following resolutions were adopted.

That this R. W. grand lodge in annual session assembled desire to record implicit confidence in Right Worshipful Bro. H. H. Pitts, M. P. P., of Fredericton, and to express the approval of his energetic and loyal services in manfully and fearlessly placing before the legislature and the people of the province the broad principles of the free, non-sectarian school law of New Brunswick, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bro. Pitts, and published in the press.

Resolved, That grand master, deputy grand master, grand secretary, grand chaplain, grand treasurer and Brothers H. H. Pitts, M. P. P. and Dr. J. G. Atkinson be appointed a special committee for the purpose of prosecuting the case involved in the Bathurst school question, and to take the necessary steps to raise funds for the same and to guard generally the interests of the free non-sectarian schools of the province, as provided by the resolution of this right worshipful grand lodge.

Among Exchanges.

NO DOUBT OF IT.

Denominational rivalry has much to do with the various questionable things in our existing church life.—*Phil. Standard.*

STUPEFYING.

One way of stupefying the conscience is to get into the habit of allying for what you do other than the real reason.—*Morning Star.*

A WISE MAN.

The man who built his house on the sand was a wise man in comparison with the one who thinks that moderate drinking won't hurt them.—*Ram's Horn.*

"THEIR HALF PINT CUP."

The Bible says there are "Diversities of operations, by the same Spirit," but some conceited old professors insist that they know better, that everybody is to be measured by their own half-pint cup.—*Gen. Baptist Messenger.*

"TO BUZZ AND STING."

On a recent Sunday we heard a learned minister say that there "were hornets in the churches; people who live but to buzz and sting." And then we noted how the Smiths smiled gently to themselves as if saying sotto voce, "that's hot shot for the Jones." And glancing over towards the Jones' family pew, the same identical smile was seen, and the words could almost be heard, "how do the Smiths like that?" And 'tis ever thus. The sermon applies to the people in the pew in front, or behind, or across the aisle.—*Exchanges.*

THE BETTER WAY.

It is better occasionally to be deceived and to lose something, than to go through the world without trust, suspicious of all. It is better to be confiding and to lean, though some one should step aside and let us fall to the ground. To love freely, on the right hand and on the left, is good for us. He who always maintains a cold caution, calculating every step, without confidence in man, dwells his highest nature, cripples his noblest qualities, and does continual dishonor both to God and his fellow-men. He may be a trifle safer in some low, narrow sense, but he misses the best part of life's enjoyment, if not of heaven's glory.—*Z. Herald.*