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

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Editorial Outlook

COTTON IN AFRICA.

Englishmen are experimenting in cotton growing in Africa. The cotton shrub grows wild in West Africa, and is used extensively for native wants. In Togoland the Germans have started a cotton raising movement. Negro cotton farmers from the American Southern States have been taken there. There may be before many years a great cotton industry in Africa.

ARBITRATION.

The principle of settling international difficulties by arbitration is being adopted by countries that scarcely expected to take to it readily. An arbitration treaty has been made between Mexico, Zolivia, Argentina, Peru, San Domingo, Guatemala, Paraguay, Salvador and Uruguay, has been signed by President Diaz and the diplomatic representatives in Mexico of the countries mentioned. All controversies between these countries are to be submitted to a board of arbitration unless the grievances are such as to imperil the honor or independence of either nation. This looks like the dawn of a better day in countries which are so often disturbed by wars and revolutions.

"BETWEEN MEALS."

There was quite a flourish recently over a "temperance" movement, inaugurated by a London, England, vicar, the chief feature of which was a pledge "not to drink between meals." Those who desired could pledge themselves to total abstinence, but the no-drinks-between-meals pledge was expected to catch the crowd of drinkers and redeem them. Some of the papers talked as though it was a great idea, that would revolutionize temperance work and make an end of the total abstinence fanaticism. It is now reported that in the first week of the movement there were three pledge signers; it does not appear that there have been any since. All of which goes to show that the chaps who drink at all intend to drink when they please, and do not think drinking at meals exclusively particularly pleasant or meritorious.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION.

The Methodist Conference of N. B. and P. E. I. adopted the following resolution:

That this conference re-affirm its published opinion that the entire prohibition by the dominion parliament, of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors throughout Canada, is the only satisfactory solution of the liquor question.

In the meantime we appreciate the fact that the legislature of P. E. I. has enacted a provincial law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on that island; and further, that this conference memorialize the government to promote the passing of a similar measure for this province.

We urge upon our people the great necessity of supporting in politics those only who pledge themselves to give hearty support to a dominion prohibitory measure, and we advise that wherever practical, we take advantage of the provisions of the C. T. A. and also the provisions of all local laws in relation to this matter.

Rev. Dr. Chown, who is the General Conference Superintendent of the department of temperance and moral reform, made a stirring address, emphasizing the fact that the responsibility for all moral reform is on the Christian church.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

The New Brunswick Lord's Day Alliance had its annual meeting in St. John Wednesday. Rev. J. G. Shearer, Dominion Secretary, was present. The report of the secretary, Rev. G. Steel, said:

We would express our gratitude to God for the measure in which the work of the L. D. A. has been prosecuted throughout the past year.

We are much encouraged and pleased to learn of the development of the work throughout the dominion, there being now some 400 organizations in as many cities, towns, villages, and districts, with considerably more than 20,000 enrolled members.

The sixteen branches of the L. D. A. of N. B. are giving encouraging signs of life and usefulness. We thank them for cordial co-operation and support, and bespeak the continuance of the same.

*** We appreciate the value of fellowship with the L. D. A. of Canada, which provides us with the services of the general secretary, whose work can not be overestimated. We would recommend that in future, should any important prosecutions be necessary under the Lord's Day Act, this provincial alliance should assume responsibility for the same.

We would recommend the adoption of the suggestion of the Northumberland conference, that as soon as possible district executives be formed for the purpose of strengthening existing branches, and visiting unorganized territories, increasing the financial support of the work, and co-operating in any legislative effort that may be necessary.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Rev. J. A. Richardson.

Vice-Presidents—Hon. Senator Wood, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, J. D. Chipman, Rev. Dr. McLeod, D. Morrison, M.P.P., Rev. A. M. Hubly, Very Rev. Dean Partridge, Rev. Fr. Gaynor, Rev. Geo. Steele, Rev. C. D. Schofield, Rev. D. McOdrum, Hon. A. R. McClelan.

Secretary—Rev. C. W. Hamilton.

Treasurer—W. J. Parks.

Press Committee—Rev. Dr. McLeod, Rev. Dr. Gates, Rev. Dr. Raymond.

Organization Committee—Revs. F. Baird, A. M. Hubly, Geo. Steele, J. H. Cuthbert, G. J. Wood, D. McOdrum, G. A. Ross, J. H. McDonald, J. Smith.

Legal Committee—Dr. A. A. Stockton, Judge Forbes, Dr. Silas Alward, Lieut.-Col. Vince.

Legislative Committee—J. D. Phinney, K. C., Hon. A. S. White, D. Morrison.

The St. John Branch of the Alliance has Rev. Father Gaynor for president.

NOTES.

Prof. Stockley, late of the New Brunswick University, is to be Principal of the new Roman Catholic College to be opened in Halifax in September.

Mr. Haultain, leader of the government of the Northwest Territories, speaking of the Barr colony in the Legislature, said, "the organization of the colony had been mismanaged, and there was also something else mismanaged—the financial dealing. He thought that for the sake of as fine a set of colonists as ever came to this country, for the sake of the Northwest, and for the sake of future immigration, the Dominion Government ought to make a thorough inquiry into the way in which Mr. Barr had mismanaged the colony."

"Tom Baptist," a Doukhobor leader, has been taken to Brandon, Manitoba, asylum for the insane. His mania is to divest himself of clothing.

Mr. Chamberlain, in a letter to a friend, says: "We are in for a big fight, but I am convinced that not merely the future of the Empire, but the prosperity of home commerce depends upon our waking up to the importance of the new conditions created by the vast accumulations of capital in the great protected countries."

Edward C. Weyman, son of Mr. C. W. Weyman, Apohaqui, K. Co., received the degree of B.A. from Harvard University last week. He graduated from the U.N.B. last year.

The commanding officers of the U. S. forces in the Philippines have been directed from headquarters to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, beer, or wine; at any point within two miles of land that is now

used, or is hereafter to be used, by the United States for military purposes.

North China is suffering from the severest drought experienced in many years. The Emperor's prayers for rain proving unavailing, the Governor of Pekin was sent to bring the "Iron Rain Table" from its temple near the southern border of the province and escort it to Pekin in order to obtain rain. The Chinese have great faith in the rain-producing powers of the table, and declare that the end of the drought is now assured.

What Others Say.

HOW IT WORKS.

Wholesale liquor dealers are seriously considering the propriety of improving the character of saloonkeepers. The trouble about this is that as soon as a man's character is improved he will quit being a saloonkeeper, and the moment he begins keeping a saloon his character goes down. Dirt cannot be cleansed—of dirt.—*Word and Way.*

A MISFORTUNE.

A glib tongue has been the ruin of many a preacher. The ability to talk indefinitely and with easy volubility about nothing, is a gift upon which its possessor is altogether too prone to depend in his pulpit work. The man who can make a sermon in an hour will never make a great preacher.—*Chris. Observer.*

WHEREIN THEY DIFFER.

The distinctive characteristic of Roman Catholicism is absolute subjection to the authority of the Roman hierarchy. No one can be a good Catholic who does not submit, without question, to the authority and dictations of the papacy. The distinctive characteristic of Protestantism is the right to private judgment. Its teaching is: Read your Bible; study it; seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and remember that "every man shall give account for himself to God"—not to priest, cardinal or pontiff.—*The Telescope.*

ALL OR NONE.

If a man professes conversion and yet does not bring his wealth in consecration to God, there is reason to doubt the genuineness of the conversion. An old minister used always to insist that his converts should put their purses in their pockets when they were baptized, as proof that they were sincere. It is told of an ancient chief who, when he was baptized, refused to have his right arm immersed, because he wished to reserve it to carry on his warfare with his enemies. Christ will have either all or none. Our burial with Christ means a total surrender of self and all that we possess.—*Baptist Commonwealth.*