

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER.

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

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Editorial Outlook

GREED.

It is now known that more than a thousand lives were lost in the "General Slocum" disaster. And all this awful destruction of precious life, as the pastor of the stricken congregation said in his sermon on the 26th, "was due to negligence, carelessness and greed, and that worship of mammon which looks only for profit and sends thousands of souls into eternity."

THE G. T. R. SURVEY.

Judge Winchester is continuing his investigation into the employment of United States engineers on the Grand Trunk Pacific survey. He is getting much evidence that Canadian engineers have been regularly discriminated against in employment, positions and salaries. Every position of any consequence was given to Yankees, Canadians of equal or superior ability being refused whenever a man from across the line could be got. The whole lot of aliens should be sent home at once.

CORRUPT LITERATURE.

Next to drink, the evil that makes the greatest social havoc in France is licentious literature. Recently the Society of Public Morality has appointed a Protestant minister, Pastor Coute, to the position of travelling lecturer, to arouse the people to see the evils of corrupt books and papers. It is significant that the majority of the members of the society sending out Mr. Coute are Roman Catholics and Free Thinkers. It is one of the signs that French Protestants have a great work to do, and that the people of France, who used to look upon Protestants as "the filth of the world," are beginning to see that they have the only cure for the great social and moral evils of the day.

THE WAR.

In a naval engagement at Port Arthur a Russian battleship was destroyed and another ship and a cruiser were damaged.

At Fen Shui Ling, twenty miles northwest of Siu Yen, June 27th, after six hours of hard fighting, the Japanese routed the enemy. The Russian force, which consisted of five battalions of infantry and two regiments of cavalry, with sixteen guns, fled in disorder.

It is reported that three forts south of Port Arthur have been captured by the Japanese.

A belated report from Admiral Togo records a desperate and successful torpedo attack at the entrance of Port Arthur last Monday night, June 27th, in which a Russian guardship and a Russian torpedo boat destroyer were sunk.

A FINE WORK.

The work of Mrs. Ballington Booth in behalf of the prisoners and convicts of the United States has been greatly blessed. Twenty-four thousand convicts have worn, or are wearing, the badge of membership in the Volunteer Prisoners' League, organized by Mrs. Booth, and which pledges them to endeavor to reform. The story of this remarkable work was told in a double page article in a late number of *Leslie's Weekly*. Recently Mrs. Booth, with 700 convicts in Sing Sing prison, celebrated the eighth anniversary of the beginning of this Volunteer Prisoners' League, of which she was the founder, and is the present head. The celebration was in many respects one of the most remarkable and significant that has ever occurred. It demonstrated the strong influence which this noble woman exerts over men, some of whom had become the most hardened criminals in the land. Before the speaking and singing were over, many of the 700 prisoners were in tears, some of them sobbing aloud.

HELEN KELLER.

Among the graduates of Radcliffe College, Harvard, last week, as Bachelor of Arts, was Miss Helen Keller, who from her childhood has been deaf and dumb and blind. She is the most remarkable college graduate in the world. Of her the *New York American* said: "Up to her seventh year she had no means other than a few instinctive gestures and inarticulate cries of communicating with those around her. She dwelt in mental as well as physical darkness. But the germ of all that Helen Keller has since become was there—a quick, strong mind, an ardent, sympathetic temperament and great strength of character. A teacher found the way to the child's intelligence and by means of the language of the fingers she was soon raising questions and getting answers. Now this girl is a good Latin and Greek scholar, as familiar with French and German as with English, a fair mathematician, and of wide acquaintance with the world's literature. She has written books and written them so well that there can be no doubt of her talent. Moreover, she has learned to speak, and often addresses audiences on behalf of the blind, herself, of course, unable to hear a word that she utters. At Radcliffe she has had to overcome tremendous difficulties from which her classmates were free, but she has met them courageously and cheerfully, asking no favors. Helen Keller is a wonderful demonstration of the transforming power of education. But for the patient and skilful teaching that led her out of the night in which she was imprisoned, she would have remained an infant in intellect, a burden of pain to all upon whom she was dependent. Today, gifted, cultivated and sunny-hearted, she is a joy to her own people and a benefactress to such as are denied sight and hearing. Hers will be a life of large and continuing usefulness."

BRIEF MENTION.

Dr. Anglin, of Montreal, has been appointed superintendent of the Provincial

Hospital for the Treatment of Nervous Diseases, and will take charge September 1st.

Mr. Horace Harney has been appointed a judge of the Supreme Court in the Northwest Territories.

"Elijah" Dowie arrived in New York the other day. He made an address in which he fiercely attacked King Edward, and called the newspaper reporters hard names.

Lord Roberts hopes he may be able to visit Canada and the United States in October.

It is intimated that one object of Cardinal Satolli's present visit to the United States is to endeavor to establish diplomatic relations with that country.

The New Brunswick Teachers' Institute, which met in St. John last week, was a well attended and interesting meeting of teachers. Dr. Inch, Principal Crockett, Dr. Harrison, and other leading educationists, made addresses.

Several St. John rum sellers are charged with selling during prohibited hours. There is no doubt that every fellow in the business violates the law every chance he gets—and they usually make chances.

HARVEST MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

Excepting the months of November and December, harvest is always going on somewhere in the globe. In January reapers are busy in most of Chile, Argentina, Australia, and New Zealand. Harvest is in full swing throughout the East Indies in February and March. April sees the fields of Mexico, Egypt, Persia and Syria being cut. The merry month of May is thus used in Morocco and Texas, California, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Sicily, Greece, and part of southern France reap in June. The greater part of the United States and France, Austria, and southern Russia are stripped in July. August is the harvest month in England, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, the Northeastern States of America, and part of Russia and Canada. Scotland, Sweden, Norway, the northern midlands of Russia, and the greater portion of Canada are glad to shear in September. And October beholds the reapers in the most northerly districts of Russia, Norway, and Sweden gathering with endless trouble their scanty crops.

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE.

Under the caption of "Fine Proofs of Religious Tolerance," a secular paper directs attention to the gift of over a million of dollars by a Protestant to erect a Roman Catholic Cathedral in a Western city, and also cites the gift of a Boston Protestant who furnished the funds to erect the American College in Rome where Roman Catholics are educated for the priesthood. These are proofs of religious tolerance on the part of Protestants, but can any examples be cited of Roman Catholics building Protestant churches or theological institutions where men are being educated for the Protestant ministry?—*Baptist Commonwealth*.

What Others Say.

THE SAME EVERYWHERE.

Rum has got in its work very effectually in Halifax within the past few weeks. Often, those who live by the sword die by the sword. If the plain unembellished truth were told, there would be something to "stagger humanity." But the truth dare not be told.—*The Forward*.

DON'T.

Once more we most earnestly say to our brethren who write articles for the *Telescope*: Do not roll your manuscript, in putting it up to send it through the mail; please do not. Fold it, and enclose it in an envelope. A rolled manuscript is a very perplexing thing to handle.—*Rel. Telescope*.

"BOIL IT DOWN."

One of the most acceptable writers that we know gave us his experience the other day. When a young man, he sent an article to the *Independent*. The editor returned it with the remark, "There is much of value in this article; boil it down and return it to me." The young man rewrote it, trimming and pruning with severity. Again the article came back to him with the message, "Almost perfect; boil it down some more." With a vigorous determination, the author pruned it again. Then came the answer: "That is good; now in this compact style you may write often for our columns."—*Chris. Observer*.

CARNEGIE.

There was an amusing and not uninteresting encounter at a continental spa the other day between a well known American and a well known Montrealer. They happened to be together in one of the places of general resort. The American had had a good night and was in expansive mood. "Beautiful morning, sir?" The Montrealer could not deny the fact. "New comer, I believe?" He was, "English, may I ask?" No, not English. "American, perhaps?" "Oh, no, not American; I am a Canadian." "Ah, well," replied the expansive American, "it's the same thing, really; we shall have you soon enough." The language of the Montrealer was such that the American beat a retreat. Now that American was Mr. Carnegie. The incident will do him good.—*London Cor. Star*.

"MURDEROUS DOCTRINE."

The leaders of the society went to the house to undertake to pray the woman well without medicine or medical treatment. They were driven away by her family, who called a doctor. The praying band returned and threw away the medicine which the doctor had left. They were driven out a second time. After hearing of her death one of the leaders of the "Holy Ghost and Us Society" said: "Had not the family interfered with God's way she would have recovered." They must have a very strange view of God to think that, when He is working miracles in their behalf all the time, He would not interfere and save this poor woman in spite of everything her misguided friends did! Every doctrine that refuses natural means and agencies which God has made for the healing of diseases, is a murderous doctrine.—*N. Y. Advocate*.