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Editorial Outlook

THE PARK RESTAURANT.

The St. John Evangelical Alliance is protesting strongly against the proposed Sunday selling in the Rockwood Park restaurant. Besides issuing a manifesto setting forth the objections to the Sunday restaurant, pastors are asked to have their churches memorialize the Park Commissioners to reverse their decision as to Sunday selling.

THE WAR.

There is little to report. The Japanese are said to have crossed the Yalu into Manchuria. The strength of the Japanese forces is variously estimated. The Russians are evidently busying themselves in getting ready for a big battle some day. Port Arthur is not yet "bottled up." It is stated that Russian ships, supposed to be at Port Arthur, have been met outside, thirty or forty miles away.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

The Red Cross Society of the United States is to be investigated. There is need of an investigation. Serious charges have been made. Large sums of money entrusted to the Society have never been accounted for. The management, which could send a lot of Fenians to South Africa in the name of the Red Cross Society, and under its protection, would be quite equal to the misappropriation of funds, or any other bad thing.

JAPAN.

In the new Japanese House of Commons, now in session, there are seven Christians, four of them being Methodists, two Congregationalists, and one Baptist, and of course an open confession of Christianity means more in Japan than it might in some other places. Many other high Japanese officials are also Christians, among them a member of the Imperial Cabinet, two judges of the Supreme Court, two presidents of the Lower House of Parliament, and three Ministers of State. In the army there are 155 Christian officers, and two of the largest battleships are commanded by Christians.

THE COCAINE HABIT.

There is widespread use of cocaine among the negroes in the southern states. A recent investigation in Virginia shows that the drug is largely taken in the form of snuff by the younger negroes. Negroes addicted to the habit are locally known as "coke" fiends, and a very considerable proportion of the younger colored criminals have the habit. There is no restriction of the sale of cocaine in Virginia; but a movement is on foot to secure restrictive

legislation. The southern negro needs not only religious and industrial education, but he needs to be safeguarded against the use of cocaine, the habit of which, once formed, is at difficult to throw off as the use of opium.

NO LEGISLATION.

The temperance voters of Ontario are not to get the legislation they desire, and which has been repeatedly promised. The answer of Premier Ross to a deputation closes with this sentence: "If the government is unable to give the measure desired this session, it should be our duty to consider what means are available for further action."

Which is understood to mean that nothing will be done—that the rum traffic men control the action of the government. There is much and sore disappointment amongst temperance men—the majority of whom have been ardent supporters of the government, and who, in spite of trying delays, have persisted in believing that Mr. Ross would keep his promises to the electorate.

SIBERIA.

It is stated that twenty years ago practically no butter was made in Siberia. Milk was consumed where produced, or if there was an excess it was thrown away. At present more than \$15,000,000 worth of butter is exported annually, besides what is used in the country. The western province of Siberia consists of grassy steppes. The Siberia railroad accounts for the great butter manufacturing. Some Danes who visited the country saw at once the magnificent pasturage and fine condition of the cattle. They took over machinery and began to make butter; then Russians, Germans, and a few English butter-makers came in. The Siberia cow's milk is not great in quantity, but extremely rich. As yet in international trade it is worth more to Siberia than the wheat crop. In 1902 685,500,000 lbs. of butter were exported.

SUNDAY WORK.

The Lord's Day Alliance calls attention to the fact that the railways of the country are doing a large amount of unnecessary traffic and work on Sunday. In some parts of the country work is carried on by them practically without let or hindrance. Freight, through and local, perishable and non-perishable, on the trunk lines and on the branch lines, is carried. Local passenger trains that it would not pay to operate on Sunday are laid off, and the engines and crews put on freight work on Sunday. Besides this, a large amount of construction and general repair work is done. It is said that the Grand Trunk has been the principal transgressor under this head. For three summers past, they have worked on Sundays on the double-

tracking between Belleville and Toronto, in several instances having the steam shovel and gravel train with a full gang of Italians and other employees at work hauling dirt for grading, gravel for ballast, etc., and although these instances have been brought to the notice of the general manager, no action has been taken to cause work of this kind to cease, and he has made it manifest that nothing but the law of the land can be relied upon to protect a Christian people like Canadians from having their sacred day thus openly and needlessly profaned, or in protecting the railway employees from having to do Sunday work.

BRIEF MENTION.

It is intimated that Rev. J. A. MacDonald will soon retire from the editorship of the *Toronto Globe*.

The petitions presented to Parliament in favor of a Sabbath Observance Law, contains about 400,000 names.

The first Japanese newspaper appeared in 1863. Now Japan has fifteen hundred daily newspapers and periodicals; Tokyo has twenty of them.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal has warned the French Canadian newspapers not to publish the details of murder trials under pain of excommunication.

Six months in jail and a fine of \$2,500 is the penalty imposed on Senator Burton, of Kansas, convicted of using his senatorial influence corruptly. The case is being appealed.

THE RIGHT VIEW.

Mr. Jacob A. Rüs, widely known for his work amongst the poor in New York, has this to say about interest in foreign missions: "Every once in a while I hear some one growl against foreign missions, because the money and the strength put into them are needed at home. I did it myself when I did not know better. God forgive me. I know better now; and I will tell you how I found it out. I became interested in a strong religious awakening in my own old city of Copenhagen, and I set about investigating it. It was then that I learned what others had learned before me, and what was the fact there, that for every dollar you give away to convert the heathen world, God gives you ten dollars' worth of purpose to deal with your heathen at home." The experience of pastors is that those who withhold gifts and sympathy from the heathen abroad, are in no wise more liberal for the unsaved at home. The largest givers to foreign missions are those who respond best for the home work.

—It is just one hundred years since the first Sunday-school in India was established in Serampore by Felix and William Carey and John Fernandez. There are now 12,000 schools conducted in thirty-two Indian languages or dialects, with a membership of about 300,000, and 7,000 teachers.

What Others Say.

WORSE THAN A MISTAKE.

If a minister gauges his preaching so as not to offend some one in the pews, he makes the same mistake as the editor makes who edits his paper so as to avoid the angry postal card of some irate writer, who is almost sure to subscribe themselves "Your Affectionate Brother (or sister) in Christ." —*Christian Work*.

BRITISH INFLUENCE.

In no part of the world is progress more manifest than in Africa, where nearly every advance spells British influence. The same influence has done wonders in India, in Australia, in New Zealand, in the Fijis, and especially in Canada. The contrast between our country as it was in 1804 and as it is today is wonderful. Surely every step in this advance is a witness to the all-wise and all-powerful Providence of God. —*Presbyterian Witness*.

NOISE AND NOSE.

An exchange, recalling the fact that Dr. Lyman Beecher once said: "When I have nothing to say, then I holler," advises "young men just entering upon the ministry to avoid boisterousness in the pulpit. It is far better to cultivate a clear, distinct enunciation and a moderate tone, reserving loudness of speech for the occasion—which are infrequent—when it is appropriate and impressive." Then counsel is good but after all it is as important to avoid the use of too much nose as of too much noise speaking. So called holy tones are as objectionable as are unearthly pulpit howls. —*Cumberland Presbyterian*.

TWO KINDS OF CRITICISM.

Envy is a characteristic of small souls. In almost all cases it is the prime originator of censorious criticism. The fault-finder first envies the one whom he assails, and then attempts to drag him down to his own level by dilating upon his errors and pointing out his faults. But no one should allow himself to be worried by what such men may say or do. They only advertise their own envious disposition.

On the other hand, candid, courteous criticism, inspired by a generous desire to aid the one whose errors are pointed out that he may make amends, is to be welcomed. Such criticism is gladly noted and appreciated by all sensible men and women who desire to improve. —*The Telescope*.

HIS REASONING.

A man who we suppose is the head of a Christian Science Literary Bureau frequently sends us articles for publication, sometimes accompanying them with requests for five copies to be persons in which they appear. We have been in the habit of reasoning after this wise: According to his own principles this is not a matter of ink and paper, but of mind. If he thinks his articles are printed, of course they are printed. If he thinks he has the five copies, nothing more is necessary. We, however, not being Christian Scientists, are unable, by any mental process, to make his articles worth printing, and as for the five copies, we have never been able to get pay for papers simply by thinking that we have it. —*Harold and Presbyter*.