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

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Editorial Outlook

TEMPERANCE TEACHING.

A committee of the medical profession of Great Britain is calling the attention of the educational authorities of the United Kingdom to the importance of providing elementary scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. They urge that such teaching be made compulsory.

ALWAYS SO.

The rum habit and traffic are responsible for most of the horrible occurrences that shock and burden and destroy humanity. And now the Chicago theatre horror is to be added to the long list, for it is stated that the stage hands instead of being in their places were drinking in a grog-shop near by, and that two of the chief managers of the affairs of the theatre were intoxicated.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Mr. Munroe, the Government candidate, was elected in North Oxford, Ont., Tuesday.

Hon. H. A. McKeown is the Government candidate in the St. John bye-election. The Conservative candidate is Dr. J. W. Daniel. The election is to be on the 16th inst.

Mr. McKeown's acceptance of a nomination for Parliament necessitates his retirement from the Provincial Legislature. There will, therefore, be an election to fill the vacancy.

A Provincial Liberal Convention is to be held in St. John, Feb. 11th.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson was elected in Westmorland Co., Saturday, by acclamation.

Hon. H. G. Carroll, Solicitor General in the Dominion Government, has been appointed a judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec.

THE IMPERIAL IDEA.

Says the *Presbyterian Witness*: The irresistible fascination of the Imperial idea is that it gives ample scope for the development of Great Britain and Greater Britain. The British Isles are the core of the Empire, linking every part with a heroic and beneficent past. But apart from the "Britains beyond Seas," England, Scotland and Ireland cannot for long maintain the premiership that has been theirs for two hundred years:

"We sailed wherever ship could sail; We founded many a mighty state; Pray God our greatness may not fail Through craven fears of being great." Welded wisely together the Empire can face the storms of centuries. The spirit of freedom and self-government must ever be respected. Each can help all, and all help each; and each can rejoice in the growth, happiness and pros-

perity of all. There must be patience and great caution, and a step-by-step advance. To rush things would be to risk much; but the risks of a policy of drift would also be very great.

IMPERIAL PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

Last week Hon. Geo. E. Foster delivered addresses on Chamberlain's Preferential Trade Policy in Halifax, St. John, Moncton and New Glasgow. In each place a great audience listened to him, and there was marked interest in his brilliant treatment of the subject. There was an utter absence of party politics in the addresses. What the *Wesleyan* says of the Halifax address may be said of all the others: "His advocacy of the unity of the Empire, the consolidation of trade interests, the necessity for making sacrifices so as to unite the Empire and the colonies in the bonds of mutual preferential trade, in which the colonies will give preference to certain goods manufactured in Great Britain, and in which Great Britain will give preference to certain products from the colonies, was strong and clear. This idea is better than reciprocity with the United States where industries are nationalized. A preferential tariff for Canada would give an impetus to her industries and stimulate immigration." At each meeting a resolution was unanimously passed endorsing the Chamberlain policy, and wishing it speedy success.

THE OLD FICTION.

It is now definitely announced in Roman Catholic quarters, that Pope Pius X proposes to keep up the old fiction of an imprisonment in the Vatican. It is not at all probable, says the *Journal and Messenger*, that he does it of his own accord. He knows well that it is a fiction and a farce; but he must do it to keep on good terms with his Cardinals. It is said, also, and is probably true, that Pius X. proposes to go even further than did Pius IX. in the beatification of the Virgin. In due season he will signalize his episcopate by the announcement of the dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin. If any one asks what that is, we answer: It is making an article of faith of the story long since told, that, at her death, the Virgin was buried in a sepulchre at the foot of the Mount of Olives, and that next morning, or soon after, the tomb was found empty of the body, but filled with flowers, with the intimation that she had been received up bodily into heaven. It has long been one of the traditions of Romanism, and was left for those to believe it who chose to; but now it is to be made an article of faith, to be believed by everybody, just as is the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

HIS BIG BRAIN.

The late George Francis Train had a large brain—as large as that of Daniel Webster, who rivalled Benjamin Franklin as the biggest brained citizen the United States ever produced. So the autopsy showed. But Train's life showed that a large brain is not a sure sign of real greatness. He was smart enough, but, as the *Montreal Witness* says, he was "too scatter-brained" to approach either of his great prototypes in intellectual achievement. He was the first to see the immense financial possibilities of street railways, and rapidly accumulated a fortune. He introduced street railways to London, but his bombast so discredited him with the English that they tore up his tracks. He made himself obnoxious to Canadians by his espousal of Fenianism and advocacy of the foolish invasion of Canada in 1866. In his later years he developed a sort of harmless lunacy, in which he attempted to prove that by the conservation of his psychic force, the suppression of all human emotions and passions, and confining himself to a diet of pulse, water and peanuts, he could live forever. It would seem that the possession of the biggest organ of mentality may have grotesque effects if a screw be loose in its make up.

BRIEF MENTION.

Chief Justice McDonald, of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, has resigned.

The latest notable convert to the Chamberlain trade policy is the Duke of Bedford.

F. W. Sanford, the leader of the deluded people, who call themselves "the Holy Ghost and Us Society," and whose headquarters is at Shiloh, Me., is under arrest charged with cruelty to children and manslaughter.

Scott Act Inspector Heine, of Kings Co., has resigned, and Harris Cusack has been appointed.

Suicides in the United States have steadily increased during the last five years. In 1903 there were 8,597 suicides.

Amendments to the Manitoba License Law, proposed by the government, include the abolition of saloon licenses, the abolition of wholesale licenses in rural municipalities, and stringent legislation dealing with interdicts, the improvement of the condition of hotels and the eliminating of certain license holders.

The India Irrigation Commission proposes that \$150,000,000 shall be spent in twenty years for protective works, and recommends that \$2,000,000 shall be lent every twelvemonth for private enterprises in irrigation.

Russia's government has been described as "an absolute monarchy tempered by assassination."

There is no abatement of the ravages of "the sleeping sickness" prevalent in parts of Africa.

What Others Say.

A SWEARING TONE.

There is such a thing as swearing with the tones of the voice. Is that really much less culpable than swearing with words? Swear not at all.—*Dominion Presbyterian*.

BOSTON "CULTURE."

Boston culture is not spell-proof. A "Big Removal Sale" is advertised across the front of a store on Roxbury street. It is very near the "Bootblack Parlor."—*Morning Star*.

WORKING ALONE.

Doubtless more often than has been told has many a pastor lamented that his work has been left half accomplished because the church served by him has regarded the work as his alone, rather than theirs and his combined.—*Canadian Baptist*.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT.

Gladstone said, not long before his death, that of the sixty master minds of the last half century, fifty-four were devout believers in the Christian religion. Yet ever and anon a young man thinks it is "smart" to doubt the faith of his fathers.—*Western Recorder*.

THEY GET MAD.

There is nothing makes some people squirm so much and become toweringly indignant as telling them a little plain truth about themselves. A fair sample of such is had in the conduct of the Scribes and Pharisees when Christ told them the plain truth about their inner life. See Matt. 23:13-33.—*Religious Telescope*.

HER WAY OF TEACHING.

A pastor in going through his Sabbath-school overheard a young lady teaching a class of boys. She said: "Now, boys, about these commandments. If you keep them you will go to heaven, and that will be perfectly splendid; but if you break them, why, you will go to hell, and that will be simply ridiculous."—*Journal and Messenger*.

BRITISH JUSTICE.

Mrs. Maybrick will soon be set free from the English prison in which she has passed so many wretched years. With her liberation will close one of the greatest of modern chapters illustrating the stern sense of British justice. No pleading, no influences, not even that of the most powerful diplomats of the United States, could shake the decree of the English court. This is one reason that English courts possess the veneration of the English people. They believe that what is right is justice.—*San Francisco Call*.

A silk mill in Paterson, N. J., was completely destroyed by fire Friday. An explosion of chemicals caused the fire. Loss \$150,000. 1,500 hands thrown out of employment.