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

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Editorial Outlook

THE WAR.

There have been many rumors during the week, but real news has been scarce.

The Japanese have taken Sluyen, driving out the Russians.

ALIEN SURVEYORS.

The investigation being made by Judge Winchester into the employment of aliens on the Grand Trunk Pacific survey has shown that United States surveyors have been given the best positions, and nearly all the positions of any importance, in preference to Canadians quite their equals in every respect, and, doubtless, in many cases their superiors. This discrimination against Canadians has aroused much feeling, and very rightly; and so strong a protest is being made that the G. T. P. managers will have to re-arrange their surveying staff. Our own men can do as good work as the best of them, and the importation of foreigners is not to be tolerated.

WHAT THEY NEED.

The clamour for a Roman Catholic university for Ireland, established and endowed by the state, is by the priests and not by the educated laymen of the Catholic church. The laymen know full well that an exclusively Roman Catholic university would do less than nothing for that broadening of culture which is the supreme need of Ireland's Catholic population. A Catholic laymen, writing in the *London Times*, says that what Catholic students need is the education that is given in colleges which allow freedom of worship, but not under exclusive Catholic control. And he points out that Irish Protestants are steadily growing stronger in education, vigor and enterprise, while Catholics are retrograding, the main cause being "the want of an educated laity in the laity." Unfortunately for Irish Catholics, the priesthood cares nothing for education, rather fears and hates education.

A REMONSTRANCE.

The city of St. Thomas, Ont., recently passed a by-law by which several thousand dollars is to be given to Alma College, a Methodist institution located there. The Toronto Baptist Association, in annual session last week, adopted the following resolution of remonstrance:

Whereas, A bye-law has been carried in the city of St. Thomas compelling all ratepayers to support a sectarian college thus violating one of the fundamental principles of our denomination, be it

Resolved, That we deplore such violation of individual liberty, and that we view with great apprehension the introduction into any part of our beloved country of a system similar in its na-

ture to the present obnoxious school law of England.

The objection of the Association is not that it is a Methodist school, but to voting public money to any denominational institution. And the objection is well taken. It is a dangerous thing to do. There is no telling whereunto it may lead.

LORD DUNDONALD.

Lord Dundonald is admittedly the best commander the Canadian militia has had. But he is in trouble. In a recent speech, at a banquet in his honor, he expressed his objection to the appointment or removal of officers of the militia for political reasons. He cited recent instances, in which he alleged that Mr. Fisher had interfered with appointments on party grounds. The matter got into the papers, and was brought up in parliament. Mr. Fisher denied having done as charged, while others claim that the facts are as stated by Lord Dundonald. Judged by their speeches in parliament, members of both parties seem to desire that party politics be kept out of the militia, though neither side is willing to acknowledge that the other side has lived up to professions in this matter. The question of the correctness of the charge has given place to a question as to the wisdom of the form of the charge and the place and circumstances of making it. The incident will, perhaps, result in the retirement of Lord Dundonald from the command of the Canadian militia.

DOWIE.

A few days ago we received a somewhat savage letter from a Boston man. He had been moved to anger by a paragraph in the *INTELLIGENCER* about affairs at Zion City, Dowie's headquarters. It was scarcely more than a news note, the substance of which appeared in most of the papers about the same time. We are sorry for our heated correspondent. Perhaps it may cool him to know that the *Christian Work*, speaking of Dowie's Australian experiences—where to save him from personal attacks the authorities denied him the use of public buildings—says: "It does seem too bad to keep him out of all public buildings. There is a kind of public building eminently fitting for the residence of the 'religious' imposters who have, in connection with their temples, a financial annex for the spoliation of the gullible, and our anger would not rise very high if Australia made an occasion and kept Dowie there. We are, in fact, not sure but it would be the right thing."

The self-styled "Elijah" seems to have got away from Australia, and is now said to be in Germany. A despatch a few days ago reported him in Berlin, living in luxurious style. He has the rooms lately occupied by one of the Vanderbilts, which cost \$40.00 a day. Of

course he is talking, describing in glowing terms the greatness of Zion City and glorifying Dowie. The people upon whose hard-earned dollars he is making a round-the-world tour in princely fashion must, of course, feel highly gratified that they are permitted to contribute to the show.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

Rev. Dr. MacLaren, secretary of the Presbyterian Home Mission Board, presiding in St. John during the Assembly meeting, spoke of the magnificent heritage of the Canadian people, and said that however extravagant forecasts of the future might seem, there was possibility that not more than a single generation would prove the most glowing prophecy well below the mark. But he sees perils, and spoke of them thus:

But there were perils already in Southern Alberta where there was a Mormon settlement of 600 souls. From a worldly point of view they made good settlers, but what Canadian desired polygamy to become a fixed feature of the national life? The time had arrived when the people of the dominion should pass judgment upon the evil forming in the west. There was too large a tide of alien immigration. The choice lands of the west were being parcelled out to the undesirable down-trodden races of Southern Europe. They settled in large districts, each nationality distinct, making it practically impossible for the settlers to become absorbed by Canadian influences. They kept their former institutions and traditions, and even bought up surrounding territory that they might remain exclusive. Canada today was in a position to choose her settlers. She need no longer depend on the ignorant and low races of Europe for her western population, but despite this thousands of Galicians and Menonites continued to pour into the country. It was possible that, through contact with Canadian methods, they might in time become good citizens, but at the rate at which the west was becoming populated it would test the life of any organism to assimilate such an influx. The greater the test the greater the strain. The digestive capacity of the nation would be taxed to the utmost.

Immorality, he said, is another danger. It is the duty of every Christian Canadian to help safeguard his country against vice. It would not do for the people living in the older portions of the Dominion to rest satisfied with the many proofs around them of obedience to God's laws. A practical interest should be taken in the spiritual welfare of the west. The west would eventually dominate the country. If it was not lifted to a higher plane it would drag down the east.

He did not maintain that the west is without righteousness, but compared with the east there is much to be desired. He strongly urged the support of the western mission work, and that more Christian workers from the east enter the work in the new country.

BRIEF MENTION.

Judge Ritchie, of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, died on Sunday of last

week. There are now two vacancies on the Nova Scotia bench.

About 1,000,000 of the railroad men in the United States are now total abstainers.

A Montreal coroner, commenting on a recent death from drunkenness, said "half the sudden deaths in Montreal are due to the prevalence of excessive drinking."

Hewitt Bostwick, ex-M. P., has been appointed to the Senate in place of the late Senator Reid, of British Columbia.

Mr. T. L. Black, of Amherst, N. S., member of the Nova Scotia Legislature, has been appointed to the Senate.

What Others Say.

HAPPY PEOPLE.

The happiest people in the world are those who love their work and have more than they can do.—*Chris. Register.*

SUSPICIOUS.

"I never admire a milkman who prints upon his wagon 'Pure Milk.' We believe that a man ought to sell pure milk without advertising same. It looks suspicious to ride through the streets thus proclaiming that this concern sells pure milk, as though the other milkmen did not also." It is far worse than bad taste for any man to go proclaiming, "I am honest," "I am orthodox."—*C. B. R., in Argus.*

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

Apart from any question as to the religious observance of the day, it is certain that those who go to church on Sunday escape the many perils which those who spend the day in pleasure seeking are liable to encounter. The number of lives sacrificed every summer in connection with Sunday excursions is lamentably large, and the grief and loss thus caused to families and communities are sad to contemplate.—*Messenger and Visitor.*

THE PAPACY.

Until a Pope arises evangelical enough and strong enough to strip the Papal chair of its enormous and unscriptural assumptions, beginning with that of infallibility, the Roman Church is irremediably committed to policies whose success would annihilate Protestantism and overthrow the foundations of modern liberty and civilization. Hence, the peril to Protestantism in an administration of the Papacy that disarms suspicion.—*Lutheran Observer.*

A SENTINEL ASLEEP.

A citizen indifferent is a sentinel asleep, is one of the apt and striking sentences in the Episcopal address of the Methodist Episcopal General Conference, when dealing with political corruption. While political profligacy has burned into the conscience of the churches, and civic clubs and municipal leagues have been formed in the interests of good government, there are many upright citizens who are so shackled by political partisanship that the moral life of the nation is endangered. Integrity must always come before party if the Dominion is to prosper.—*The Wesleyan.*