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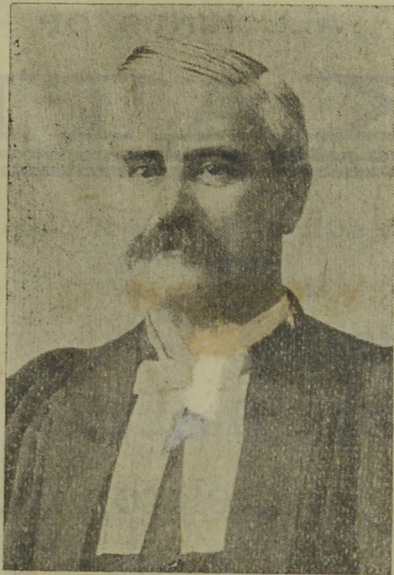
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SIGNS OF THE TIMES---GAMBLING AND INTEMPERANCE.

Rev. Willard Macdonald's Powerful Sermon at St. Paul's Church, Sunday, Nov. 20.

DEALT WITH TWO GREAT VICES OF THE PRESENT AGE.



REV. WILLARD MACDONALD.

MATTHEW 16 AND 3--THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Under this caption I would like to take a look at the times and see what men think of them, and which way the signs are pointing, and how reforms are moving along in the civilized world, if there is any need of them, if they are of any benefit.

It seems that the world is not in the moral position it ought to be at the beginning of this twentieth century, nor in the position it was expected to be. This may be a time when men's hearts are failing them, and the love of many waxing cold. When men like Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) of "The Bonnie Brier Bush," rather optimistic, takes a pessimistic view almost of the national character and aims of England.

At a Free Church Council there, some months ago, with 1,600 delegates, the speakers agreed that "at present there is a lamentable outbreak of intemperance and gambling in England, and it is difficult for Christians even to escape the coarsening influence of the times."

There is no disposition on the part of these preachers to surrender, but a firm purpose not only to evangelize England, but the world. Evangelize England!

How Odd That Sounds.

Evangelize Canada, evangelize United States. Get up all these places and peoples from the coarsening influences which are world wide, and very deep. The signs point that way but the cross points to an uplift.

An English writer has recently said, "As religion does not consume the lives of those who go to church on Sundays, what does it amount to in the mind of the average man who does not believe himself an unbeliever? The vast majority stay away from God's house, not because they are hostile to Christianity, but because they have ceased to have any interest in it. This nerveless unconcern is the hardest of all things to deal with. It is easy to meet an avowed enemy. His position is defined; we know where to find him; but what can be done with the man who doesn't care?"

What Are the Signs?

A fading out of convictions and a lowering of ideals. Conviction gone. An American preacher said "the drift of the times is such that a book like Uncle Tom's Cabin, with its tremendous moral appeal, would probably fall flat today. Fine critics would pronounce it inartistic, learned reviewers might call it hy-

sterical, reviewers dominated by commercial considerations. Our moral of reverence has gone down, nothing escapes our satire, nothing is sacred, no position, office, calling, relation in life. A laughing, mocking cartooning age, an age that runs to lampooning and levitation will soon run to the devil." And he clenches his argument with "A tree cannot stand without roots." Some will mock.

A scurrilous reference was once made in a paper in a large city to that hymn that

Has Been Sung Everywhere.

"There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood

Lose all their guilty stains.
That may not be true poetry, but anyway it points to the cross, and any writer, wag, or other is foolish to laugh at the cross, and mock at the holiest, most awful, most transcendent tragedy the world has ever seen.

I said Ian McLaren and the others lamented the outbreak of gambling. There are all sorts of gambling, from the English Derby to the booby prize I am not intending to describe an English Derby, nor an American Derby, nor a Canadian Derby, but here is what I read about one.

"Society's question was 'What are we going to wear at the Derby?' For it is interesting to wear one's most expensive and most striking garments, and appear in one's 'swellest' turnout. Where? At a racetrack, to dignify, if it is possible,

A Gambling Game

pure and simple; to touch elbows with the gamblers, the prosperous thugs, "grafters," the demimonde, and riff-raff of this great city.

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I looked at those words, and was struck by them. And then I thought of what somebody else said, there would be no horse racing if no betting was allowed. I do not know it is so. But we know it was reported that one of the greatest telegraph companies in the world, has had for years, as a part of business, a racing department. This news was a shock to good people. The wires went to pool rooms, and one passed down a chimney to be located there; And this constant news, kept the betting going on. Gambling or gaming, no difference what kind or how it goes, it is a terror, some moralists say, it is the most destructive vice, leaving the man or woman without a soul, as we say when we mean a completely hardened soul.

I do not know of any vice that makes the soul

Mellow and Lovely!

Vice makes the soul rotten. What are the signs of the times concerning gambling, gaming, betting, pooling, and all such branchings? Which way do the signs point? We know they do not point to heaven, nor to purity, nor to glory. Many cannot see any harm in gaming, betting, and so forth. Perhaps they never looked. As intelligent persons, we must be very careful, how we run that sliding rule. "I cannot see any harm in it."

The question of intemperance is everywhere and its ruin noted. Germany has had an unpleasant awakening as regards the bibulous habits of its citizens. In the last 23 years, 871 books written by 413 authors in the German language on the question of intoxicants. There are 37 newspapers, magazines, annuals in Germany

Advocating Temperance.

in many cases total abstinence. The Emperor appointed a commission to look into and report upon the drinking habits of the people, finds that intoxicants cost the German nation last year \$750,000,000. That is to say one-eighth of all they earn is spent for liquor, which does not mean, a man spends one-eighth of his earnings, but a great deal more. Many do not drink at all, so those who do, spend the \$750,000,000, one eighth of all the earnings of the kingdom.

I spoke of the English Free Church lamenting intemperance. This is a great age for science. Some medical authorities in America turned their attention to denouncing temperance instruction in public schools, while the British Medical Association, at a meeting last February passed this resolution. "It is in the opinion of this council of the utmost importance, that elementary scientific instruction in health subjects, including temperance should be provided by the educational authorities in all the elementary schools, in order that the conditions which lead to the deterioration of the national physique may be understood, and as far as possible prevented." A petition embracing this request was sent

To the Physicians of the Country:

and thrown in the waste basket? No, in less than a week, it had received signatures of over 8,000 medical men including the most famous in the kingdom. The petition goes to parliament, and adds, "that much of the disease and degeneracy with which medical men are called on to deal, is, directly or indirectly, due to the use of alcohol." The petition set forth what had been done in the colonies, and the United States, and they want the same there.

Looked at from its source, this is the highest indorsement, that the cause of temperance has had. Science says, abstain, not only 8,000 doctors corroborate that, but probably 8,000,000.

The drink bill of Great Britain for 1903 was \$837,000,000, and that was \$25,000,000 less than the year before. Two reasons are assigned for this lesser amount, part is attributed to the rise of a better sentiment, and a part

To the Prevalence of "Hard Times."

United States spent \$1,170,000,000 Great Britain the largest in proportion to population. "Till we can reform the drinking habits of

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our population, we shall continue to lag in the march of the world," said Mr. Burns at a meeting in Manchester. \$837,000,000, spent from Land's End to John O Groat's House Spent for that which satisfieth not, spent for that which is not bread, spent for that which the English doctors say, the deterioration of the national physique; to say nothing of the moral weakness attending.

And yet the temperance sentiment is growing in Canada, and in the Eastern States especially, and if it can get a good start in England, Scotland, and Germany, progress may be looked for.

The people have got so they will not travel, where the men who run the engines and the motors

Are Not Sober.

The age is demanding sobriety as a matter of common life, and business life, and social life. It is perfectly correct and otherwise would be unrighteous.

You have heard of the Bowery Mission in New York. I am not sure but what it is called now, the Jerry McCauley Mission. I read in an English magazine the other day an article on the Jerry McCauley Mission "the greatest rescue work in the world."

A man died in New York not long ago, something of a marvel, I may say a marvel of divine grace. He was the son of a German musician, who had instructed his children in his own art, and had secured for one of his sons training as a civil engineer. The father died, and the son came to America and soon spent his fortune in reckless living. He got so low down, he used to play the piano in saloons for free lunches. He began to go to the Bowery Mission, as a refuge from the cold. One night he heard the leader say that, as no one was present who could play they must try to sing without accompaniment. This young man

Volunteered to Play the Organ.

When he touched the keys it was seen that he was a man of genius. He was about half drunk, but he realized that the decisive hour for him had come. He clung to the new friends who were trying to save him, and from that night he was a new man. He was offered good situations, and would not take them, and for ten years gave himself to work among the class from which he himself was rescued. He died respected by the best and most influential citizens. He clung to the friends who tried to save him. So many run away from those who try to save them. That Jerry McCauley mission is a record of men who have been down. Jerry was one himself, and the present head of that mission twenty-one years ago was dying of delirium tremens in a Harlem saloon. He has met some cases pitiful and sad. Indeed all such cases are pitiful and sad, so many wrecks fallen from high, good, honourable positions to the deepest degradation, and so many who might have attained to something, but the hand

Could Not Reach Higher Than the Bar.

We must not think the Bowery Mission saves all who come to it, the bodily and moral physique of so many seems, I will not say incurable, but it is not cured. I believe Jesus can cure every case that comes to Him, but they do not come. If any mortals labour and are heavy laden, if any are weary, they are the ones, they have been promised rest, but they have not found it, and their sorrows will not down.

The boy question has been talked about a good deal; perhaps the girl question might also form a subject for thought. It will need something more than curfew bells to bring things right. It will take more than law to do it. The world is being taught some great lessons, and some are learning them. The church is being taught some great lessons; she is studying them, trying to discern them, and to grapple with them. Deep lessons are being learned out of the recent "Wee Free" trouble in

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Scotland, and deep lessons are to be learned about our own church in our own west. Things are by no means

All Going to the Devil.

God is in His heavens yet waiting to be gracious. We need the optimism of Paul, who lived in much darker days than we do, and I expect we need his consecration also. "Then the age was sunk in pleasure, steeped in sin, dead in conscience, bankrupt in spiritual life." It is said that "thousands are getting tired of the mere yardstick, and market places and amusement kind of life, and are hungering for the bread which cometh down from heaven."

It may be the church is coming more to face the facts than the fancies. By the church is meant the body of living believers. Perhaps we place more confidence in statistics than in God. Gideon did that and David did it, and both were

Shown Their Mistake.

Yet in the midst of all the sin, the indifference, the intrigues, the mammon worship, the thirst for gold, the infidelity, intemperance, gaming, Sabbath desecration, the boy question, greed, mockery, slum, and all evils, there is an ever increasing flood of the light of the world, an ever increasing healing of the Great Physician. The burning bush continues to burn, and is not consumed, summed.

We must go on with our work in patience, each one realizing he and she has some work to do, taking heed to one's self, and unto the doctrine, continuing in them, for in so doing he and she will both save himself and herself, and those that hear thee, those who know thee, those who come in contact with thee. "Take heed unto thyself."

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Broke Arm on Election Bet.

Orange, G. J., Nov. 19.--John Carman, a Democrat, has paid an election bet made with George Parsons, and as a result is nursing a fractured arm. He rode a pig backward through the streets of the town. Parsons was to walk backward from Millville to Caldwell if Parker won.

The pig was taken to Montville for the occasion on Saturday. From one side of the street to the other the pig ran, with Carman on its back, hanging on to the pig's neck. Finally Carman and the pig landed in a ditch. The pig was upmost, and soon continued its wild career. Carman lay still long enough to get his breath, and then he sought a physician, who set his fractured arm. The debt was cancelled.

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