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TREATMENT OF DRUNKARDS

The Times has contended that, in the case of persons brought before the police court on the charge of drunkenness, discrimination should be made between new and old offenders, and the former protected as far as possible from undesirable publicity given to an act they are not likely to repeat in a hurry; and also that discrimination should be made in the degree of punishment inflicted. It is interesting to note that New York is following the lead of Boston in regard to this question. A New York despatch of recent date says:—

"An ordinance is to be introduced here permitting every citizen freedom from punishment if he shall not be arrested more than three times in one year for being drunk. Under the proposed law when a person is arrested for intoxication he will be kept in the station house until he is sober and then it will be the duty of the captain to inform him of the nature of the charge. If the prisoner can swear that he has not been arrested more than twice within a year on the same charge the captain can discharge him without arraignment in court. Provision is made for punishing those who swear falsely."

This will probably not work out as well as the Boston law, which does not take the man's word or oath for it, but has his statement verified or proven false by a probation officer before he is set at liberty. But he is not arraigned in court unless the probation officer advises such a course. This of course applies only to the simple charge of drunkenness.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

It was stated the other day that the Congregationalists had refused to confer with other denominations on the question of bible teaching in public schools. This was not exactly correct. The Toronto Globe of Tuesday says:—"By a vote of nineteen to ten the Congregational Union at its closing business meeting yesterday afternoon decided to meet the Anglicans and other religious bodies who desired to have bible teaching in public schools. This decision was not arrived at without considerable debate, and it was made perfectly clear that while prepared to go in conference on the subject the union was unitedly and absolutely opposed to the teaching of dogma in public schools."

If no dogmas are to be taught or implied, the school teacher may have an interesting time explaining to the young people that they must be careful not to arrive at any conclusions as a result of their studies. The youthful mind is of an enquiring turn, and prone to ask questions. The young people may not know what is meant by the "higher criticism," but they like positive statements based on evidence. The task before those who favor bible teaching in the public schools is to agree upon matters of common belief that may be made the basis of a series of lessons. Even then they must overcome a very general reluctance to the introduction of such teaching as part of the public school course. The principles of right conduct are already taught; and such religious truths as do not involve sectarian controversies are not overlooked. The question of teaching the bible in the schools raises another—How to teach the bible in the schools, so that all may be satisfied? As yet the latter problem does not appear to have been solved, and this is a matter in which history and experience have proven that people do not care to be driven.

THE KINGSTON SCHOOL

The object lesson given to the influential gentlemen who visited the Kingston Consolidated School yesterday will no doubt bear good fruit. They saw an excellent school, doing most valuable work, and they readily admit that if there were many more such schools the province would be the gainer thereby. Old men, who remember their own early school days in country district or village, would be most impressed with the great changes of half a century in educational work in this province. And yet there are many country districts and villages, and even towns, that today fall far short of the actual requirements for the education of the children. The question to be solved is not so much one of men as of means. The amount of money voted is far too small.

If the gentlemen who were charmed by what they saw at Kingston yesterday will make that school a text for constant urging of the people to contribute with sufficient liberality to make such schools dot the counties of the whole province, they will be doing something that greatly needs to be done, and without which our educational progress will still be slow. Even the city of St. John has not yet discovered that it should have manual training added to its public school course. It is easy, when money is available, to produce splendid results in educational as in other work. But however earnest and however gifted men may be, they must have behind them not only a healthy public sentiment but the proof of it in coin of the realm. While it is very gratifying to have some wealthy citizens willing to blaze the trail,

their work must be followed by an increased liberality on the part of all the people of the districts.

AN OUTRAGE

The United States is a large country, and its people have large conceptions of their duty to the world at large, in relation to such matters as bringing about peace between Japan and Russia, and having an oversight of international affairs in general.

With regard to their internal affairs, however, our neighbors are less insistent upon high standards of conduct. An instance was afforded this morning when several American citizens were denied the privilege of returning to their own country because they had the misfortune to be short of cash. They had been freely permitted to come to Canada, expecting of course to return with a goodly number of Canadian dollars as a result of their visit. Not having secured the dollars they are turned back, as was a civil war pensioner on the New York State border not long ago. Persons who enjoy such an experience are not likely to shout quite as loudly on the Fourth of July thereafter.

There are some things which a great nation should regard as imperative duties. One of them is to protect its own citizens from degradation and insult at the hands of its own officials.

At a meeting of the Council of the Toronto Board of Trade this week the best means of bringing new industries to Toronto was discussed. It was considered that more attention should be paid to people who went there to locate, and if necessary an officer should be appointed to go after such business. The matter was referred to the Industrial Committee to bring in a report.

English hunters of big game fear that Mr. Hamsworth, who has secured large timber concessions in Newfoundland, will corner the caribou on the property and that anybody hunting will be compelled to have the service of a guide. This may be bad for the hunters but not so bad for the caribou.

Russia and Japan are still a long way from peace. A good start has been made in the negotiations, but until terms are submitted and discussed it is idle to speculate on the result. There is still a war party in Russia, close to the throne, and in Japan there is a well grounded suspicion regarding Russia's good faith.

The most satisfactory fact in connection with the Cushing pulp mill litigation is that the mill is to continue in operation, at least till the middle of September. As it is making money, the average citizen is not able to see very clearly why there should be any possibility of its being closed.

Mr. Monk, M.P., wants a dual language clause in the bill relating to the new provinces. Presumably the second language to which he refers is Galician. But why not add Doukhobor, and a few others? Let us be generous in this matter.

The Manitoba Government announces that it will place a substantial tax on railway, express, telephone, telegraph and street railway companies. This will affect the C. P. R., Canadian Northern and the Winnipeg Electric Railway Co.

There is a Maritime Province Association in Winnipeg with 225 members. Doubtless there are many persons from these provinces who are residents of that city and not members of the association. The lure of the west is perennial.

If the rainy season has actually set in the Russian and Japanese soldiers will doubtless agree that an armistice pending peace negotiations just now would be well-timed.

It is apparent that many dogs still have their day in St. John, and that the owners of hundreds of them manage to evade the license law.

An Ottawa dispatch states that the budget speech may be delivered next Thursday. Some small tariff changes are expected, but nothing of a radical nature.

Burlington, Vermont, has placed the Masonic Hall, owned by the Grand Lodge of the state, on the list of taxable property.

The breaking of the St. Lawrence record by the turbine steamer Virginian is another argument in favor of this new style of vessel.

The Springhill miners are losing \$3,300 per day while on strike. The stake should be a vital one to justify such a sacrifice.

"THE BURGLAR" NEXT WEEK

The third act of the play is the dramatization of Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett's story of Edith's Burglar, which was in vogue about the same time with "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and has for its centre of interest a precocious and quaint little girl, as the other has a quaint and precocious little boy. The play is full of dramatic situations, with enough humorous by-play to relieve the tension, and it grows in interest from start to finish, although it is simple in its plot and in its business.

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THE UNCTION
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Rev. Mr. Scott's Motion Received With Respectful Silence by the Quebec Synod.

QUEBEC, June 16. — (Special) — Considerable interest was manifested at a meeting of the Anglican diocesan synod of Quebec over a motion presented Wednesday by Rev. F. G. Scott, rector of St. Matthew's Church of this city, requesting the synod to memorialize the general synod at its meeting in this city, September next, authorizing the use, in cases asked for, of the prayer for administering unction to the sick, as printed in the first prayer-book of King Edward VI.

Rev. Mr. Scott attempted to secure the passing of the motion at the previous meeting of the synod, two years ago, but it created such a storm of opposition that he no sooner read his paper on the subject than he was requested to withdraw it, which was done, though several of the leading delegates, who thought it too Roman Catholic in spirit, wanted it disposed of there and then forever. Since that time, however, Rev. Mr. Scott has done considerable missionary work among the delegates and also published the paper in pamphlet form, with a view to educate those opposed to it, and this afternoon his motion was reintroduced and treated with respectful silence.

It was evident to the observer that the majority of the clerical delegates present were in favor of having the subject discussed. Rev. Mr. Scott repeated historical facts to prove that his motion was essentially Protestant and quoted from the Epistle of St. James to prove that anointing, or unction, with holy oils, was used by the primitive church.

SEVEN DAYS
TO LAND'S END

Another Wonderful Voyage Recalled by the Tale of the Dreadnaught.

Fredericton, N. B. June 15—1905 To the Editor of the Times:

Sir—As a subscriber to the "Times" I was very much interested in reading the article in reference to the ship Dreadnaught in the issue of the 14th inst and it puts me in mind of a voyage I made in the ship "New World" of New York, one of the Swallow Tail line in the year 1853 to Liverpool.

When the pilot left us at Sandy Hook quite a stiff breeze was blowing. It increased to a gale, yes, a hurricane. Two men were at the wheel, the wind right aft all sail set except the royals, and it kept the two men very busy to steer her. Any seaman can well understand this. She seemed to glide over the white and green mountains of sea so swiftly, and in seven days we sighted Land's End. The gale at that time seemed to be literally blown out, and it took us fourteen days to reach Liverpool.

I made another voyage in the clipper ship Comet of New York, to San Francisco, and beat all records at that time. Some days we would make seventeen knots by the log, when the wind was on the quarter and all the sails, skysails included, were drawing.

The "Comet" was one of the celebrated clippers which sailed between New York and San Francisco, and were built by a Scotchman in New York and well known up to 1855.

They were fine vessels, and I have lost the run of them, but suppose they are out of service long ago. Yours truly,

HENRY CHESTNUT.

THE MEXICAN S. S. SERVICE
Elder-Dempster Line Give Particulars of the Steamers for New Route.

MONTREAL, June 16 (Special)—The announcement is made by the Canadian agency of the Elder Dempster Steamship Line that a contract has just been definitely closed with the governments of Canada and Mexico for a new steamship service from this port, beginning July 20, the route, which will be operated by first-class steamships of 4,000 tons dead weight capacity, and large passenger accommodation, will touch at Charlotte Town, P. E. I., Halifax, N. S., Havana, and Progreso, Vera Cruz, Tampico and other Mexican ports. The Elder Dempsters have been receiving inquiries from Mexican merchants as to the character of merchandise Canada will be prepared to export, and it is expected that a large trade will develop between the two countries.

During the winter the vessels of the new service will operate from Halifax and the line will endeavor to establish a tourist and general passenger traffic to Cuba and Nassau in the Bahama Islands.

ON THE KENNEBECASIS

White Head, June 14. This spring is as unique in its character as was last winter in its severity. Frost, hail, rain and fog succeed each other almost continuously, and an hour of sunshine is rarely experienced. Consequently, the farmers are much behindhand in their work, and the crop prospects are extremely unfavorable. The grass looks well, but there is little hope for half a harvest of vegetables, grain or fruit. As Pastor Russell interprets prophecy, during the next ten years the civilized world will be rent by anarchy, and if he is right, this condition of affairs will doubtless be due in a large measure to the inability of the masses to obtain food through the failure of the crops and the preponderance of the consumers over the producers.

Mrs. Eichenham of Chapel Grove, who has been dangerously ill for several weeks, is recovering.

Alfred Moore, who has been absent for some months at Chicago and Grand Rapids, United States, has returned to his home at Chapel Grove.

Harry Short, who has left his beautiful farm at Henderson's Cove and returned to St. John, is much missed in the neighborhood.

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