

The Church and the Masses.

But are there no masses in our churches, no wage-earners, no poor? Will the world never learn that many of our best-known and most effective churches have none else? We know of churches, and the cases are not exceptional, where every man is a bread-winner, and every woman is active at some duty. The rich man is the exception in the church. There are a few scattered here and there, but no one is ever made unwelcome because of them. In many instances the masses receive their most cordial welcome at their very hands. It is certainly time, and has been for years, when this slanderous report about the church, and good people in general, had met its effective denial. It is untrue, basely untrue, and no one ought to know it any better than the messes themselves. —Presbyterian Journal.

The receipts of the province of Ontario, for 1900 amounted in round numbers to \$4,300,000, while the expenditures were but four millions, leaving a balance on the year's transactions of two hundred thousand. The province now has a cash surplus of a little over \$1,000,000.

The White Plague.

ONE-SIXTH OF ALL DEATHS DUE TO CONSUMPTION.

Its Ravages Spares No Class—Rich and Poor Alike Fall Its Victims—How this Dread Trouble May Be Prevented.

Consumption has been well named the great white plague. One-sixth of all the deaths occurring in Canada annually are due to the ravages of this terrible disease. Its victims are found among all classes; rich and poor alike succumb to its insidious advance. Only a few years ago the victim of consumption was regarded as incurable, and horror-stricken friends watched the loved one day by day fade away until death came as a merciful release. Now, however, it is known that taken in its earlier stages consumption is curable, and that by a proper care of the blood—keeping it rich, red and pure—those who are predisposed to the disease escape its ravages. Consumption is now classed among the preventable diseases, and those who are pale, easily tired, emaciated, or show any of the numerous symptoms of general debility should at once fortify the system by enriching and purifying the blood—thus strengthening not only the lungs, but all parts of the body.

Among those who have escaped a threatened death from consumption is Mrs. Robert McCracken, of Marshville, Ont. Mrs. McCracken gives her experience that it may be of benefit to some other sufferer. She says:

"A few years ago I began to experience a general weakness. My appetite was poor; I was very pale; was troubled with shortness of breath and a smothering feeling in my chest. Beside these symptoms I became very nervous, at times dizzy and faint, and my hands and feet would get as cold as ice. As the trouble progressed I began to lose flesh rapidly, and in a short time was only a shadow of my former self. I had good medical treatment, but did not get relief, and as a harsh cough set in I began to fear that consumption had fastened itself upon me. This was strengthened by a knowledge that several of my ancestors had died of this terrible disease. In this rather deplorable condition I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I at once procured a supply and had not taken them long when I noted a change for the better. By the time I had taken six or eight boxes I was able to move around the house again and felt better and stronger in every way. I continued the use of the pills until I had taken a dozen boxes, when all my old time strength and vigor had returned, and I was as well as ever. During the time I was using the pills my weight increased twenty-six pounds. Several years have since passed, and in that time not a symptom of my former trouble has made itself apparent, so that I think I am safe in saying that my cure is permanent. I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my life, and I strongly advise ailing women to give them a trial."

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News Summary.

The Italian Ministry has resigned on account of the defeat of Wednesday last. The early publication of a life of Queen Victoria by the Marquis of Lorne is announced.

The Grand Trunk Railway will establish a weekly service between Portland, Me., and Glasgow this summer.

Mr. F. H. Cunningham of the Marine Department has been appointed head of the fish-breeding establishments of Canada.

Mr. James Dulmage's house and barns in South Gower were destroyed by fire, and two inmates, Mr. Dulmage's nephew and the latter's aunt, lost their lives.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York will leave England about the end of March or beginning of April, in time to reach Australia early in May.

J. W. Peppett, a miner, who has been staying in Victoria, B. C., and who came to Boston on his way home to Cape Breton, was robbed of \$4,650 in a Berkeley street doorway.

Plague prevails in every part of India, except the central provinces. It is particularly severe in Bengal, where there is a weekly mortality of 2,500. In Bombay the deaths reach 94 per cent. of the cases.

King Edward will open Parliament in full State on Thursday next. Queen Victoria last opened Parliament in person in 1886, but a full State opening has not taken place since the death of the Prince Consort in 1861.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Canadian Horse Breeders' Association at Toronto Thursday night, Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, strongly advocated united action in bringing pressure to bear on the Imperial government to establish remount centres for army horses in Canada.

King Edward, Queen Alexandra and other members of the royal family arrived in London Thursday afternoon. They drove in four open carriages over the same route Emperor William of Germany traversed on Tuesday. The King was in civilian clothes and the ladies of the party were closely veiled.

The British ambassador called at the White House Friday, and presented to the President an acknowledgment from King Edward of his appreciation of the President's courtesy in attending the memorial services at Washington and of the feeling of sympathy of the people of the United States.

At a meeting of the Toronto Historical Society on Thursday evening, the lady members of the association decided to collect a ten cent subscription from among the women of Toronto and to secure other financial help to erect a memorial hall to Queen Victoria, in which the central figure will be a magnificent statue of the Queen.

A statement was given wide circulation to the effect that Sir William Meredith will resign the chief justiceship of common pleas of Ontario, to enter the firm of McCarthy, Osler & Co., taking the position in the firm rendered vacant by the death of B. B. Osler. The chief justice says the idea is preposterous and he has not the least idea of leaving the bench.

Mrs. G. Bremfeld led twenty women in a crusade at Clearwater, Kansas, Friday. All the joints purchased immunity by promising to abandon their liquor business, which they did. But the women now demand that they give up their billiard and pool tables also. This they refuse to do and the women threaten to smash them. A raid is expected and the town is excited.

Advice from Baku, Russia, announce that the fire has been extinguished. Ten factories and five depots were burned. It is estimated that the losses will exceed 6,000,000 roubles. Nine charred corpses have been recovered. One hundred and sixty persons were injured by burning, forty-one of these severely, and six have succumbed to their injuries. Many victims are still under the ruins and the search is proceeding. It is not known how many of the spectators perished, but a hundred persons are still missing.

Spiritual plowmen, sharpen thy plowshare with the Spirit! Spiritual sower, dip thy seed in the Spirit; so shall it germinate; and ask the Spirit to give thee grace to scatter it, that it might fall into the right furrows! Spiritual warrior, whet that sword with the Spirit and ask the Spirit, whose word is a sword indeed, to strengthen thy arm to wield it! —Spurgeon.

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on these tablets something which will brighten to all eternity. —Daniel Webster.

The Cold Spare Bed.

When you have a friend to visit you, if she be a welcome guest, You will try to make her happy, and you'll give her of your best; You'll tell her all the story of your varied household cares, And everlastingly you'll prate about your own affairs; But whatever else you do, don't for heaven's sake be led To put that helpless woman in the cold spare bed!

You may tell her of your troubles with your numerous hired girls, And what "she said," and what "I said," till her understanding whirls; You may talk of the servant question till the setting moon's last gleam, And begin again next morning on the same old tiresome theme; But whatever else you do, don't for heaven's sake be led To put that helpless woman in the cold spare bed!

You may tell her of your pains and aches, and what the doctor said, That time you came near dying with neuralgia in your head; Of how you poured down bitters, and drops and patent pills, When you caught the dread malaria, and had such awful cills; You may bore her, you may worry her, till she wishes she were dead; But for heaven's sake, don't put her in the cold spare bed!

—Clara Augusta Trask, in the New England Farmer.

TO A DEAD CHURCH.

God does not usually give tender babes in Christ to the keeping of churches that are cold and dead and low in life. The general life of the church in nineteen cases out of twenty, if not in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, determines what that of those babes shall be, and that within a few months after their conversion. Churches must prepare the most helpful atmospheres for converts, if they are to have committed to them these tender lives for nurture and growth. It would be as reasonable to expect a loving father to put his babe into a pest house as for God to put his children into the keeping of a church infected with moral inertia and disease. —Canadian Baptist.

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