

The Planet

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WHAT TO DO WITH OUR CRIMINALS.

That the land is a human regeneration is apparent from the results of using Australia and other places as penal settlements long ago. The worst of men when placed in touch with nature were changed to good citizens. It is said that of the criminals serving in British penitentiaries only three per cent. reformed. Of those condemned to similar service in the penal colony at Tasmania, 97 per cent. reformed. In that colony convicts were practically owners of the products of their own toil. There were not shut out from the land. They were not required to serve others for the privilege of getting a livelihood. The incentive to produce their living honestly was strong enough, when an opportunity was afforded, to work a reform in their moral tastes and habits.

There ought to be a lesson in this for Canada. Here is a country with hundreds of millions of acres of unoccupied land. Why could not parts of it be set aside for penal colony purposes? As it is we shut up our convicts in practical idleness during their sentences, and then turn them loose again without any means of livelihood to return to their old occupation of preying on the public. These men, when sentenced, would all prefer conditional liberty to close confinement, and plenty of isolated districts could be found in Northwestern Canada where many of them could be set at work for themselves under proper supervision.

FOUL MOUTHS TOO PLENTIFUL.

A great meeting was lately held in Albany under the auspices of the Holy Name Society of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, to protest against the habit of profanity of speech, which is said to be alarmingly prevalent in the United States. Dr. Lynch, the assistant rector of the Albany Cathedral, compared the prevalence of the habit at the present time to the condition which prevailed four hundred years ago, when in Italy, France, Germany, and especially England, blasphemous oaths were almost universal, with the result that "St. Bernardine, of Siena, raising on high the Cross of Christ, with the Holy Name written above the figure of the crucified Saviour, preached against its abuse with all the ardor of his soul." The Hon. Patrick E. McCabe spoke of "the percentage of men not addicted to profanity" as "ridiculously small." Gen. Amasa J. Parker described the prevalence of profanity as constituting "an alarming situation." Dr. Milne, President of the State Normal College, bore testimony to the same effect. The Rev. Dr. McHale, President of Niagara University, said: "I merely state a fact when I say that Christian expression and recognition of Christian faith and symbolism are as foreign to the prevalent literature, laws and life as they were in the days of Pericles or Marcus Aurelius, and 'the greatest name in history, the holiest, the most significant to mankind, is invoked in common intercourse to emphasize profanity.' Accordingly, the meeting adopted resolutions that 'whereas the habit of cursing and swearing has spread to such an alarming extent, it pledged itself 'to further every effort in the future to check the spread of profanity and filthy speech.'"

Commenting on this subject, a New York paper observes that the reference of Dr. Lynch to the appalling prevalence of profanity four hundred years ago indicates that the present extent of the evil is not due to any coincident decline of religious faith. Both in an age of religious belief and a period of sceptical criticism swearing has been attacked as a practice so universal that the "percentage of those not addicted to profanity is ridiculously small." The presence or absence of such belief, as observation proves, has nothing to do with the habit of using profane expletives. Believers invoke the Holy Name lightly or profanely no less than infidels. The cursing, however, is usually in words only; it does not express a really profane spirit, but is merely a wholly reprehensible habit of speech, which from poverty of language, resorts to oaths as the only available means of giving emphasis to utterance. We might add that the habit of profane utterance is not susceptible of check from the easy familiarity with which some preachers of the Sam Jones type deal with the Holy Name.

It is said that Lt.-Col. Aymer, formerly A. D. C. of this (No. 1) military district, is likely to succeed General Hutton as commander-in-chief of the militia forces in Canada. Col. Aymer is a Liberal, and the son of a one time prominent Quebec politician. He was promoted to the command of No. 1 district, of which he was brigade major, by the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald, on the recommendation of Sir John Carling. Politics proved no barrier to the advancement of a qualified officer then, and ought not now when his own political friends are in office.

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That address from the throne at Toronto sounds so well it is a pity it is tainted with the crimes of the machine.

To relieve Lady Smith, Mr. Buller's last attempt was not a feat, it was at least a faint attempt.

According to Hardy, Ross & Co., it was the same man burned the West Elgin ballots who struck Billy Patterson.

It would not be a bad idea if Mr. Whitney would make clear what he proposes to do to the Ontario school system when the people entrust him with the government axe.

The government has nothing ready for the senate, and that body has been forced to adjourn until the first of March. Never mind. Hang the expense. It all falls on the people of Canada.

It is generally conceded that Mr. Edward Blake made a faux pas in supporting the Redmond resolution. Canada can never regard the old man with the same degree of veneration, but it is not his first mistake.—Windsor Record.

He made an ass of himself, if that is what you want to come at.

The latest evidence of practical patriotism comes from a "soulless corporation." The E. B. Eddy company is advertising a self-imposed war tax of one half cent on every gross of boxes of sulphur matches sold from the 1st instant until the end of the war. This is equal to about two-thirds of one per cent, and as the Eddy company has "matches to burn," ought to net a tidy sum for the Canadian patriotic fund.

The orange crop of California this year is a record-breaker. It is estimated at from 13,000 to 14,500 car loads. In boxes it is figured at from 4,000,000 to 4,500,000. There are enough oranges to give every man, woman and child in the United States a dozen or so. Neither the exact size of the crop, nor the precise number of people in the country can be determined before next June. Such statistics place fruit among the great crops of a great state. When oranges are shipped from a few counties of Southern California by thousands of carloads they begin to rank with wheat in bulk to say nothing of value. A few years ago it was Florida that furnished the big crop statistics in the line of oranges. Now the centre of production has shifted heavily and permanently, no doubt, to California.

EVEN THE ELEMENTS FAVOR ROSS.

Ottawa Citizen.

Who can doubt that Providence is on the side of Premier Ross and the threshing machine? Against the law and in spite of every human precaution, the West Elgin bye-election ballots were destroyed.

THE CITY OF IT.

Toronto Telegram.

A great "man, worthy of a great career is Edward Blake, and his public life is wearing towards a climax in the closest political intimacy with a tribe of agitators whom he would not have recognized on the streets of a Canadian City.

A BABY OF MARK.

Cape Town Argus.

A baby (girl) born lately in one of the suburbs has a distinct mark (strawberry color) on the right shoulder. The mark is the facsimile of the British coat-of-arms. So distinct are the several outlines, etc., that the very features of the animals are visible, the tail, and especially the horn of the unicorn, standing out prominently, but not quite as conspicuous as the crown. The father of the wee mite is naturally very proud of his offspring.

He who seeketh trouble never misses it.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Nebraska's Populist senator, William V. Allen, who now retires from Congress, will be chiefly remembered for his famous fifteen hour continuous speech in the Senate, and for the innovation of making a valedictory address to his colleagues.

Burrill A. Jenks, a professor in Butler College, Indianapolis, has been chosen as the first president of the University of Indianapolis, which has been constituted by a union of Butler College, the Medical College of Indiana, the Indiana Law School and the Indiana Dental College. Mr. Jenks was educated at Yale and Harvard.

Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart, widow of the Confederate cavalryman, has just tendered her resignation of the position of principal of the Virginia-Female Institute at Staunton, the diocesan school of the two Virginia dioceses. She has occupied this position for many years.

M. Anatole Delbier, the new public executioner of Paris, who while his father held the place moved in society and was well received, finds now that he has taken up his father's work many doors are closed against him. He has even found it necessary to resign from his bicycle club.

The late Senator Morrill, of Vermont, was as careful of the public property as if he bought and paid for it out of his private purse. He always carefully untied and saved the piece of red tape that came around his mail, in consequence of which his was the only committee room that never made a requisition for tape.

Nubar Pasha is said to have left a fortune of more than 4,000,000 pounds. The foundation of this wealth was the very large inheritance of Madame Nubar, who was the daughter and heiress of the richest Armenian banker at Constantinople. Nubar owned a splendid hotel in Paris, a more magnificent chateau at Bouhah, and a villa at Alexandria, with the most beautiful gardens in Egypt.

The Lalande prize of the French Academy of Sciences has been conferred upon Professor S. C. Chandler, of Cambridge, Mass., in recognition of "the splendor, the importance and the variety" of his astronomical work. The Damoiseau prize has been conferred upon Dr. George William Hill, of Washington, for his researches in mathematics and astronomy, and the Henry Wilde prize upon Dr. Charles A. Schott, of Washington, for his researches in terrestrial magnetism.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Two of the five chancel windows to be placed in the new Holy Trinity Episcopal church, New York, have arrived from Munich. Each window is said to have cost \$5,000.

A thanksgiving service because of the banishment of alcoholic liquors from the army and navy was conducted at one of the leading Baptist churches in New York last Sunday.

A retired clergyman in Philadelphia has advertised that, for a consideration, he will attend to marriages, baptisms, and funerals in families not associated with any church.

All the Protestant ministers of New Brunswick, N. J., have formed an organization and formulated the war cry, "No Sunday funerals." They argue that the usual Sunday duties demand all their time and strength.

Services were started recently and will be held every Sunday hereafter in Temple Beth-El, New York. It is announced that the purpose of holding these services is to reach the young, but that there is no intention to weaken the regard for the traditional Jewish Sabbath.

Miss Ida Hayes, for six years a missionary of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention at Sattillo, Mex., has been appointed by the American Baptist Home Missionary society to work in Porto Rico.

The most conspicuous Protestant evangelizing work in Spain is said to be that of a German society, under the direction of Pastor Fritz Pfledner. This society has in Madrid, besides the chapel, schools for boys and girls and smaller children, a kindergarten, boys' and girls' orphanages, and a higher school with three classes.

The American Swedenborg society, with headquarters in New York, is mailing to ministers and theological students copies of Swedenborg's "The Heavenly Arcana" translated into English. This work is an explication of the first eleven chapters of Genesis, and is claimed to throw much light on the other world and the life after death. The society has also had photographed some of the most important of the Swedenborg manuscripts. It is printing these from plates upon sheepskin, binding them, and presenting them to public libraries and to libraries of colleges.

HIGH LIGHTS.

As soon as a boy quits being rocked to sleep he begins to fall in love.

War is no picnic; but people always come home from picnics looking as if they had been to war.

A man who travels never takes along clothes enough; the woman who travels always takes too many.

No man can serve two masters; but many a one has to obey his mother, his wife and three daughters.

When a woman picks out an ice chest she invariably chooses one that isn't big enough to hold a watermelon.

When a man can't sleep at night he hates to admit it; but a woman who can't sleep goes around next day bragging about it.—Chicago Record.

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THOMAS SCULLARD, Of the city of Chatham, solicitor for the applicant.

Dated at Chatham this 30th day of January, 1900.

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