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THE ADVANTAGES OF INSURANCE

With the exception of several companies, whose losses are unobtainable at present, the following are the losses of the insurance companies in the Hull-Ottawa fire. It will be seen that the amount covered by insurance is much greater than at first thought. The list is as follows:—

Aetna	\$200,000
Anglo-American	20,000
Alliance	160,000
Atlas	50,000
British American	100,000
Caledonian	220,000
Commercial Union	110,000
Guardian	220,000
Imperial	160,000
Hartford	150,000
Lancashire	100,000
Liverpool, London & Globe	100,000
London & Lancashire	80,000
London Assurance	150,000
Manchesters	20,000
Mercantile	20,000
Merchants'	317,000
North British & Mercantile	100,000
Norwich	100,000
North American	100,000
National of Ireland	50,000
Phoenix of London	200,000
Phoenix of Hartford	30,000
Phoenix of Brooklyn	40,000
Queen	150,000
Royal	220,000
Scottish Union & National	55,000
Sun	140,000
Union	150,000
Western	20,000
Ottawa	20,000
Victoria, Montreal	12,000
Total	\$3,644,000

METHODISTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

While the American Presbyterians are exercised over the question of the revision of the Westminster Confession, the Methodists of the republic are marshalling their forces for an attack on the general rules of the society, particularly the clause prohibiting theatre-going, horse racing, card playing and dancing. The subject was warmly discussed by prominent ministers of the denomination at the Methodist conference meeting in both New York and Chicago on Monday last. At the former Rev. Dr. John J. Reed, of the Washington Square church, was heartily applauded while he argued for the repeal of the prohibitory clause. He said that the rule was loosely drawn, covering some things and omitting others equally important; that it compels ministers to proceed against their members who commit the offences named or to seem to wink at wrong doing; that it drives young people away from Methodist membership and into other religious bodies where wiser rules prevail; that no bishop and no annual conference will support a minister who enforces the rule, and no church would desire him for pastor; that the rule is contrary to the way in which Christ treated such matters; that it was put into the discipline in a hasty manner and by the employment of gag law; and that many held grave doubts about its constitutionality.

The Rev. Mr. Kimball, of the New York Conference, thought that the reason the rule had not been taken out of the discipline before, and probably wouldn't be this year, was fear that the newspapers would say that Methodism is growing worldly. "President McKinley probably breaks every particular of this rule," Mr. Kimball said, "but Methodists don't dare to tell him so, or to attempt to put him out of the Methodist church. Rules of conduct were for all alike and if a rule dated that could not be enforced, it ought to be repealed or Methodism ought to find out what it stands for and what it has in this day arrived at."

Presiding Elder Pullman said that the chief reason the rule was not acted on four years ago was because of a speech made by the Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Berry, editor of the young people's paper of the denomination, in which he declared that young people did not want the rule modified. The editor has now changed his mind, and believes the young people favor modification. The presiding elder, who is a delegate to the general conference, expressed the belief that the rule will be changed this year, but said that something else would be put in its place, an advisory statement, in which a declaration would be made concerning certain forms of amusement. He declared the theatre to be worse today than ever before; "had from box office to rear stage floor, 'Sipho' would not have been tolerated forty years ago. Shakespeare, whom so many profess to admire, is practically banished, and in his place are plays and players whose characters cannot be discussed among respectable people." He thought Methodist young people should be admonished and informed, not prohibited and punished, and that if to take the place of the repealed clause there were put in some such new one, the change would be easily made, and yet no charge laid against Methodism that it is too cowardly to speak its mind.

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New York Methodist ministers' meeting is thoroughly representative, with a membership of upward of two hundred, and that no divergence of view on the question was expressed, according to the reports which we have received, it is highly significant of the trend which has developed in that church in favor of liberalism.

At the Chicago meeting the question came up on the report of a committee to whom the subject had been referred at a previous session. The report recommended the striking out of the words "theatre going, horse racing, card playing and dancing." A substitute for the rule was proposed, reading:—

"The taking of such diversion as can be righteously indulged in in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Somewhat of a sensation was created by the remarks of Rev. Dr. H. G. Leonard, of Waukegan, who spoke his mind somewhat bluntly. "Many of you bishops and editors who have been expressing yourselves on the question of revision of creed," he said, "have held down fat jobs with enormous salaries for ten years. You would have us measure the Christianity of our congregations by three things—card playing, theatre going and dancing. You can't deny that you use such means for judging the sincerity and Christianity of your congregations. I would rather have the young people of my church dance, play cards, go to the theatre, and do almost anything else than to lie and play the role of hypocrites. Many of them are compelled to do so when they join the church and solemnly state that they will abide by all its laws and regulations."

The debate was continued and a vote will be reached this week.

A hundred dollars to the fire sufferers must have broken the city council's heart.

Well, we suppose any kind of a grant is better than nothing even if it does border on meanness.

Kingsville and Lexington people will petition the Dominion Government to stop the export of natural gas from Essex county, as the supply is fast becoming exhausted. They can save themselves the trouble, because no change will be made; South Essex is paying the price of having M. K. Cowan for a member.

Bennett Barleigh writes to the Daily Telegraph from Bloemfontein: A true story is told of the experiences of the first half dozen of Clements' scouts who got across the river. They were busily engaged digging a nice little shelter trench when a Boer stepped up to them from behind a rock, and said: "That's not right; you've got the earth and stones upon the wrong side." They reached for their rifles; he did not attempt to unsling his, but, discovering his mistake, jumped into the river. A small volley overtook him, and he was shot in the thigh and leg. Then he was fished out of the river, and conveyed to a British field hospital, where he declares he will give no more lessons in making field trenches.

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The Railway Committee, at Ottawa has decided that the railways must restore the old tariff on oil from Buffalo and other American points, which abolishes the discrimination in favor of the Standard Oil Company. This is the first blow at a monopoly which would never have got a foothold in this country but for the incompetence and bungling of the Ottawa ministry, who made changes without being able to perceive the disastrous consequences.

Frederick Treves, the famous surgeon, who has just returned from the war, was entertained, together with Sir Wm. MacCormac, at a banquet at the Reform Club, presided over by Lord Rosebery. Mr. Treves took occasion to administer a stinging rebuke to the "smart" women suffering from "khaki fever" who have gone as alleged nurses to the front. He said: "So far as the sick are concerned, there are only two plagues in South Africa—the plague of flies and the plague of women. The flies we get rid of by horsehair whips and other appliances, and they at least depart at night, but the women are absolutely and really a terror. They come out in the guise of amateur nurses after having exhausted every other form of excitement. The number of well-dressed ladies at Cape Town and elsewhere giving picnics is a blot on the campaign."

STARTLING EXPOSURES COMING.

Toronto World.
The rascals connected with the notorious "machine" that has been working in the interests of the Liberals in both Local and Federal elections are taking fright and fleeing the country. The exposure is coming on rapidly. In a few days the public will be startled by a series of revelations that will bring the election frauds home to well-known party organizers and ministers. Most of the plots were hatched in the parliament buildings in the Queen's Park.

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TELEGRAPH NEWS.

Four bank robbers broke jail at Sherbrooke, Que., and got away.

George Leverage, Treasurer of Perth county, died at Stratford.

Two Port Arthur boys have been arrested with nearly a dozen charges of arson against them.

The Dominion Company's elevator at Viriden was destroyed by fire, with 15,000 bushels of wheat.

The Boer Peace Commissioners will sail from Rotterdam for the United States on Thursday next.

Michael Kenney, foreman in Carver's lumber mill at Lindsay, was caught in the machinery and had his arm torn out.

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A woman can afford to be jealous of her husband only as long as he is jealous of her.

There's no place like home, and it's mighty lucky for the old bachelors. Practice sometimes makes a perfect nuisance.

It isn't so much what a man has that makes him nappy as what he doesn't want.

It is always better to be right than to be consistent.

The average man has a poor foundation when he stands on his dignity.

There are three things the wise man keeps on good terms with—his wife, his stomach and his conscience.

Some people who don't claim to know very much make better use of their knowledge than others who think they know it all.

When a man tires of himself his case is hopeless.

If a minister aims his remarks at himself he is pretty sure to hit nine-tenths of his congregation.

Many a true word is spoken when two women have a quarrel.

Wise is the woman who doesn't expect a man to love her when he is busy.

There are many different brands of foolishness. A man indulges in one kind when he traduces his enemies.

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