



JINGOISM VS. PATRIOTISM.

'Caleb Cobweb' has in a recent number of the 'Golden Rule' the following instructive parable:—

One day the Jingo came strutting up to Uncle Sam. He had a chip on his shoulder, and he was defying all the nations of the earth. He wanted Uncle Sam to put a chip on his shoulder, and go around with him.

'Down with England!' shouted the Jingo. 'A fig for Germany! To destruction with the Czar! A fig for international law! We are the people! Ours is the earth! Shout after me, or you are not patriotic! Come, knock this chip off my shoulder! I dare you! I can lick you! I dare you!'

'Softly, my energetic friend,' said our Uncle Sam. 'Allow me to remove your chip for a moment, until I examine it.'

With that Uncle Sam took the chip, made a hole in the earth with his foot, and planted it. How it happened I don't know, but at once the chip took root and began to grow. It grew so swiftly that within five minutes the two were hidden by its branches. From the trunk sprouted bayonets. The fruit of the tree was coffins. The branches were cannon, that began to fire upon the Jingo.

Uncle Sam had already run away. The Jingo ran after him, his face as white as flour.

'Why, why,' said he, 'what was that chip that you planted?'

'That chip,' said Uncle Sam solemnly, 'was a bit of a gingko-tree, and if you had remained under its branches a second longer, this country would have been rid of Jingo, which would have been a blessing.'

In commenting upon it the 'Golden Rule' says: 'This cartoon teaches a lesson greatly needed, not only in our country but in all lands. Jingoism is as far below patriotism as an auctioneer's flag is below our national banner. Jingoism says, "Our country, right or wrong." Patriotism seeks above all things to put its country in the right, and then to stand up for both. Jingoism is a bully toward weaker nations. Patriotism is their protector. Jingoism classes as traitors all that do not agree with itself. Patriotism is no less true to its own conscience because it acknowledges that others also may be true to theirs. Jingoism is for all men. Jingoism, to win its own glory, recklessly imperils the lives and fortunes of the citizens. Patriotism, while ready to die, if need be, for its country's good, is anxious also to spare its country that most terrible of all scourges next to sin—war. Jingoism seeks causes of offence, and is always suspicious even of its nearest kin. Patriotism is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. Patriotism, in fine, is for God and home and native land. Jingoism is for itself and the rooster. In the po-

litical life of all parties, and in the columns of most newspapers we need to guard against this tendency. Let us be patriots to the core, but never jingoes.'

A CONGRESSMAN'S WORK.

The 'Christian Herald' has been furnished advanced sheets of a pamphlet by ex-Senator Henry W. Blair, of New Hampshire, 'which,' says the 'Herald,' 'makes a powerful presentation of the whole temperance question.' In the December number of the 'Herald' is printed one chapter of the forthcoming pamphlet, which is devoted to the purpose of getting all Christian denominations to include among the branches of Christian and humanitarian work, for which they make regular annual collections of money, the temperance cause, so as to provide means for its regular support.

To our mind ex-Senator Blair could not devote his fine abilities to a more worthy object. It is a happy thought, which we hope will meet with general favor.

Every denomination is supplied with excellent literature, which would do a vast amount of good if it were scattered broadcast throughout the land. But the money for printing and mailing is not furnished. Take, for instance, the Presbyterians. Their General Assembly has a permanent committee on temperance which has been in existence since 1881. No more timely and stirring literature can be found than some prepared by that committee. But it is like the talent that was hid in the ground. The committee says in a recent address: 'In many parts of the General Assembly's bounds we are practically unknown except by an earnest worker here and there, holding the ground in the position to which God has called him.' The reason given is because the churches furnish no money to circulate temperance literature.—'Constitution.'

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Three months of 1896 gone. What are you doing to make humanity better and happier?

Have you spoken a word of sympathetic counsel to the rum-cursed wretch who is your neighbor?

Have you ministered to the wife and children who are the innocent sufferers of the rum shop which you have licensed by your ballot?

Have you uttered a warning word to the boy who is just starting wrong?

Have you put a prohibition paper in the hands of the careless sober workingman, who has not yet thought how the liquor traffic is injuring him?

Have you asked your Christian neighbor to subscribe for a prohibition paper, which may open his eyes to his responsibility and win him to political righteousness?

What are you doing? This is a critical year. Do something.—'Constitution.'

'MESSENGER' ARMENIAN FUND.

The 'Messenger' appeal for help for the suffering Armenians is touching the hearts of young and old. How effectively is well seen in the list of contributions already received. One dear little girl writes:

'I read about the Armenians in my 'Northern Messenger,' and I feel very sorry for them. Papa gave me one dollar for a birthday present, so I am sending it to you to add to the Armenian fund. Yours truly,

LILLIAN ISABEL WRIGHT.

An active young Sunday-school worker says:

'Having read the plea in the last edition of the 'Northern Messenger' asking help for the homeless and starving Armenians, I headed a paper and canvassed our village. I now remit to you the whole amount received from many kind friends, \$9.50. Please acknowledge as from Sable River Baptist Church and friends.'

Sable River, N.S., March 8, 1896.

A ten-year-old boy writes: 'I take the 'Northern Messenger,' and like it very much. I have been trying to collect some money for the 'Messenger' relief fund for the Armenians. I think everybody ought to send them something. Enclosed you will please find \$1.05, the amount which I have collected on the way to and from school and at noon.

FRANK S. WHITMAN.

So far we have to acknowledge the following contributions:—George Tocher, \$1; Mary Tocher, \$1; Two Friends, \$2; Little Britain, \$1; Jas. Holme, \$5; Left Hand, \$1; J. R. Conklin, \$5; A Friend, \$1.57; J. Nisbett, \$2; Cedar Hill, \$1; A Well-wisher, 50 cents; Mrs. D. W. Brown, \$2; Sable River Baptist Church and Friends, \$9.50; Mrs. Robt. Ferris, \$3.60; Cora E. Ferris, 40 cents; Bessie Dobbie, \$1; Mrs. Virtue, \$1; Miss Mitchell, \$1; Mrs. Cameron, \$1; Miss Surtees, 25 cents; A Sympathizer, \$5; James Davidson, \$5; James Davidson, \$14; Young Friends of School Section, \$4.25; A Lambton Sympathizer, \$10; A Friend, \$1; Annie E. Robinson, \$25; Frank S. Whitman, \$1.05; It is more blessed to give than to receive, \$1; H. Ellbeck, \$2; Subscriber to the 'Messenger,' \$2; —, \$1.

HOW TO GET CONTRIBUTIONS.

The second plan is a good one. Many persons could give a trifle who could not perhaps find it convenient to send it separately. Address all contributions to 'Northern Messenger' Armenian Fund, John Dougall & Son, corner Craig and St. Peter streets, Montreal.

FROM OUR FRIENDS.

An old subscriber says: 'Please accept my heartiest thanks for the 'Messenger' in the past. I have taken it for eleven years, and would not know how to do without it. Its principles are sound on the subject of temperance, and it is just what is wanted in these days of so much youthful vice. Whatever thoughts the children gather from the 'Messenger' are pure thoughts. What I like about it especially is that there is something in it to interest every member of the family.'

FROM TWO LITTLE WORKERS.

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OLIVER G. STEELE.

Messrs. John Dougall & Son, Montreal:—

Sirs,—I received the bread-knife which you sent me for the five subscribers' names which I sent you for the 'Northern Messenger.' I am very

much pleased with it, and thank you very much. I hope next year I may be able to do more for you. I remain yours sincerely,

DAISY M. STEELE.

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