

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1895.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

How far recreation on Sunday is permissible is a question on which there is great difference of opinion in every community. The prosecution of some young men for playing golf on the Lord's Day gave rise to much discussion on the subject of Sabbath observance in Toronto. The following letter is the contribution of Professor Goldwin Smith to the interesting and important controversy. Dr. Smith is, of our memory serves us, a member of the Church of England. He is allowed on all hands to be a good man, as well as an accomplished scholar and a very able writer. This is the letter, which we clip from the Winnipeg Free Press. It was originally addressed, if we do not mistake, to the editor of the Toronto World:

Sir,—Several members of the Golf Club are reported as having been brought up before the magistrates for breaking the law respecting the observance of the Lord's day by playing golf on Sunday. Had they been taking a dull walk, riding on horseback, or driving in a carriage, without any religious thoughts in their minds, talking and smoking, perhaps talking scandal in their club; reading French novels, or writing letters on worldly subjects, they would not have been offending against the law. The only thing apparently which the law condemns is games; the only thing which it enforces is gloom. Even children must not play on Sunday, and they are apt accordingly to dread the day. This Sunday question is of the highest importance and we ought to be able to discuss it without acrimony or imputations of wrong motives to either side. For my part I most heartily acknowledge the good intentions of those who desire to uphold the present system, and the correctness of their practical conclusions supporting their premises to be sound. If there is a divine command forbidding amusements, in themselves harmless, to be enjoyed on a Sunday, we shall all admit that we ought to obey it. If there is not a divine command, we are all free; and, if we are free, we must respect each other's freedom. It is a mistake, I venture to submit, to assume that the plea for a free Sunday is merely a plea for license. It is a plea for mental and moral health. An ordinary man cannot do without a certain amount of pleasure. The character of an ordinary man to whom pleasure was denied would become melancholy, morose and liable to moral aberration. The only question is whether the pleasure shall be healthy, as that of golf, or any other outdoor game is, or unhealthy, as are some of those modes of killing time to which a strict Sunday law condemns ordinary men. Hardly anybody, it may be presumed, now maintains that we are divinely commanded to keep the Jewish Sabbath. Nobody except a Jew does in fact keep or pretend to keep it. The reason given for the institution in the Fourth Commandment shows plainly that it was intended for a primitive people. We are under no more obligation to keep the Jewish Sabbath than we are to keep the Feast of Tabernacles or the Feast of Trumpets. On the words of St. Paul in Colossians II, 16 (Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days), Dean Alford, than whom there is no better or more orthodox authority, says that, "if the ordinance of the Sabbath, in any form, had been of lasting obligation on the Christian church, it would have been quite impossible for the apostle to have spoken thus."

The absence of other reference to the Sabbath in the Epistles has been noted as evidence of its demise. If the dean's remark is true and the Sabbath is no longer obligatory, why should we allow it to shadow any more than that of any other abrogated institution to darken our lives? Our aesthetic Sunday is of Puritan origin, and the Puritan was an Old Testament religion. He was, besides, animated by a desire of opposing what he thought of as Scriptural ordinance to the unscriptural festivals and fasts of the Roman calendar. Bishop Morton, one of the best representatives of Christianity in the reign of James I., and decided Protestant, the question being referred to him by the King, decided that nothing must be allowed which would disturb the congregation during the hours of church service; but that, on the other hand, it must be left to everyone's conscience to decide whether he would or would not take part in the customary amusements, which included archery and dancing on the green, when the service was over. Of course, the good prelate would not have constrained or advised any persons to take part in the amusements whose spiritual nature called them to higher things. It seems to me that this is the compromise to which— and let us hope, without breach of social peace or Christian charity—we shall come. Some parables in England, I believe, have come to fortune lately. Proposals of a compromise unfavourable to the cause of the Sabbath in relation to the car question, they are at once cast aside; but the result in that case will probably be that the opponents of Sunday drivers will have reason to regret their day of termination to stand or fall by the prohibition. It is needless and might not be becoming on my part, to warn the clergy against overbending the bow and connecting Christianity in the hour of trial with a restraint on innocent enjoyment, and with a gloom of which there is no appearance in the gospel. GOLDWIN SMITH.

The subject of this letter is a practical one, and one on which every person who is desirous to do right should give his best to form an intelligent opinion. It is wrong as well as foolish for anyone to condemn or to ridicule those who differ with him on the subject of Sabbath observance. It will be decided opinions on the subject and is ready to give his reasons for them, has not one word of censure or derision for those whose views are different from his own. He evidently thinks that everyone should be fully persuaded in his own mind and should act as his convictions dictate. Those who believe that it is wrong to take any recreation on Sunday, abstain from recreation on that day. We are strongly of opinion that there is nothing more demoralizing than for anyone to continue doing what he or she believes to be sinful. To those who think it wrong to join in a Sunday excursion or to play golf or any other game in itself harmless on that day, it's wrong, and they would be happier and better if they observed the Lord's day in the way their consciences tell them is right. But their duty, we submit, does not

THE INTOLERANT MUSLIMS.

The Arabs are disgusted with the precautions that the authorities, at the instance of the Western nations, are taking to preserve the health of the pilgrims to Mecca and to prevent the spread of the cholera to the nations of the West. Their indignation at the changes that were being made found vent in an attack on the foreign consuls at Jeddah, in which one of them, the English consul, lost his life. Besides being ignorant and superstitious, the Bedouins are spiritually proud and fiercely intolerant. They stigmatize Europeans and Christians as "infidels," and to show the contempt in which they hold the non-Mahomedan strangers they revile them in the strongest terms and speak of them as "dogs." It is not hard to understand how these proud bigots would resent being compelled to conform to strange regulations the object of which was beyond their comprehension when they found out that the obnoxious rules were made at the instigation of those "dogs of infidels" whose hand they now see everywhere in the East. They do not want infidel customs or infidel notions or infidel interference in their holy places. If no doubt wonder that the Sultan, whom they are taught to regard as the greatest of all earthly potentates, permits the insolent dogs to exist and even to exercise authority indirectly in places where a Christian not many years ago dare not show his face. The attack on the consuls was the natural effect of the wrath of these proud sons of the desert at what they regarded as the indignities they were compelled to submit to through the influence of the hated and despised Christians of the West. The time has evidently come when the Mahomedans must be taught the lesson of tolerance. They must be made to feel that Christians cannot be murdered and tortured and oppressed generally with impunity. The outrages in Armenia have raised a feeling in Christian communities that will not quickly subside. The politicians may dawdle over the matter a little too long for their own good. The conviction is growing that the unpeppable Turk has been tolerated in Europe too long, and that the sooner he loses his supremacy in the East the better for the world at large. There may be some exaggeration in the accounts that come from the East, but it is certain that there is enough truth in them to convince millions of Christian men that it is wrong to permit the Turks any longer to retain the power that they have so terribly abused. Whether the Sultan is morally responsible for the Armenian massacres and outrages or not is of little consequence. If he is not strong enough to restrain the semi-barbarians who are nominally under his authority, it is time that power in that region were placed in the hands of those who are able and willing to use it for the good of humanity.

THE YOUNGEST REPUBLIC.

The accounts from Hawaii are contradictory. We hear from those who are unfriendly to the youngest of the republics that the ruling class in that composed of scrupulous adventurers, who have no support in the country. Their rule, it is said, is harsh and oppressive, and they are sure in the near future to be forcibly deprived of the power they have seized. The friends of the Republic, on the other hand, confidently assert that it has become firm, and that it is going to last until it is merged in the Great Republic. Those who are plotting against its government they declare are butting their heads against a stone wall, and those who assert that the people are discontented and that disruption is near either do not know what they are talking about or they are stating what they know to be untrue. "The busy bodies of this country," says the Commercial Advertiser, "have about tired of talking about 'an oligarchy on their last legs' since every event of the last two years has so thoroughly proved the fallacy of such a claim. During the past three months the experts in rumormongery have decided, first, that there was a disruption in the cabinet; second, that annexation was a farce, merely a subterfuge put forward in order to hold fast offices; third, that Minister Thurston wanted to restore the monarchy; and last, but not least, that the Citizens' Guard was at sixes and sevens and ready to upset the present regime when a good opportunity offered. These are stories that have been embellished in one way and another to prove that the Republic of Hawaii is a weak thing, ready to give up without a struggle to the tender mercies of its enemies."

THE PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

The progress which the Southern States have been making of late years is very remarkable. The inhabitants are now developing the resources of the country at a rapid rate. They are spinning their own cotton, they are mining and manufacturing their own iron, they are quarrying their own marble, and they are availing themselves of their own forest wealth. Agriculture in the region has undergone wonderful improvement, and the people are applying themselves with great success to the cultivation of fruit trees and the marketing of fruits. The progress of the country has proved that the abolition of slavery has been a benefit from a merely economic point of view. The international exhibition that in September is to be held at Atlanta, which from being a ruined village has grown to be a fine modern city of 110,000 inhabitants,

NOT "SILLY" AT ALL.

Our lively contemporary the Vancouver World declares that the report that Mr. Laurier's "party friends" are caballing to depose him from the leadership of the Liberal party is "silly," and it "smiles" at our attempt to circulate it. We see nothing silly about the report. The World knows that the Grits have been pretty hard on their leaders. The "party friends" of the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie caballed to depose him from the leadership after he had given the best of his life to serve them, and to their discredit they succeeded. There are a great many who think that Mr. Mackenzie was, as a party leader, a long way Mr. Laurier's superior, and they know that he deserved more of the Liberal party than Mr. Laurier does, or is ever likely to do, yet still Mr. Mackenzie was caballed against by his "party friends." Mr. Blake, to make room for whom Mr. Mackenzie was deposed, had, it is believed, many difficulties with his "party friends." The treatment which he received from them did not make his position at the head of the party so pleasant and so easy that he found it hard to throw it up. If our contemporary thinks over the matter it will not be so ready to designate the report that the Grits are tired of Mr. Laurier as either silly or unlikely.

A POSSE.

The Toronto Mail and Empire asks: If \$4,000 was too much for Mr. Cookburn to pay as Canadian Commissioner at the Chicago Exhibition, what did Mr. Awrey, the Ontario Commissioner, do with the \$11,728 which he drew?

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

VANCOUVER V. SAN FRANCISCO. Vancouver and San Francisco played a match by wire last evening, the clubs being represented by the following gentlemen: San Francisco, board 1—Messrs. Kendrick, Dune, Franklin and Dr. Marshall; board 2—Dr. Lovegrove and Messrs. Hows, Quirns and Snelms. Vancouver, board No. 1—Messrs. Hoffer, Crickmay, Hooper, and Dr. Bill Irving; board 2—Messrs. Keith, M. Smith, Proctor, and Grant. The following is a correct score of the games:

Table with columns for White (S.F.), Black (Vancouver), and White (Vancouver), Black (S.F.) with various game notations like 1-P to K4, 2-K to Q3, etc.

THE BOB.

DUNCAN, June 14.—(Special)—Mr. W. A. Ward and Mr. Butler, who have been sailing at Cowichan lake and met with good sport, were seen to visit yesterday's train. Mr. W. F. Burton, Mr. W. F. Shaw and Mr. Dinkie went up the Cowichan river to Schlan on Wednesday, and returned with good baskets of salmon, steelheads and trout—weight in all, 77 lbs. The heaviest fish were between 4 and 5 lbs. each. The stage for Cowichan lake was full to overflowing to-day. Amongst the passengers were Mr. E. B. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. E. O. Wallburn and Mrs. Wallburn, Mr. Bridgman, Miss Drake, Mr. Woodridge and other Victorians.

THE WHEEL.

A ROAD RACE PROMISED. Mr. Wm. Bewick of Esquimalt, has offered a handsome gold medal for a club road race of nine miles, from the club rooms to the Globe hotel, Esquimalt, and return. It is expected that this race will be a success for men and wheels, and the outcome will be awaited with interest.

A CUT IN THE RECORD.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 14.—John Lawson, "the scorching Swede," yesterday broke the world's bicycle record for five miles previously held by Bainbridge, whose record was 11:40. Lawson made it in 11:33 2/5.

THE MAYFLOWERS.

The Mayflowers defeated the St. Louis college team at baseball yesterday on a score of 18 to 16. The brilliant Eastern tour of the University of California team was closed yesterday with a series of contests with the Chicago Athletic Association on the latter's grounds.

Messrs. J. C. and F. S. Macleure of the Victoria gun club and C. W. Minor of the Victoria left last evening for Portland to represent Victoria at the eleventh annual meeting of the S.A.N.W.

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AMONG THE MOUNTAINS.

A "Colonist" Correspondent Starts on an Expedition Into Hitherto Unexplored Territory.

Rich in Scenic Beauties and the Source of Golden Ladsen Mountain Streams.

NEAR THE HEAD OF CAMERON RIVER, June 12.—Your correspondent in company with D. S. McKensie, of Vancouver, left Kamloops on the 9th with a complete prospecting outfit and sufficient "grab" for a month or more in the mountains. Acting on a firm resolve to give the readers of the COLONIST a view of a section about which considerable interest has been manifested, he and his party, accompanied by a guide, set out on the Alhambra road around Cameron lake to a point where, by swinging up over an inside range, we can reach the peaks which feed China, Franklin and Nilinas creeks. This will give us a tramp through as wild and perilous as yet unexplored, we proceed on the Alhambra road around Cameron lake to a point where, by swinging up over an inside range, we can reach the peaks which feed China, Franklin and Nilinas creeks. This will give us a tramp through as wild and perilous as yet unexplored, we proceed on the Alhambra road around Cameron lake to a point where, by swinging up over an inside range, we can reach the peaks which feed China, Franklin and Nilinas creeks.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Fine weather all the way from Japan brought the Northern Pacific liner, Tacoma, into port at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. She left Yokohama the same day as the Empress of Japan, having made the passage in 14 days. Her 3,000-ton cargo is made up principally of new season's teas and as there was but 50 tons—an unusually small amount—for Victoria, and few of the 22 Japanese and 18 Chinese passengers disembarked here, the vessel was able to proceed to Tacoma at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The saloon passengers were Congressman W. H. Doonittle, Miss Doonittle, Col. and Mrs. Huestis, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McCracken, Mrs. F. Aldrich, Miss Boggs, Mr. and Mrs. Melbush and child, E. O. Reis, J. J. Conkhard, Rev. M. Tai and F. Ramonch.

W. H. Doonittle and party, with the exception of Mr. Mason, who remained in Japan, made the round trip on the steamer. Concerning their visit to Japan, a dispatch from Washington says: Col. Cookwell telegraphs the Herald the following from Tokyo: "Representative William H. Doonittle, of Washington, who has been visiting Japan for some weeks, celebrated the emperor's return yesterday in Yokohama by riding about in a jirikisha carrying the Japanese flag and the stars and stripes on a staff. He played the flag of Japan above that of his country, a neat compliment to the emperor, but it has caused much acrimonious debate and criticism among Americans, who thought the flag of their country should never be disgraced. Mr. Doonittle will apply for a decision from the navy department upon his return home. The governor of Kanagawa prefecture was so pleased with the representative's performance that he sent to his hotel for his card, to forward the same to the emperor."

TO CALL AT ANGLICAN.

This afternoon at 4 the Canadian-Australian steamer Warrimoo will sail for Hamilton, St. James, Auckland and Sydney. The call at New Zealand will be the first since the establishment of the line and will carry about her average number of passengers, among them being Hon. J. G. Ward, treasurer of New Zealand, who is returning from a visit to England. An freight ship will arrive at Victoria about 170 tons miscellaneous. The steamer Utopia will be here from Seattle early to-day with cargo for transhipment.

When?

Advertisement for Colloene, a cooking product, with various slogans like 'Your husband will notice a great improvement in your cooking' and 'Your doctor will lose some of his dyspepsia cases, when you use Colloene'.