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The Outlook

A Splendid Victory

It is almost too good to be true, and yet it is announced on the most reliable authority that the British Government will not send any more opium from India to China this year. Further, that it is probable the traffic in opium between India and China will never be renewed. If all this proves correct, it will be the cause of untold thanksgiving among Christian people. There is not a single missionary society which has not felt the shame of Britain's association with the opium traffic, and there will not be a single worker whose heart will not be relieved and rejoiced if the traffic comes to an end. We must go on praying and working, and as we do so we may feel assured that victory is certain. The opium traffic must end, so far as Britain is concerned. That which is morally wrong can never be politically right.

A Notable Gathering

It is now well known that the Presbyterian Church of Canada is making arrangements for a Congress to be held in Toronto in June, just before the regular Church Assembly. This Congress is to consist of at least four thousand delegates, and will include every Presbyterian clergyman in Canada, together with clergymen's wives, and two lay delegates from every congregation. There are to be meetings for several days, addressed by representative men, and the prospects point to a gathering of great impressiveness and value. Members of the Anglican Church will doubtless not be wanting in their share of hospitality, while the earnest wishes and prayers of all our people will go forth on behalf of this momentous meeting. The results cannot fail to be of spiritual blessing to the congregations represented, and also to the whole Dominion, where Presbyterianism has done, and is doing, so great a work for our common Lord. May the great "Master of Assemblies" manifest His presence and grace and make the gathering a mighty force in the spiritual life of

Every Court Open

The House of Lords came to a momentous decision the other day. As the result of an appeal after the proceedings of a case tried in camera had been reported by one of the parties involved, the Lord Chancellor pronounced the following:-

Every court of justice in the land is open to every subject of the King, and a court has no power to sit otherwise than with open doors.

This decision is particularly welcome in view of the apparent tendency to increase the number of cases tried in private. The judges, according to this decision, have no legal right to shield any person by means of this secrecy. and the result of the Lord Chancellor's words will doubtless be to bring pressure on those who endeavour wrongfully to favour people by trials in camera. It is a great satisfaction to know that the Chief Justice of Ontario is opposed to this practice, and has more than once so expressed himself from the Bench. Not only so; he has refused to take cases in camera. All who love truth and justice must rejoice at this latest pronouncement of the highest legal tribunal of the Empire.

Y. W. C. A.

The fortieth annual meeting of the Toronto Young Women's Christian Association, held last week, is a reminder of the splendid service accomplished all over the world by this organization. The various sections of work show the numerous efforts made to meet the needs of our young womanhood, and it is a special satisfaction to know what an important factor the Association is becoming in the life of Canada. At home and abroad the work is making progress and extending, and spiritual, social, educational, philanthropic and missionary agencies are all included in the scope of the Association's beneficent operations. Not the least valuable element is the opportunity afforded to members of all the churches to become associated on behalf of our young women. The work already done is as nothing compared with that which remains to be done, but past blessing is a guarantee and harbinger of fuller service and success in the future.

Imperial Unity

Sir William Ramsay, the great scholar, who has done so much for New Testament research, delivered the Romanes Lecture at Oxford on May 8th, taking as his subject, "Imperial Peace." He emphasized the fact that unity could not rest safely on considerations of material profit. It rested "on the possession of common ideas of liberty and free historical development," This is a timely word, and, coming from such a source, it is likely to prove of special value. No material interest can ever bind together an empire, because each part will quite naturally favour those things that make for its own material

advantage. There must be something far deeper, stronger, truer, and this is to be found only in ideals of truth, justice, liberty, loyalty, sympathy and service; and at the foundation this means religion, godliness, righteousness as the only stable guarantee and adequate inspiration of ideals. "Righteousness exalteth a nation" and an empire. May we never forget this.

The Real Character of Buddhism

It is said that a Buddhist temple is to be erected in London, England, to show English people something of the glories of Buddhism. We sincerely hope the report is not true, though we should not be at all surprised to have the news confirmed. A missionary, who speaks from personal experience, shows what Buddhism really is:—

Of all the despairing, soul-destroying, Satanic, heathen religions of the East, Buddhism takes the first rank. At one time Buddhists were content to go on their way, showing little, if any, of the aggressive spirit which now characterizes them. However, in recent years their modus operandi is to watch missionary efforts, and where any step is taken by missionaries for the good of the people there official Buddhism focuses its powers to oppose. Previous to the advent of the missionary the villagers and their children are severely left to themselves, and nothing done for them. But immediately a school is opened, or some good work is started by the Christian worker, then opposition begins, and not a stone is left unturned by the Buddhists to hinder or stop the good work.

The opposition of Buddhism to Christianity is bitter and persistent, and it is well to know exactly how matters stand. There are those who praise Buddhist morality, but Buddhist practice is very different, and with it there can be no compromise. Christianity is, and must be, supreme; it tolerates no rivals.

Bible Study Means Work

The visit to Toronto of the Rev. Tissington Tatlow, the Secretary of the British Student Movement, recalls an incident that recently appeared in the monthly magazine of which he is the editor. Mr. Tatlow shall tell his

Some years ago we visited the home of the late Mr. D. L. Moody, at Northfield, in the company of Mr. Mott. Among other relics preserved in the house is Mr. Moody's Bible. The Book was the most worn we have ever seen. Each page bore traces of use. The edges of each leaf showed signs of having been handled incessantly. Mr. Mott noticed the worn condition of the Book and exclaimed: "Look at that! That's where the work was done." Yes, that is where the work

There are thousands of Bible readers, but very few real students. And it is work that tells. The beauties of the Bible are not on the surface; they must be sought like jewels. As someone has said: "Justification is by faith, but knowledge of the Bible is by works.

The Continent of Opportunity

This is now the familiar name given to South America, and it is sadly true. At a recent Missionary Conference on Latin America some facts and figures were given that call for serious consideration. Latin America comprises Mexico, Central and South America,