

IS NO BETTER THAN SODOM

STRONG ARRANGEMENT OF MODERN CITY LIFE.

Canon DuMoine's Remarkable Address on Impurity and its Consequences—Lays Bare the History of Society—Young Women Will-Paid Causes—Cries—Sins—The Canon Says Much.

So great was the attendance at the noon service at St. James' Cathedral yesterday that many had to stand during the rector's address. This was of a remarkable nature, and was of the kind sometimes delivered to men only. Said the canon: "Under a strong sense of duty I speak of an evil as widespread, as universally destructive, as any I know. It is an evil enshrouded in silence, which ministers and teachers generally balk. The father shirks his duty, and does not speak of this fearful evil to his son, the mother to her daughter, the preceptor to his pupils, the guardian to his ward, the clergyman to his flock. The silence of the pulpit he condemns as a recalcitration to duty and utterly unjustified in view of St. Paul's exhortation to the youthful Timothy: 'Keep thyself pure.' How many never hear a sermon on the Seventh Commandment, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery'!"

Impurity in Ancient and Modern Times. St. Augustine holds that it was gross impurity which brought about the destruction of Sodom. The Canaanites, the Phoenicians and the Egyptians—so obscene that they are kept in a locked room—at the present time in Assyria and Egypt. That the Romans were no better, the canon showed by reference to the uncleanliness of their lusts, as described by St. Paul in the first chapter of his Epistle. And in these modern days, said he, with vigor, London is no better than Paris, nor any of the great continental cities. Recently in London revelations were given which made the ears tingle, and which frightened the aristocracy knowing that they were compromised. The exposure shook the guilty metropolis from Belgrave to Whitechapel. Every modern city is the same. In every land this unclean monster walks abroad without reproach. So it will be till better ideals dominate the people.

Historic Examples. Art and poetry showed the prevalence of unclean views. The pictures, "Marriage à la Mode," "Marriage for Convenience," and "After"; Homer's Iliad, the destruction of the adulteress; Shakespeare's Othello, the madness of the Moor. Literature reeks with the foul theme; Scott's "Heart of Midlothian," and "Kenilworth"; George Eliot's "Adam Bede"; Charlotte Brontë and other writers pictured the awful crime and its results. History tells the same story; Joseph and Potiphar's wife, the defilement of Dinah, David and the wife of Uriah the Hittite. And men everywhere have stamped upon them the results of these deeds of shame. One result is the ruin of the soul, and the other the ruin of the body. Burns, who knew all about it, testifies, "It perfumes all within and hardens the feelings."

Having treated of the moral effects, the canon said: "In the dark catalogue of human sin there is none to which the Almighty has attached such fearful physical penalties. On this point he referred to the testimony of medical men and quoted the relentless and pitiless law of the hereditary taint to the innocent third and fourth generations."

The most brilliant men, splendid lawyers, distinguished politicians, bravest warriors have been utterly wrecked through impurity. Then the canon, in glowing words and with much pathos, besought all to stifle the impure workings of this evil. He held of them and strangle them with his advice, or you will be unhappy men and women. He then turned to literature and impure reading. He instanced amongst French novels, the writings of Zola, whose plea was that he depicted life as it is, and that it is not as bad as his predecessors. Such novels, by exciting the imagination and the passions, open the sluice-gates and floods of pollution are admitted.

How to Treat Young Women. "Deeply I regret to say it, but the folly of women—modern women, unmarried women—is responsible for much impurity. Commencing with flirtation, they end in elopement and the sad consequences—inevitable misery, darkness and ruin. Another evil was the outcome of modern life. The young woman takes her place in the colleges, offices and stores. She is paid a salary insufficient to clothe and feed her properly, and everyone can recognize the danger that surrounds her path. Here is a sphere for upholding the manliness of everyone, and deserving the name of man: Learn to treat a man with chivalrous respect. Be her protector. Strike down the man that would do her an injury. Defend her as if your own mother and sister."

Other personal advice was not to tamper with the body, be not a gambler, nor an inebriate, keep your body under, let it be your servant, not your master. Get Married Early. One important piece of advice the canon gave: "Young men, make up your minds to contract an early marriage. There is no safeguard better than an early engagement and an early marriage. Dispense with the contemptible conventionalities of the present day that says that you must have hundreds of thousands of dollars before you can marry the girl of your love. Do not believe it. Begin humbly and lowly. Do not begin where your fathers left off. If you can earn an honest day's wages, make your sweetheart as if she gives her consent. This will be your best guard against the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil. Believe that you will get along all right—that God will never leave a man to hunger who trusts Him and is honest and industrious."

In conclusion the congregation was earnestly besought to imitate the pure life of the young and tempted man, Jesus Christ.

Mr. O'Leary's Difficulties. The World has incurred the displeasure of Mr. O'Leary, the gentleman who lost his watch in a Simcoe street liquid repository some weeks ago and has ever since been taking the Police Court. He has been referred to in these columns as "Old Lorraine O'Leary," and to the last time he makes a vigorous objection. The World hastens to apologize to Florence O'Leary Esq., the young gentleman whose attitude for doubtful associations has led him into all this trouble.

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DOMINION OF CANADA.

Happenings Within Our Own Borders of Passing Interest.

Horses bring from \$50 to \$125 at Clapmont. Downie Township Council talks of bonusing wire fences. Campbellford apple dealers have found a market at \$4 per barrel. Rev. Mr. Moore, Baptist, is holding successful revival meetings in Galt. Mr. J. Holmes of Tobermory, purposes starting a dairy at Winton. John Pletsch, of Shakespeare, sold a white Leghorn hen recently for \$10. Mr. John Henderson, hardware merchant, Collingwood, is dead, aged 56. William Reddon, a Bruce County pioneer, died in Carrick lately, aged 80. Winton dealers have sold \$20,000 worth of hay and straw this winter. Mr. Richard Tooley, ex-M.L.A., is improving in health.

Fodder is very scarce in parts of Peel County. Rev. William Fletcher is trying to get Port Credit people converted. Smith's Falls Methodists placed \$1200 on the collection plates last Sunday, toward their church debt.

The Markham Methodists have asked Rev. T. W. Leggett of Brooklin to be their pastor. It cost Guelph over 90 cents a day to keep the prisoners in the jail there last week.

Three blocks of stores and a new Methodist church are to be built at Grand Valley this summer. The Lindsay Watchman apologizes to its readers for the "overcrowded state" of its advertising columns.

Rev. W. Rodwell, Methodist evangelist, will begin revival services at Pickering to-morrow, March 1. There are appearances of building boom in London, so The Free press says.

Hugh McCurdy, carpenter, London, has been before the Magistrate 56 times for drunkenness. J. J. Skeffington, messenger for the Bank of Commerce at Saratoga, is dead, aged 49. He was once a member of the 100th Regiment.

Mr. Alex. Watts, one of the oldest inhabitants of Nichol Township, is dead, aged nearly 98 years. He settled in Nichol over thirty years ago. William Reid, of the 8th concession of Arthur, has passed away at the great age of 83. He had lived 49 years at the homestead.

Norman, the 12-year-old son of Robert Parke, of Wawanosh, was instantly killed by the kick of a horse which he was unhitching. Farmers around Belmont are paying \$10 a ton for pressed straw, and feed is scarce. Slave wood is cheap enough, \$1 a cord.

A straw-stack on the farm of Lorenzo Banks, of Pickering, tumbled over and buried a cow, which was badly injured. Mr. J. L. Draine of Forges is removing to Vancouver, where he becomes an active partner in a manufacturing business.

The Town Council of Newmarket has decided to raise \$5000 by way of loan to operate an electric light plant, which will belong to the town. According to The Petrolia Topic, Mr. William Ewing drove into the market here last Saturday with a load of wood which measured 8 1-3 cords.

A boy named Alexander ran away from school at Galt and walked to Woodstock. He returned by freight train, looking the worse for wear. The Campbellford Herald tells of five barns in Seymour Township the roofs of which have collapsed under the weight of snow.

The body of Benjamin Smith, killed by a falling tree, was taken from the town hall, at Arden, Ont., on Tuesday, and dragged to a barn in the outskirts of South Grey. Liberals will convene at Durham to-day at 4 p.m. Dr. J. J. Mackenzie, Hon. D. C. Fraser, William M. Lock and William Gibson are billed to speak.

Dr. James Thirld, who has been appointed Medical Health Superintendent of Kingston General Hospital, was given a complimentary banquet by prominent citizens of Kingston. Thirty-four 4 1-2 per cent. debentures of Quebec city, to the amount of \$20,000, have lately been sold at 100 per cent. premium, which is considered good.

A major cheese factory report for last year shows that the average price paid for milk was 50 1-2 cents per 100 lbs., and the average price paid for cheese was a fraction over 30 cents. A pile of wood on the road frightened the horses driven by Mrs. Gough of Euphrasia Township, and that lady will lose Mosa Township Council for \$500 damages.

Mr. Walter Crooks, who died in St. Thomas on Thursday, nearly 80 years of age, was a nephew of the late Hon. Adam Crooks. Three of his children live near Hamilton. Arthur Montgomery of Streetsville, while driving past a rig driven by A. G. Sibbald, killed his horse, which came in contact with a well drill sticking out from Mr. Sibbald's rig. The drill went into the horse's breast and killed it instantly.

George Stoner, of Pickering, while cutting logs, stepped upon a block which he did not know had been detached. Down he went to the bottom, and wore his finger nails off in climbing out. He was alone and had a hard struggle. William Crabbe, the Peel Township farmer who assaulted Sheriff McKim at Arthur a month ago, got off with a fine of \$5 after pleading guilty of common assault and agreeing to pay the sheriff's doctor bill.

The patrons of Sheburne cheese factory have decided to have pay for milk by quantity, and not by the pound. The factory will open May 18 and run five months. Joseph Kendrew, son of James Kendrew, of Mono, went into a stall to loosen a bull, when the beast attacked him, breaking several ribs and seriously injuring his bowels. A brother rescued him and he is recovering. Mrs. Geo. Clark of Orillia dropped her purse containing \$17 in the hall of the Hotel de Monaco, and the money was swept in the morning and the purse, money and all, were thrown into the fire. Mrs. Clark recovered the remains of the purse, a \$5 gold piece and the charred remains of \$12 in bills. During the month of January 2, 603,302 lbs. of ore, valued at \$133,286, was exported from Kaslo to the smelters at Everett and Great Falls. The amount exported so far in February is 1,598,175 lbs., valued at \$75,065.—New Denver, B.C., Ledger, Feb. 26.

THE UNITED STATES.

Notable Events on the Other Side Told in Brief Form.

Bourke Cochran denies the report that he intends to join a religious order. The asphalt paving companies of Buffalo are having a war of rates and the prices have come down to \$2.69 a yard. One hundred and fifteen thousand New York City people have petitioned the Legislature at Albany for "liberal Sunday laws."

Senator John Sherman says: "It is a disgrace to our country, a disgrace to civilization that we are spending \$30,000,000 a year more than the income of the Government."

Lyceum Hall, one of the most famous buildings of the old brick row at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., is to be torn down to make room for improvements to the campus. At Rutherford, N.J., two buildings belonging to Martin Hogan, jumped through a window and bit 6-year-old Maggie Gorman so badly that no hope of her recovery is entertained. The child was alone in the house when the buildings jumped through the window and bit her.

Dr. C. Colgrove Perry has been arrested in New York charged with having a plurality of wives. Both the wives are said to have temper like prairie fires, while the doctor dispenses as the baby food which he dispenses as a means of livelihood. He will have to face both wives in court.

A bill is to be introduced into the New York State Assembly at Albany, for establishing at New York City a free labor bureau, for taking all applications for help, free of charge. An appropriation of \$5000 is provided for the State Treasury to pay clerks. The Ways and Means Committee has decided to report the bill favorably.

A handsome motorman on the White Plains, N.Y., trolley road, captured a handsome young married woman, a Mrs. Thwaites, and an elopement followed. The handsome young woman followed at her husband's heels, and finally the elopement. The elopers were traced and now Thwaites is suing for divorce and for \$10,000 for alienation of his wife's affections.

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K Company, Q.O.R. The annual gathering of K Company, Q.O.R., was held on Thursday evening at Harry Webb's saloon, about 85 members and their friends being present. Progressive euchre was indulged in until 11 p.m., when a prize (a handsome pipe) being won by Private Monkhouse, and a leather medal adorned the breast of Mr. J. J. P. Band, who captured the "booby." A splendid concert, the best of support, speeches, and the flow of wine and merry hearts, all went toward making the evening a grand success.

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