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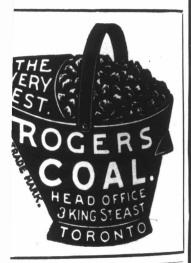
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## The Bible Society.

The deputation which toured through Canada in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible Society visited several important centres and brought the claims of this society before the minds of the Canadian people. The reason for sending a deputation at this time is the fact that in March, 1904, the society will be one hundred years old, and it is felt that such a turning-point should be marked by deep gratitude to God for the blessings of His Word, and a determined resolve to promote to the utmost its circulation throughout the world. It is interesting to observe that the society's "Monthly Reporter" tells us that "by far the largest and most influential and perhaps the best organized (auxiliary of the parent society), is that in Upper Canada with its centre in Toronto." Much of the success of this most successful auxiliary is due to the fostering care and unwearied devotion of a former president, who was a distinguished Churchman, the

late Senator Allan. Since his death, the presidential chair has been ably filled by another eminent Churchman, Dr. Hoyles, K.C., principal of the Law School. It was a Bishop of the Mother Church, the Chrysostom of the English bench, Dr. Boyd-Carpenter, Bishop of Ripon, who, at the anniversary in May, 1903, moved a strong resolution affirming a policy of warm friendship to the society. "The Bible Society," he declared, "has often been named as the handmaid of all missionary societies, and I am quite certain they must be very short-sighted who do not see that simple fact. I do not know how the missionary societies, now so large and increased in numbers, could possibly carry on the work of editing, revising and translating, in addition to their own work." One of our own Canadian bishops, a name venerated in the missionary annals of the Church, Bishop Ridley, of Caledonia, also spoke at the May meeting and used these striking words, in regard to his own labours in circulating God's Word: "When I first went out as Bishop to British Columbia, not one of the nine languages had ever been reduced to writing; and when I had settled down, after a few months I bethought myself that I must make it my chief aim to study these languages that I might give the people the Word of God in them. I cannot live much longer, but the work that God permitted this poor individual to do will last as long as the world lasts." If any further proof is needed of the warm affection entertained by distinguished Churchmen towards the Bible Society, we may mention the oft-quoted words of Archbishop Temple. In 1896, he said: "A man must read history with his eyes shut if he cannot see now that one of the great instruments that God is using to prepare the way for bringing the whole human race together at the foot of the cross is the work of the Bible Society."

Prison Sunday.

The Prisoners' Aid Association is asking the clergy to observe Sunday, November 15th, as Prison Sunday. On Prison Sunday prayers are desired for judges, magistrates, police officials, for prisoners, prison officials, prisoners' aid associations, and for the cause of prison reform.

#### Biblical Knowledge.

It is startling to read that the knowledge of Christianity is proposed as necessary in order to obtain entrance into New York University. Chancellor McCracken used the following language at the formal opening a few weeks ago: "I wish we could require from every freshman a Sunday school diploma that would certify that he knew by heart the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, a church catechism of some kind, and a score of the Scripture Psalms and best This university will join any classic hymns. association of universities and colleges that will demand this as an entrance requirement. So much as in us lies, we will make the college a place for preserving and strengthening reverence for things divine." This utterance has attracted widespread attention through the length and breadth of the States, and the Literary Digest summarizes the press opinions, and on the whole they are favourable and and hopeful. Such an incident, while inspiring, should provoke in Canada humility as well as emulation. We are too apt to elevate ourselves on a pedestal as better than other men, and this incident is one which shows our need of real, not apparent, training. Our bickerings and jealousies and microscopic differences need to be set aside. How different might religious training have been in Ontario and the West had the work so carefully and prayerfully done by the late W. H. C. Kerr not been swept away under a gust of unreasoning and unfounded passion against the Ross Bible.

The Sands of Egypt.

This generation is as eager to unearth the relics of the past as others have been before them. The difference is that now knowledge is sought for instead of gold ornaments in order to be destroyed and sold by weight. The sands of Egypt are giving up their buried secrets. Dr. L. Borchardt discovered in the village of Abusir a wooden coffin containing a decayed leather bottle, a piece of a sponge, an iron tool, a piece of carved wood, a pair of sandals, and a papyrus roll. The owner of the coffin lived not later than Alexander's Conquest of Egypt, and, therefore, was but a generation after Timotheos of Miletus, who died B.C. 357 or 356, at the age of ninety. The roll contains sections and fragments of a lyric poem of his on The Persians, and describes what is apparently the battle of Salamis. At the end, which is marked by the sign of a bird, there follows this personal note: "Apollo be gracious to me, since the illustrious people of Sparta reproach me very bitterly for bringing the ancient music into contempt. This I have not at all done, nor interfered with anybody, only I have rejected the bad musicians of the old style. Orpheus had already played many different kinds of music on his lyre; Terpander of Lesbos employed ten strings; Timotheos revealed the treasures of music with eleven strings; from Miletos is he, which belongs to the twelve towns which stand in first rank among the Achaeans. May Apollo give this people peace and the blessing which rests on law-abidingness." Timotheos of Miletus, whose poem had been quite forgotten, was known through a tradition that he was a musician who added an eleventh string to the lyre.

#### Self-denial.

Human nature dreams that in some way or other, for some cause of other, we will be remembered after death. In the case of clergymen how frequently we find affection taking the form of volumes of sermons, or literary remains, or recollections of a quiet life. The late Bishop Jermyn, Primus of the Church in Scotland, on the contrary, by his will directs his official seal to be given to the diocesan library at Brechin, and a portrait of himself to be hung up there if the clergy of the diocese see fit. Any of his divinity works that his son Edmund may think suitable are to be given to form a nucleus of a library for the Bishop in the See House of the diocese of Brechin. He desires that all his sermons and all his private letters may be burned at once by his trustees. There is to be handed to his successor in office his oak staff, the white marble bust of Bishop Forbes given to him for the See House by the late Dean Nicolson; also an engraving of Brasenose College, Oxford, and a photograph of Bishop Forbes with a cross suspended from it (once the property of Bishop Forbes). His pastoral cross presented to him is to be handed over to his successor.

## Religion's Influence on Gladstone.

Mr. Morley's Life of Gladstone is an immense three-volume work evidently a labour of love. The Times' review is, of course, excellent, but the portion bearing on his religious views is peculiarly so, and is evidently written by a critic who brought to his task a profound knowledge of his subject. Few of our readers will see Morley's Gladstone, but all will be interested in the following extract from the Times' review: "Mr. Gladstone's career was most profoundly affected by his religious emotions and the theories of the Church they generated in his mind. The public, however, was wrong in assuming that it was during his undergraduate life that he passed under the influence of the 'Oxford Movement," which,