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Note and Comment.

The German drink bill is stated to be five times as heavy as the total cost of the army.

The Archbishop of Cantenbury exhorts the clergy to burn their sermons and never to preach an old one unless it is re-written.

Joseph Cook, the lecturer, died at Ticonderoga, N. Y., on June 25. The aim of many of his lectures was to show the harmony of the Bible with science.

Dr. Kenneth Harris, a Scotch physician, of 80 years, will describe a 400 mile tricycle ride that he has just completed from Land's End to Edinburgh, without tasting meat.

There is much building in Winnipeg. Last year the total value of buildings erected was \$1,500,000, but it is likely there will be an increase of at least half a million dollars this year.

An engine on the Canada Atlantic, in a run from South Indian to Ottawa, traveled at the rate of 92 miles per hour. The engine was of the Baldwin Atlantic type, and had four coaches attached to it.

The shipments of hay from Canada to South Africa are evidently so satisfactory to the Imperial authorities that they asked the department of agriculture to send 10,000 additional tons to be shipped from St. John not later than the month of August.

The congregation of the Brick Church, New York, will erect a church house as a memorial of their late pastor, Dr. Babcock, who recently met a tragic death while in a hospital in Naples. Towards the cost one member has contributed £10,000. The congregation will raise a fund of £50,000 for the widow.

Rev. Hector Frazer, of Halkirk, near Thurso, "father" of the Caithness Presbytery, died recently after a prolonged illness. He was a son of the famous Frazer of Kirkhill, and uncle of the late Dr. Donald Frazer, of London. Five years ago when he was seventy-two years of age, he celebrated his jubilee as minister of Halkirk, and at that time a colleague and successor was appointed. Since then he has practically retired from the ministry.

Professor Goldwin Smith has been retailing certain biographical incidents for the benefit of his many admirers in Toronto. As a boy he shook hands with the statesman who was Premier of England in 1801; he recalls well the popular rejoicings over the passing of the great Reform Bill of 1832; and he well remembers the servants in his English home lighting the fire with flint and tinder. The veteran described himself, in a pathetic reference to the disappearance of all his earthly associates, as "the last leaf on the tree."

A split seems to have occurred in the Christian Science "Church." One faction is now circulating a pamphlet entitled "Christian Science Uncovered," which is devoted, as it claims, to exposing Christian Science as conducted by Mrs. Eddy for money-making purposes.

The Chinese in the United States are preparing an organized fight to obtain the absolute repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act. The Chinese ask for its repeal on the grounds of Fair play, and as a sort of reciprocity in return for the opening of the Chinese ports, and urge that Chinese immigrants should be granted as good a footing as the Japanese.

Our Church is about to sustain another great loss, says the London Presbyterian, in the removal of the Rev. A. Halliday Douglas, M. A., of Cambridge, to the Chair of Apologetics in Knox College, Toronto. Mr. Douglas is a thinker and scholar who is sure to make his mark. He has done excellent work at Cambridge and we can ill spare such a man.

At the convention of the Lord's Day Alliance at Hamilton the following officers were elected: Hon. G.W. Allan, Toronto, hon. president; Rev. Dr. Potts, Toronto, president; R.L. Bordon, K.C.M.P., Halifax; John Charlton, M.P., North Norfolk; Ralph Smith, M.P., Nanaimo, B.C., vice-presidents; Rev. J. G. Shearer, secretary; J. C. Copp, Toronto, treasurer. The next meeting will be three years hence.

The attractions of Canada as a tourist resort, says the Citizen, are becoming gradually known to our American neighbors and in coming years will surely be evidenced by the vast numbers who will visit those portions of Northern Ontario readily accessible from Ottawa—along the Ottawa, by the waters of Lake Temiskaming and Temagaming, to Lake Nipissing, North Bay and the French river, or along the Ottawa and Parry Sound railway through the Algonquin park and the Muskoka lakes. The resources of this yet imperfectly advertised country only require to be adequately set forth before those who seek recreation and health in their summer outing to ensure the extensive exploration.

The tourist in Canada will not have done his whole duty to himself if he omits a trip to the Saguenay River. Going by way of the St. Lawrence he finds along the route picturesque and otherwise interesting localities. Cacouna, River du Loup, Les Eboulements, Bay St. Paul, Murray Bay, Cap l'Aigle, Tadousac—these and other places will attract and delight him. The continuous trip up the Saguenay to Chicoutimi is in every sense unsurpassed for scenic beauty anywhere in America. From Lake St. John—a beautiful sheet of water about forty miles in extent—the Saguenay flows, here gently gliding between verdant banks, there rushing between precipitous rocks 2,000 feet in perpendicular height, tossing

and foaming till at last it mingles its dark waters with those of the more placid and pellucid St. Lawrence. The source of the river is three hundred miles back of Lake St. John in Lake Miscoucaskame, and from there to Lake St. John it is known as the Ashuapmouchouan, or to use the short form, Choumouchan. Nothing can exceed its scenery from Lake St. John to Ha-Ha Bay, a distance of seventy miles.

The Committee of the House of Lords appointed to consider the accession declaration of the sovereign in regard to transubstantiation, reports that the language can be modified without diminishing its efficacy as security for the maintenance of the Protestant succession. The form suggested by the committee does not contain the phrases relative to idolatry, etc., which are so objectionable to Roman Catholics.

The death of Sir Thomas Galt removes one of the links with Toronto's past. His encounters, as a barrister, with Henry Eccles, forty years ago, are still spoken of at the Bar as battles of the giants. He went on the Bench in 1869, and continued to occupy a seat there until 1894. He was born in 1815, and was a son of the late Mr. John Galt, the Scottish novelist. He was appointed Chief Justice in 1857, and knighted in 1888.

Advices from the Atlantic coast indicate that the catch of salmon by fishermen's nets along the shores of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and especially in the estuaries of rivers like the Restigouche, Miramichi and St. John, will be extraordinarily large; so much so, in fact, as to make 1901 a record year. The authorities declare that the takes of fish have not been paralleled in the history of the salmon fisheries on our eastern seaboard.

"Claudius Clear" tells us in the "British Weekly" of last week that it was the deliberate judgment of the late Sir Walter Besant that outside of the covers of the Bible the book which has more than any other influenced the minds of Englishmen was the "Pilgrim's Progress." It was his opinion that while it survives and is read by our boys and girls two or three great truths will remain deeply burned into the English soul. The first is the personal responsibility of each man, the next is that Christianity does not want and cannot have a priest. "I confess," writes Sir Walter, "that the discovery by a latter reading that the so-called Christian priest is a personage borrowed from the surrounding superstition, and that the great ecclesiastical structure is entirely built by human hands filled me with only a deeper gratitude to John Bunyan." What a loss to the nation at the present time is the removal of such a writer, who could see so clearly into the heart of things; and who could write so bravely against abounding and popular superstitions.