

God's in His heaven,  
All's right with the world.  
—Browning.  
London, Saturday, Nov. 20, 1897.

#### London Lectured from Ottawa.

From time to time the Ottawa Journal, like other papers of its jellyfish type, has taken occasion to lecture its contemporaries, which are edited by men who have political convictions, and who give a general support to one or other of the two great political parties. It professes that it and newspapers of its kind, which make believe that they have no principles politically, are high and mighty when compared with their contemporaries, but it is not above condescending to vulgar abuse and misrepresentation of its betters. A flagrant example of this species of "independence" is given in a recent issue, when the Ottawa paper falls foul of The Advertiser, and of our city contemporary the Free Press, denounces them as hidebound party organs, and as having until within the past year been in the habit of lying and misrepresenting all with whom they did not agree politically. The foundation for its remarks is the fact that the Conservative managers of London have brought out a candidate for mayor. Our contemporary the Free Press can speak for itself. The Advertiser tells the Ottawa Journal that its so-called "independence" has not taught it to respect the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." We call readers of The Advertiser to witness if the policy of this journal, these many years, has not been to deal fairly with all parties, both in its editorial columns and in its news service. In this and every other regard, The Advertiser has exercised its right to conduct its columns in the best interests of the whole people. It is a servile follower of no political party or politician, and has again and again led in the effecting of needed reforms. But in doing its duty to the best of its light it has never laid itself open to the charge of being without opinions, political or general, in order that it might be classed with the Ottawa Journal.

Nor are the Ottawa paper's strictures on the people and civic representatives of London justified. It affects to believe that the people of this city allow politics to take so great possession of them that they have for years been at all times ready to fly at each other's throats, and it maintains that the city is in a deplorable condition in consequence. In printing this statement, the Ottawa Journal does the people of London and its civic management gross injustice. We have municipal politics here as they have in Ottawa and in every part of the British empire. When a fight is on, it is lively, but we live as citizens harmoniously, and we know by experience that London's civic representatives have managed the affairs of the city in a manner which Ottawa aldermen might well emulate.

We challenge the Journal, or any other traducer of this fair city, to name us another civic municipality where so much good work has been done for the advancement of the people's welfare in the last three years as has been accomplished in that which is London, and that without the shadow of a suspicion of jobbery. And it has all been undertaken, and it is all being undertaken, by this alleged party-cursed body, if we are to believe the slanderers of their betters! Ottawa has its civic scandals. London, we are glad to say, has none. If we can keep up the record of the last few years we will never compete with the capital in undesirable municipal notoriety.

The Ottawa Journal professed to know in advance the type of the candidate for Mayor which The Advertiser would support. Its solicitude to discuss London's affairs when it might be better employed doing home missionary work is, we suppose, regarded by it as a proof of its "independence." We call it by another name. Let us tell it that the candidate which we support is an experienced alderman, who has done good work for the city for many years, and who deserves recognition on his municipal record. If he is elected, as we believe he will be, it will be of course gratifying to us; but if his opponent is chosen, let us tell our very "fair" and "independent" contemporary, we will cheerfully accept the popular verdict. But in either case, the people of London will continue to live in harmony and to co-operate for the advancement of the public weal, even though by doing so they further falsify the statements of the Ottawa Journal. The fact is, notwithstanding our lively contests in the city of London, there is no place in Canada wherein the normal conditions which should prevail in respect to social and business intercourse are less interfered with, and in which there is greater average cordiality, than in this flourishing capital of Western Ontario. Therefore, on behalf of the city we repel the slander set on foot by the Ottawa Journal against it.

The Jiji of Japan prints a report of the advance in wages of 31 classes of mechanics in that country within the last two years. Hitherto the pay of the Japanese workmen has been low, but as the industrial development has proceeded, and the artificial wants of the people have increased wages have gone up with a bound. In many industries, such as carpentry, plastering, roofing, shoemaking, blacksmithing, tailoring, wages have been increased from 20 to 30 per cent since 1894.

#### London as a Manufacturing Center.

A Battle Creek, Mich., company meditates establishing a manufactory in this city.

Cannot the Messrs. McPherson, of Fingal, whose factory was recently burned down, be prevailed upon to start up again in this city? The St. Thomas Board of Trade is endeavoring to get the firm to locate there. But this is a splendid center in which to do business for a wide section of country, and the Messrs. McPherson ought to know it.

Mr. A. O. Howland, the Conservative candidate in Center Toronto, was elected M. P. in that city on the strength of the name of his brother, the well-known ex-mayor, according to a former resident of that city now living here. Not a few of the voters in humbler walks of life were induced to believe that they were still voting for the ex-mayor. Now they know differently. As Mr. Howland has been a comparative failure in the Legislature, the impression seems to prevail in Toronto that he is put up in this Dominion fight, after all the leading available men had declined, in order that he may be submitted to the gentle process of "killing off."

The Mail and Empire has discovered that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was "the lion of the hour at Washington." Better to be a lion than a mouse.

#### A Mayoralty Candidate's Hind-sight.

Many citizens have expressed surprise at the statements made by Dr. J. D. Wilson, one of the candidates for mayor, at a recent meeting held in London West. Dr. Wilson on that occasion attacked the civic sewerage system, and said it should be opposed. Now the system was adopted on the mandate of the people, given by popular vote. It was not begun till after long and earnest investigation and discussion. The best sanitary engineers were called in to advise the mayor, aldermen and board of health. The results of the inquiries and the intentions of the civic authorities were printed and published. But no opposition was raised to the system adopted, which is in successful operation in many cities and towns both in England and on this continent, though Dr. Wilson, in his speech, led his hearers to infer that the London Asylum system was the only one of the kind.

If Dr. Wilson held the opinion about the sewerage system that he now professes to hold at the time it was adopted, why did he not take his fellow-citizens into his confidence? He has been living in the city for some years, and he must have been here a year ago, when the matter was under consideration. The strong probability is that on this question Dr. Wilson is decidedly in the minority. Dr. C. T. Campbell, Mr. John Christie, and other members of the Board of Health did not act with precipitancy when they placed the scheme before the City Council, and through that body before the citizens. Mayor Little has never performed civic business with his eyes shut, and he did not accept the sewerage system until it was not only indorsed by the best engineering experts that could be obtained, but shown, from the experience of other municipalities, to be the system best suited to the wants of London. His view was coincided in by Sir John Carling, who from the first has taken a lively interest in the completion of the system. The City Council thoroughly understood its duty when it almost unanimously indorsed the scheme now in progress, and which is found to be much less expensive than even the engineers estimated.

The people of London will hardly be warranted in electing to the chair of the chief magistrate a gentleman who sets up his inexperienced dictum against that of men who have, at the bidding of the electors, made the sewerage system a study, and are now engaged in providing the most efficient, the most economical and the best that can be supplied by a skilled sanitary engineer, who has pledged his professional reputation to make it a success.

One of the chief duties of the mayor of 1898, indeed, will be to see that the sewerage works are properly completed. In ordinary concerns of life men do not put persons in charge who are prejudiced against the work in hand. Does Dr. Wilson expect that the citizens of London will apply a different standard in the selection of managers of their civic concerns?

The death at Stoneham, Mass., of Eddie Buckman, one of the pupils of the grammar school, was the direct result of football as it is played in the colleges. He was downed with the ball and the other boys piled on top of him. When the scrimmage was over the under boy had received injuries which resulted in his death. Would not the game have enough of excitement without this deadly mauling on the top of a fallen player? Even in prize-fighting, one brawler is not allowed to pummel his antagonist when down, or to strike him below the belt when up.

The West Wellington Liberals will meet in convention at Palmerston on Thursday, Dec. 2, to nominate a candidate for the Legislature.

VARYING CIRCUMSTANCES.  
A boy will miss his school, and scream if he perchance his toe should stub. But, when he's joined a football club, you couldn't hurt him with a club.

—[Washington Star.]

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## The Jingo Spirit.

Bishop Doane Earnestly Condemns It.

The Voter, the Newspaper, the Preacher and the Patriot Should Frown It Down.

Albany, Nov. 20.—Right Rev. William Cronwell Doane, bishop of Albany, presided at the annual convention of the clergy and delegates of the Albany Diocese. In his annual address, the bishop reviewed the proceedings of the meeting of bishops of the Anglican communion, held this year in London. He referred to a committee report in favor of international arbitration, saying: "There can be no question but that within the past few years, from various causes, and with some fault on both sides, the minds of men have been accustomed to the thought of a possible resort to arms as the settlement of international disputes. Between England and America. We are responsible for the spirit that has been aroused in America, and which has in it the seeds of international horror. It is unfortunate for us that our public men are, by the force of our constant political changes, untrained either in the art or in the language of diplomacy. It is still more unfortunate when statesmen forget the art and language of courtesy."

#### TWO PRESENT DANGERS.

"Always in an amalgamated civilization like ours, when we have not yet become one nation, but are a large conglomeration of innumerable nationalities only in process of assimilation, there are two dangers—one the assertion of old-time prejudices and antagonisms which have no place in our soil and no reference to our relations to any other country in the world, and the other the unpardonable political device of pandering to some of these transplanted prejudices in order to secure votes for one or the other of our political parties. I am sure that the more thoughtful men in England look with amazement and astonishment on what sometimes seems to them, from the unbridled violence of our partisan newspapers, the feeling of hatred and dislike of England in America. I am sure of the absence of all such feeling among thoughtful people in America. With these extreme expressions of violence, the English government, the English people, and the English press have been most patient. But, unless we recognize our relations to them, the recklessness of speech, the facility of arousing prejudices and the danger of provoking even the most patient strength, we may bring about a state of things infinitely disgraceful and infinitely dangerous to our Christianity and our civilization. Just where the word 'jingo' came from matters not, nor where the ugly thing which it describes originated. I am quite well aware that he exists in England, and that the spirit which animates him is more or less lying dormant and ready to be roused, but nobody can doubt its prevalence and its unkindly utterances among us. It is the spirit of boastfulness, selfishness, arrogance, conceit. It is unworthy of our manhood, and a discredit to our Christianity. In an individual it is most odious to everybody with whom he comes in contact. The theory that the old revolutionary spirit which regarded England as a tyrant is kept alive by the study of our school books of history, may have some weight. If it has, it is time that the school books were corrected, so that children shall be taught that the English of 100 years ago is as different from the England of today as the America of this century is different from the America of the revolution. The theory that we are still sore and smarting under the prevalent English sympathy with the south during the civil war may have some weight. If it be true, surely it

is the sign of high-minded intelligence to recognize that in the outcome of that war we have become strong enough to forgive the people that misunderstood us.

#### IMPORTED QUARRELS AND HATREDS.

"The more serious fact, which ought to be both restrained and rebuked, is that if we give protection in America to people from other lands, who accounted themselves oppressed and injured by foreign governments when they were at home, we have the right to demand from them that they shall leave their quarrels behind them, and that in America there shall be no distinctions of German-Americans or Irish-Americans, or Americans of any qualification whatever. And for that wretched party spirit, which for the serving of temporary political ends is capable of risking the permanent horrors of an alienation between two nations which are absolutely one in origin, in character, interest, in history, in religion, there ought to be at the polls, in the press, from the pulpit and in the personal intercourse of intelligent men the sternest denunciation and the most incessant rebuke. No greater outrage, it seems to me, can be conceivable, and no more lasting and serious injury to all the best interests of humanity throughout the world, than the severance or even the straining of the close tie which binds America to England. A war would be only less a fratricidal war than our unfortunate rebellion; but the prevention of it must not be by the machinery of statecraft and cabinet counsel, but by the cultivation of the true spirit and temper of the peoples of both nations."

#### THE HERALD'S APPLAUSE.

New York, Nov. 20.—Referring editorially to the address of Bishop Doane, the Herald says: "Bishop Doane has done a public service by his address to the clergy of the Diocese of Albany, and in favor of arbitration. He occupies a position which lends weight to his words. His character lends weight to them also. We welcome, either from the pulpit or from the episcopal chair, such appeals to the spirit of good sense and of peace. Never is a clergyman better employed than when he discourages malice, hatred and all jingo uncharitableness."

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