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It is not strange that Canada should have the lowest death rate of all Christian countries when it is known that she also has the lowest drink rate.

Indignation is a virtue, and so is violence; but the former should not be cherished, or the latter exercised till all the other methods have been tried in vain. This is the great thought in the Cromwell memorial sermon of Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, and it should find a response in every heart that loves the purity and triumph of Christ's kingdom.

The sixth General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed churches is appointed to meet in Washington on the 27th of September next. Beyond the date and place of meeting little has been made known. Considerable surprise is being expressed at the persistent silence respecting the arrangements. It is supposed that delegates have been made acquainted with all that concerns their private accommodation, but the public also has an interest in this great gathering of representative church leaders.

There are homes whose influence is against piety. In them the Bible is never read, the voice of prayer is never heard, the name of Jesus is spoken only in blasphemy. It is a miracle of grace when the children of such a home are brought to Christ. But God sometimes finds his jewels in most unlikely places. Now and then, like the dying Jacob, he crosses his hands, and bestows the greatest blessings where they are least expected. The children of Christian parents are highly favored, and their unbelief is without excuse.

At a crowded street corner the other day a bicyclist ran into an old negro, who had been crowded off the sidewalk. We expected an explosion, but the old man looked up with the jolliest face imaginable, and called out, "It's all right, sah, I wuz in yowh way an' you wuh in mine!" There was a relieved laugh from the bicyclist, a mutual apology, and the two dropped into their respective channels of travel again. The incident, though an untoward one, left no unpleasant memory, indeed we doubt not that both smiled as they recalled it afterwards. How many jagged edges might be smoothed off during each day were there an effort to give a good-humored setting to an unpleasant encounter.

Rev. James Tresidder, says the C. E. World, made the Toronto, Ont., Endeavorers happy by consenting to hasten thither and speak at their rousing echo meeting. In behalf of the 6,000 societies of Great Britain, he welcomed all the children to the maternal reception next year. His son, Mr. Sidney Tresidder, favored the audience with a solo, and Mr. S. J. Duncan Clarke, and Mr. G. Tower Fergusson, without whom no Canadian Endeavor gathering would be complete, added their quota of Detroit memories and responses to the motherland.

It is stated on the best authority that Pundita Ramabal, who has returned to India, intends to give herself more distinctly to religious work. Henceforth she will be a missionary devoting herself more and more to the work of evangelization. But is not this result a logical and spiritual sequence? Is it not inevitable that those who begin with the purpose of doing mainly humanitarian work should end in the aspiration to redeem the whole nature? And if this supreme work is undertaken, will anything less than a Divine Redeemer be sufficient as a helper?

Before the new century opens we shall add the "Yukon Presbytery" to the list, as we have the Kootenay this year. There are already six men in the field or all but there. They are men of whom the Church may well be proud. They have already received sufficient adulation to turn the heads of ordinary men, but they have been supremely indifferent to it. The work they are doing is stable, and they have established a cause where weaker men would have done worse than fall. The latest arrival will give a good account of himself.

The question of the rate of speed at which the Psalms and Hymns in the Book of Praise ought to be sung has engaged the attention of the Music Committee as a matter of very great importance. In order that some approach towards uniformity throughout the Church be reached the committee have compiled the pamphlet, "Helps to the Use of the Presbyterian Book of Praise." The scope and purpose of the "Helps" will be found fully explained in the preface, which concludes as follows: "An earnest effort has been made to avoid at once that unseemly haste which borders on the irreverent, and an equally objectionable heaviness; and to attain a reverent mean, in keeping with the grave sweet melody of the sanctuary, and an interesting variety of speed suited to the structure of each tune, and the character of each Psalm and Hymn. Cordial thanks are due R. A. Becket, Esq., Montreal, who, by unceasing labor and patient investigation has rendered very valuable service in the preparation of these helps."

Copies can be had on application to the Governor of the Musical Committee, Rev. Alex. MacMillan, Toronto.

What a tremendous waste of energy there is in the Christian Church! In a church of one hundred members there are twenty workers. We are not at present concerned with the eighty inactive members, but with the twenty who do the work. It is safe to say that among the twenty there are at least ten methods of doing the work. Why could not these good people get together and agree upon one method, which might not commend itself wholly to any one of them, but which would commend itself, on the whole, to all of them? Is it because it calls for more grace than is possessed by the average church member, even among the workers, who possess that useful commodity in

much greater abundance than their brothers who exist only? If the Century Fund movement contributes only a little towards a combination of the working element in the Church, it will have justified its existence. It ought to be possible to concentrate the full strength of the Church upon any desired point at any desired time. Some day God may raise up a leader whom all will follow.

Discrediting or Accrediting.

At some time in the life of every man his energy is spent in an effort to secure pre-eminence. Afterwards it becomes for some a struggle for existence. To gain a place in the highest rank, men adopt one of two methods. Some seek to rise by pulling others down, some climb through the mass till their head shows above that of their fellows.

The former policy, that of discrediting companions in the struggle is painfully common. The game of politics, for at best it is little more, holds a larger place in the public mind than any other, and the rule of the game is—discredit the other party. The press, the most powerful of all agencies in the shaping of public opinion, gives its best strength to the discussion of party issues. Even great moral questions are not discussed so much upon their merits as with respect to the issue to the party of settling them in this or in that way. This spirit, so evident in the daily press, is also seen in the lives of the people.

One is not surprised to find this spirit in the realm of the secular life. One does not expect to meet it when one enters the circle of the religious life. It is distinctively antagonistic to the teachings of Him by whose name religious men desire to be known. Yet we find it operating openly, even within the precincts of the Church. Two congregations are joined under one charge, one man ministers to them, yet they have as little of the spirit of co-operation as if the one were Jew and the other Samaritan. Two charges are in the same town calling "good cheer" one to the other as they work side by side for Christ. And yet, the new family just moved into town hears all the faults of each during the first week of residence there. Two men are nominated for some position in the church, and before the day of the election the congregation is aghast that men of such monstrous character should have ever been mentioned for the position. It has been even hinted that certain congregations when vacant obtain the most of their information concerning the short-comings of the candidates from the lips of certain of those who are themselves candidates. And a certain religious journal systematically misrepresents other journals in the same field in order that it may secure the patronage that has hitherto gone to the rival journals.

Some will justify, or at least excuse such action on the ground of the prevalence of similar practices in the everyday life. But we, who are followers of Christ, are in the world for other purposes than to conform to its practices. We have another standard of life than that by which the world is governed. It is ours to induce others to rise to that standard. We can accomplish this only by strictly conforming to the higher standard ourselves.

It is possible to rise by intrinsic merit. Progress may be slow, and success may be apparently indefinitely deferred, but when it does come it is not embittered by the memory of any one upon whom our foot was placed as we pushed our way upward.

It is a good divine that follows his own instructions.—Shakespeare.