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Sunday Concerts

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—If we may judge from the "tempest in the teapot" created by the innocent protest emanating from the Methodist Ministers' meeting against Sunday Concerts, it was like the inspired Word—"quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword." This comparison was suggested by reading the letter in your issue of Saturday signed "Common-Sense Christian;" since on the one hand it made him indignant, even wrathy, and, on the other, he claims that it aided Mr. Allen's audience on Sunday evening, in which he is so much interested. Now one would have thought that if the protest had filled Mr. Allen's house, it would have been welcomed by the champions of Sunday Concerts; whereas, in reality, it has so disturbed their peace of mind that they seem in danger of losing self-control.

"Common Sense Christian" is so unchristian like in charity that he would deprive those Ministers of their ordinary rights as citizens. Here are men, college trained, most of them bearing the hall-marks of the university, and charged with the responsibility of the spiritual oversight of 7,000 people of St. John's, many of whom are among our most intelligent citizens. Some of their people were preparing to take part in the concert as performers, and others to patronize it as hearers. There was no way open to the ministers of reaching those people before Sunday, when all arrangements would have been made, except by the public press; and yet generous "Common Sense Christian" claims that the protest was an "impertinence" and that "with some degree of propriety perhaps they might have suggested to their own flock to abtain from attending, but nothing further." Now, in view of that, what can ordinary mortals think of "Common Sense Christian's" brotherly sentiments?

"Common Sense Christian" thinks it "incongruous and inconsistent" in a body who believe so strongly in the value of song in the worship of God" to take that attitude. But is it? The fact is they have such lofty conceptions of Sacred Song, especially of these great compositions and of the glorious words to which they are set, that to have the whole prostituted to a commercial basis on the Lord's Day, was more than they could stand for. And upon Mr. Allen's own confession (and he cannot truthfully deny it), the desire to augment his income was his great object in selecting Sunday for his concerts.

As to the comparison between such Sunday concerts and the performance of ordinary Ministerial duties on Sundays, it only applies if these duties are performed on that day merely for the sake of the money that may be derived therefrom. In that case they are on a par. He that serves at the sacred altar is entitled to partake of the gifts upon the altar, but he that serves merely for the sake of gifts, is guilty of sacrilege.

And now a single word respecting the "impertinence" of the protest in view of the fact that the concert was under the patronage of the Bishop.

To begin with, I have no hesitation in affirming that Methodist Ministers of this city share, to the fullest extent, in the respect and admiration so universally cherished for the Bishop of Newfoundland. They esteem it a privilege to follow his leadership in any good word and work. Let the Bishop sound the note of reform at any time, and he will have no more devoted helpers than those Ministers. But should that respect and admiration preclude them from sounding a warning note to their own people when in their judgment a warning note is necessary? Does the Bishop himself think that in these matters he should have control of the conscience and judgment of Methodist Ministers? They recognize that he must be free to use his judgment in all such matters, irrespective of the opinion of others. May they not reasonably expect the same recognition extended to them? Is any kind of co-operation possible apart from such mutual recognition? In the last analysis, every man must stand or fall to his own Master.

Nor should the Ministers be affected by the results of their protest. Suppose it resulted, as "Common Sense Christian" claims, in a larger house for the concert; that does not prove their action a mistake. The messenger of Christ must deliver his soul whether men hear or whether they forbear.

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor,
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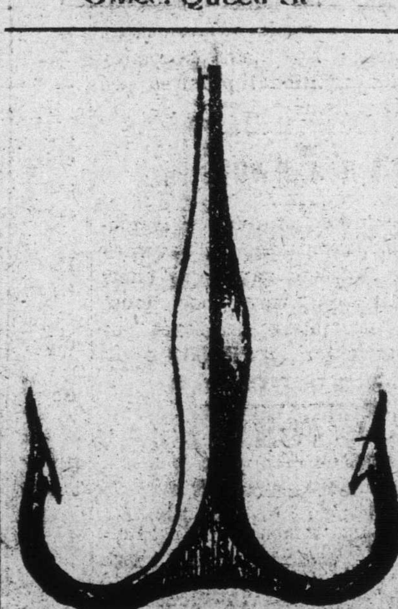

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"Girls of wifely inclinations have the pink tint just below the gums. It can be readily seen if one will look closely. The color is in the enamel and not, as some dentists state, an overhanging of the gums.

"It would seem that the best course for a young man to pursue when he has doubts about the sincerity of his sweetheart is to have a dentist examine her teeth. I know one who did this. He found that his sweetheart had chalky teeth and that she loved him for his money. These are scientific facts. The disposition of a person can also be determined by the formation of his teeth. If you see a person with square, white, clear teeth the chances are he or she will have a strong character and will and this is simply "to stir you to come to distinction in the world."

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"Our orders for to-morrow are still larger, and we have sold over ten pages of small advertisements. The normal size of this paper will be, as to-day, twenty-four pages, but it will run up as high as thirty."

The paper is exactly the same in quality and print as the two-penny edition, and how it is to be made a paying proposition is a problem that is puzzling Fleet Street. According to its last balance sheet the Times made a profit of $100,000 last year; about two per cent. on its capital.

Two Children Burned to Death

Cochran, Ontario, March 18.—Fire which destroyed the farm house of K. A. Bielk, a Russian, was responsible for the death of two of his children, one aged two and a half years, and the other aged nine months. Yesterday Mrs. Bielk went out to feed the chicken and she left the two children in the house. When she emerged from the hen house she saw smoke issuing from the dwelling and on rushing inside was able to grab the infant and bring it out and throw it in the snow, but not in time to save its life. She attempted to rescue the other child, but was driven back by the flames. In her efforts at rescue she was badly burned about the face and arms.

Reported Brigands Killed

FIFTEEN HUNDRED CHINESE.

Peking, March 17.—The Government troops at King Tze-Kwan, in the Province of Ho-Nan, were defeated today by a force of brigands commanded by "White Wolf," who recently looted and burned Lao Ho-Kow in the Province of Hu-Peh. On that occasion they murdered Dr. T. Froyland, a Norwegian missionary, and wounded the Rev. O. M. Sama, another Norwegian.

According to reports from missionaries "White Wolf's" desperadoes killed 1,500 of the Chinese inhabitants of Lao Ho-Kow and tortured another 400 to force them to disclose hidden treasures. They looted property worth millions of dollars.

The brigands are now threatening Sian-Fu, capital of the State of Shen-Si.

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