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Tug-of-War in Tralee

A Parnellite Meeting Becomes a Mob.

Cracked Crowns and Broken Bones the Order of the Day.

The Steamer Ariel Run Into and Sent to the Bottom.

Two Hundred and Fifty Deaths from Cholera Daily in Meshed, Persia—Hot Weather Shuts Up the London Theaters.

Too Hot for the Theater.

LONDON, June 12.—The unusual heat prevailing here has proved a final settler to the theatrical season, which, all the newspapers agree, has been the worst season for years. Several managers already announce the last nights of the plays now running at their theaters.

Steamer Sunk in the British Channel.

LONDON, June 12.—The steamship Ariel, of Hull, foundered yesterday in the English Channel after a collision with the steamship Lancashire. The Lancashire struck the Ariel with such force as to very nearly cut her in two, but the crew were fortunately rescued before the Ariel went down and have landed at Weymouth.

The Antilles Drenched.

HAVANA, June 12.—Heavy rains and floods prevailed in Cuba during the past week. Matanzas, Batabano, Guines, Ajuacate and Guarua are partly inundated. Several other small towns are also flooded, and the damage done is very heavy. Many small vessels in the harbor have been wrecked. A number of bridges have been destroyed and four persons lost their lives.

The London Money Market.

LONDON, June 12.—Discount was in active demand during the past week, quoted at ⅜ for three months and ½ for short. The suspension of the new Oriental Bank had no disturbing effect. On the Stock Exchange business was resumed after the holidays in a half-hearted way, being best yesterday, when a generally stronger tendency was made. American railroads were irregular.

Cholera's Ravages.

LONDON, June 12.—A dispatch from Meshed, in northeast Persia, says all the Europeans in that city have escaped safely from the cholera, which is ravaging Meshed and the province of Khoeassan. Among the natives the deaths have reached 250 daily. The disease is of a most virulent type. Persons seemingly perfectly well are seized with the disease while passing along the streets or attending to their usual business, and in a few hours many of them are dead. No panic prevails, for the people look upon the epidemic as a visitation from God, and with the calm indifference that characterizes the Orientals, bury their dead in the usual manner within the precincts of the town.

The Kaiser and the Prince.

BERLIN, June 12.—The papers are still occupied in discussing the doubtful prospects of a reconciliation between Emperor William and Prince Bismarck.

An extraordinary story has recently been circulated to the effect that the Emperor, while passing through Freidsrichruhe on a recent journey, ordered the train on which he was traveling to be stopped and sent a message to Prince Bismarck requesting him to come to the train, as he desired to speak with him. Prince Bismarck decided to go, but was dissuaded from doing so by his wife and Count Herbert Bismarck, who insisted that he ought not to submit to be treated in such an off-hand manner. Finally a message was sent to the Emperor with the information that Prince Bismarck was unable to comply with his Majesty's request. Upon receiving this reply the Emperor proceeded on his journey.

Tug-of-War in Tralee.

DUBLIN, June 12.—Wm. Redmond, Edward Harrington and Henry Harrington were in Tralee this afternoon to address a large meeting of Parnellites. About 3,000 persons were present. They remained perfectly orderly until the chairmain prepared to introduce the speakers, when it became apparent that the meeting had been packed with anti-Parnellites. Then there were loud shouts against Mr. Harrington and Mr. Redmond, and cries of "Blackguard!" "Ireland's enemies!" and "Traitors!" The Parnellites raised counter shouts and began cheering for Parnell. Two fights were started near the platform, and one of the disturbers was knocked senseless. This was the signal for a general row. Several men came down from the platform and tried to restore order, but in vain. Clubs and stones were freely used and the meeting became a mob. Men were thrown to the ground and trampled and struck, coats were torn from the backs of those trying to escape from the fights and blows were leveled right and left without care as to whom they struck. Those on the outskirts pressed in towards the platform to aid their friends until all were so tightly packed that even the most peaceably inclined ones had to join in the fight in self-defense. The band which began playing early in the disturbance to drown the disorder was completely wrecked. A party of anti-Parnellites attacked the members with clubs, knocked down five of them, put the rest to flight, captured all the instruments, and stamped them to pieces. When Mr. Harrington stepped down from the platform to help to pacify the combatants he was struck in the shoulder with a stone and received on the back a blow from a heavy stick. He hastily returned to the platform. After the fight had lasted about ten minutes an extra force of constables arrived and they broke through the crowd, clubbing the participants and beating the leaders into temporary submission. The wounded were then carried away, and the meeting became quiet enough for the speakers to proceed. About 25 men were severely injured in the riot. Eight had broken bones and several were injured internally by being trampled by the crowd. Seven are said to be in critical conditions. About 100 men were less seriously injured. Half of the persons present had their clothes torn or were scratched and bruised.

Says the French Have Occupied Whydoh.

PARIS, June 12.—A dispatch sent out by the Havas agency says that the French have occupied Whydoh. The Minister of Marine, however, does not confirm the report.

The Dissolution of Parliament.

LONDON, June 13.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Balfour, the Government leader, stated that Parliament would be dissolved between June 19 and July 15.

Four Persons Killed.

ROME, June 13.—A cask of benzine was ignited accidentally in a shop in Pavia yesterday. The cask exploded, the floor and ceiling collapsed, and the building caught fire at once on the first and second floors. Four persons were killed and five were injured.

A Memorial of Gordon in Westminster.

LONDON, June 13.—The Royal Engineers have placed a bronze memorial to the late Gen. Gordon, of Chinese and Khartoum fame, in the nave of Westminster Abbey. The head of Gen. Gordon is in bas relief, and below is a shield bearing his titles, and mention of his exploits. The late Gen. Gordon did his first military service in the Royal Engineers, having entered that corps as second lieutenant, 40 years ago this month, and being promoted to first lieutenant two years later.

END OF A FAMOUS TRIAL.

Mrs. Carruthers Acquitted—Conflicting Expert Evidence at the Rainy River Trial.

PORT ARTHUR, June 13.—The evidence Saturday was largely given by experts, and as usual was very contradictory.

Dr. Clark, superintendent of Toronto Asylum; Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health; Dr. Macdonald, of Rat Portage; and Dr. Beck, of Port Arthur, all said the wounds indicated that an assassin had crept up from behind and shot the victim in the back of the head, and afterwards fired a second shot to finish him.

The letter alleged to have been left by Carruthers wes pronounced a forgery by his brother, Audron Carruthers, while Expert O'Dea, of Toronto, swore that the writing was identical with Mrs. Carruthers'.

At the inquest the prisoner swore the suicide took place at 10:30, and that she at once ran over to Jordan's. Neil McTague swore he saw her near Jordan's at 9 o'clock, and she hid from him behind a hay stack. The crown tried to show by this witness that she had fired one shot, and while her husband was dying went over to Jordan's, where she thought there was no man to give the alarm. By the time the men came home she expected her husband would be dead. Seeing McTague, she hid and returned home, when the second bullet was put into poor Carruthers' head, finishing him. Then she went over to Jordan's and gave the alarm.

Dr. Cameron, professor of clincial surgery in Toronto University, was strongly of opinion that deceased could have inflicted both wounds himself. In support of the contention that the deceased would have returned to consciousness after the first shot, he cited the case of young Woods, shot at Wells' Hill, Toronto, on Queen's Birthday, who returned to consciousness for four days prior to his death at the hospital. The course traversed by the bullet in this case was almost identical with that traversed by the bullet in young Woods' head.

Maggie Eldridge, a school teacher, spent the night before the supposed murder at the prisoner's house. The deceased was despondent. After his death she noticed the prisoner felt very badly.

William Fotheringham, on whose account the murder was supposed to have been committed, denied undue intimacy with Mrs. Carruthers.

After eloquent addresses of counsel and an exhaustive charge by Judge Armour, the case was given to the jury, who brought in a verdict at a late hour declaring Mrs. Carruthers not guilty.

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

John Redmond has arrived in New York. He won't talk politics.

Wm. Truesdale, of Beatrice, Neb., ha been granted an absolute divorce from his wife Amelia because she was an incorrigible gossip.

The British steamer Rialto, of Hull, Eng., is ashore on the rocks near Nobska lighthouse, says a Vineyard Haven, (N.H.) dispatch.

Near Doniphan, Neb., a terrific hailstorm on Sunday evening played havoc with fruit and crops. It backed up two feet deep in some places.

John Golson, of the Judson Manufacturing Company, San Francisco, Cal., was robbed of $17,000 on Saturday by two men, who compelled him at the point of revolvers to disgorge. He was on his way to Emoryville station to pay the company's employes.

Buflalo's big flood on Thursday caused great excitement on the west side of the city. There was no loss of life, but many narrow escapes. School children and others were rescued in patrol and ice wagons. The rainfall was the heaviest ever recorded there. Considerable damage to property is reported.

Both Drowned.

TORONTO, June 12.—Frederick Wing, aged 20, and Eva Berkinshaw, aged 18, members of very respectable families in the city, engaged a boat from Jas. Connacher and went out on the bay yesterday. They did not return. Their bodies were found about 9 o'clock this morning.

Paying Rent With a Rose.

MANHEIM, Pa., June 13.—The ground on which is erected Zion s new Lutheran Church was donated to the congregation 120 years ago for the consideration of an annual payment of one red rose by Baron Henry William Seigel, who founded Manheim, and was the first glass and iron manufacturer of any note in the United States. He demanded the rose twice, and was paid. The Baron died poor and filled an unknown grave, and the payment was not legally demanded until to-day, when, by arrangement, Mr. J. C. Seigel, a great-grandson of the Baron, came from Harrisonburg, Va., to receive it. Services throughout the day had a memorial tinge. Rev. Mr. Menges preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "I am the rose of Sharon." The afternoon was devoted solely to exercises incident to the payment of the rose and interest, the whole town taking part.

Convention Echoes.

Harrison's Nomination a Victory for the Machine.

His Support Drawn Largely from the Democratic States.

Comments of the Press and Views of Public Men.

DUE TO THE POWER OF PUBLIC PLUNDER.

DETROIT, June 12.—The Detroit News' Washington correspondent says: "Harrison has been renominated, but in a convention which has been unexampled in the history of the party for bitterness, unscrupulousness and intrigue. He defeated the Blaine conspiracy and overthrew the Blaine conspirators, Platt, Quay and Clarkson, three of the most magnificent marplots of the party. But this defeat does not stamp him as a candidate representing the great moral force of his party. He owes his nomination solely to the power of public plunder. His delegates at Minneapolis were marshaled by the same methods and with all the precision of the blocks of five that were necessary to carry his own State for him four years ago by the paltry plurality of a little more than 2,000. His campaign for renomination was in the hands of as fine a set of political cutthroats as those with whom they combatted. The commander-in-chief of his hard-riding troopers was the prince of political chicanery, John C. New, whose record is odious even in that paradise of political marplots, the doubtful State of Indiana. At the head of his long roll of delegates were the fourteen members from Arkansas, headed by the notorious Powell Clayton, the worst of all the Southern carpet-bag statesmen. No State in the union was so misgoverned, robbed, plundered and outraged as the State of Arkansas during the few years that it suffered from his domination. Since the restoration of good government in that state Clayton's sole political power has been to name delegates to the national convention, and his only political prestige has been derived from his success in delivering the goods to the highest bidder at the convention. President Harrison promised the price and Powell Clayton turned over the black chattels that he sold to Alger four years ago to head the long roll of delegates that gave Benjamin Harrison his renomination. Harrison could not have been nominated except for the horde of 200 of his office-holders who sat in the convention and who had been paid for their suffrages by the offices which they held on the promise of future continuance in their places. Ridiculous as was the showing made by his opponents in the convention, they controlled many more delegates from Republican States than did President Harrison.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, June 12.—The burden of the comments of all the evening papers o the nomination of President Harrison and the selection of Mr. Whitelaw Reid as the Republican candidate for vice-president, is joy over the defeat of Blaine.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Even those least in sympathy with Mr. Blaine as a politician may share a passing regret at the cruel disappointment of the man who is the ablest Republican and most astute politician in the United States."

The Globe says: "For once the American caucus was of real interest to outsiders, especially England. In view of the dissension in the Democratic party the nominee of yesterday stands a good chance of being the next President. It was a happy thing that the caucus decided overwhelmingly against the great wire-puller, whose entire career has been marked with attempts to make party capital out of foreign politics."

The Star publishes a most violent attack on Mr. Blaine because of his protection principles, and sums up its estimate of President Harrison's qualifications by declaring that he is "a quiet, unassuming old gentleman of great personal integrity, but without ability." It then predicts the nomination of Mr. Cleveland by the Democrats and concludes by saying: "The sympathies of all Free Traders and Liberals should be with the champion of reform—Grover Cleveland."

MARVELS OF TELEGRAPHY.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 12.—The Associated Press bulletin service for the last day of the convention was phenomenal. Bulletins announcing the nomination were received and posted at all the telegraph points in America within less than five minutes—most of them within two—and the news only took 1½ minutes to reach London. The special service from this city (exclusive of regular Associated Press reports) reached as high as 422,000 words in one day.

TRIGGER.

The Windsor Keystone Gun Club shot a match with a picked team from Detroit the other day. The shoot was for supper, and was won by the Windsor club. Score, 163 to 162.

The second match in the Dominion Military Rifle League was shot on Saturday at Toronto. No. 1 Company, R. S. I., London, scored 644 points.

The Mackenzie Memorial.

No regular list of subscriptions to the Alexander Mackenzie Memorial Fund has yet been made in Hamilton, but several gentlemen have informally promised sums of $50 and upwards, in addition to the following:

A. T. Wood	$1,000
G. Rutherford	500
J. M. Lottridge	200
F. S. Malloch	200

Deaths by Drowning.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 13.—Specials report the drowning of Fred Passer and Paul Monky at Atcheson yesterday; Thos. Helberger at Lacrosse; Thedora Stricker at Edgerton; Henry Wagner at Antigo, and Louis Berketwinski, aged 15, in Milwaukee River.

Toronto Methodists Vote Down Division

TORONTO, June 12.—At Saturday morning's session of the Toronto Methodist Conference the report of the boundaries committee was exhaustively discussed. The proposal to divide the city of Toronto between two conferences was strongly opposed. Dr. Hugh Johnston moved that the conference express no opinion at this stage, but await the action of next General Conference. Dr. Johnston's amendment carried by an overwhelming vote.

Late Canadian News

A Quebec Bank Teller and $2,000 Missing—A Government Official Drowned Near Ottawa.

There were 36 business failures this week in Canada, against 34 last week and 32 a year ago.

Matthew Sutherland, a young resident of Kildonan, Man., was drowned while bathing in Red River.

A true bill has been found against Thos. Paquin, ex-deputy postmaster at Hull, for stealing money letters.

A notorious Montreal thief and jailbird, Edward Carmody, was on Saturday sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for stealing a watch.

The receiving teller of La Banque du Peuple did not turn up at his post Saturday morning, and it is reported that he has left town suddenly and that his shortage is about $2,000.

Two mining experts, Mr. Foster, of Colorado, and M. Gillen, of Montana, are investigating Canada gold mines at Marmora. The attraction is the new process used by the Crawford mill.

Charles Hughes, of Springwell, Mich., and Frank and Thomas Rochelle, of Windsor, Ont., have been arrested for smuggling four barrels of wine. The prisoners' boat, horse and wagon and the wine were seized.

The corner stone of St. James' Episcopal Church, Merritton, was laid Saturday afternoon with Masonic ceremonies, and the presence of a large crowd. Past Grand Master Hugh Murray, of Hamilton officiated.

The sad news has been received of the death in Chicago of J. S. Fraser, son of John M. Fraser, of Stratford. Deceased was 27 years of age and leaves a young widow, formerly Miss Sanderson, of Stratford.

Sir Oliver Mowat lectured in Woodstock Friday night on "Christianity and Some of Its Fruits." During the afternoon he was presented with an address on behalf of Oxford county, congratulating him on his new title.

A meeting of the Brant County Fruit Growers' Association was held in the county court house Saturday afternoon. Mr. Thomas Ivey, president, occupied the chair. The raspberry crop was reported slim, but the strawberry crop most promising, though rather late.

Thomas Cross, chief clerk of the Department of Railways, was drowned on Saturday night in Rideau River near Ottawa. He was 56 years old and had lived in Ottawa for nearly 30 years. He entered the civil service in 1866. He leaves a widow and one son, practicing law in Algoma.

At Friday's session of the Midland Counties Association of the Baptist Churches, in Stratford, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. R. R. McKay, Cheltenham, moderator; R. D. Warren, Georgetown, clerk; Rev. James Hamilton, assistant clerk; executive committee, Rev. Dr. Macdonald, R. D. Warren and Rev. W. Hartley; committee on resolutions, Rev. J. D. Freeman, Rev. Wm. Carey and Rev. E. Haines.

The Freemasons of Kingston will build a temple after the securing of a prominent site.

Rev. G. R. Turk, of Sarnia, has arrived at Winnipeg to take charge of Grace Church.

Hamilton people now reach the top of the mountain at James street by an incline railway.

Col. Walker Powell, the adjutant-general, is lying seriously ill at his residence in Ottawa.

It is reported that Mr. Justice Fournier, of the Supreme Court of Canada, will shortly resign that position.

A Hamilton woman is suing the Hamilton Electric Light Company for $2,000 damages. One of the company's line repairers dropped a pair of pincers on her head.

The cornerstone of St. James' Episcopal Church at Merritton was laid on Saturday afternoon with Masonic ceremonies, attended by many prominent craftsmen from different parts of the Province.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at its meeting in Montreal on Saturday condemned in strong

ed by the sufferers and all residents of Titusville." Some 59 bodies have been buried and several persons are still missing. We do not need clothing, food or other supplies. Our need will be for money to relieve those who have lost by fire and flood and to repair the enormous destruction of property. The district devastated extends through the entire length of the city for about one mile and a half. Its breadth is from one-eighth to one-fourth of a mile. The estimated loss of property exceeds $1,000,000. The losses fall chiefly on the poor and the laboring class. Within the bounds named were more than 150 dwellings, workshops, manufactories and oil refineries where labor was employed. The loss of personal property in the homes of the people was almost total, while very many lost not only their houses and contents, but the ground on which they stood.

THE OIL CITY DEATH ROLL.

OIL CITY, Pa., June 12.—The 54th body was found here to-day. This completes Oil City's dead, all the missing being now found or accounted for.

Steamers Arrived.

	At	From
June 11.		
Toronto	Cape Race	Liverpool
June 12.		
Etruria	New York	Liverpool
La Bretagne	Father Point	Liverpool
Numidian	New York	Hamburg
Rugia	New York	Havre
June 13.		From
Plassey	Father Point	Bristol
Sarnia	Liverpool	Montreal
P. Calland	New York	Amsterdam
Spaarndam	Southampton	New York

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER.

Helpful Words of Counsel to Young Converts.

The Entrance Upon Christian Life is Only the Implantation of Grace in the Heart—A High Model Required—Pernicious Associations — Work, Prayer and Biblical Research.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 12.—Dr. Talmage prefaced his sermon this morning with a statement to the effect that he would sail on Wednesday next for Europe, and might be able to be present at the distribution in the famine-stricken districts of Russia of the Christian Herald relief cargo, consisting of 3,000,000 pounds of flour and other supplies which goes out this week on the steamship Leo, chartered for the purpose. He congratulated the American people on the generous spirit evinced by this magnificent gift to the starving people. His sermon was from the text, Ephesians vi.-xi. "Put on the whole armor of God."

There is in this text a great rattle of shields and helmets, and swords. Soldiers are getting ready for battle. We have had recently in this church new enlistments, and I shall address myself to those in this and other churches who are putting on the armor of God, and who may feel themselves to be as yet only raw recruits. "Masterly retreat" is a term often used in military circles, but in religion there is no such thing. It is either glorious advance or disgraceful and ignominious falling back. It would be a strange thing if all our anxiety about men ceased the moment they were converted. You would almost doubt the sanity of that farmer who having planted the corn and seen it just sprout above ground, should say, "My work is all done. I have no more anxiety for the field. No. There is work for the plow and the hoe, and there must be a careful keeping up of the fences, and there must be a frightening away of the birds that would pillage the field. And I say the entrance upon Christian life is only the implantation of grace in the heart. There is earnest, hard work yet to be done, and perhaps many years of anxiety before there shall be heard the glorious shout of "Harvest home." The beginning to be a Christian is only putting down the foundation; but after that there are years of hammering, polishing, carving, lifting before the structure is completed. It takes five years to make a Christian character; it takes 20 years; it takes 40 years; it takes 70 years, if a man shall live so long. In other words, a man dying after half a century of Christian experience feels that he has only learned the A B C's of a glorious alphabet. The next year will decide a great deal in your history, young Christian man. It will decide whether you are to be a burning and shining light of the church, or a spark of grace covered up in a barrel of ashes.

My first word of counsel is, hold before your soul a very high model. Do not say, "I wish I could pray like that man, or speak like this man, or have the consecration of this one." Say: "Here is the Lord Jesus Christ, a perfect pattern. By that I mean, with God's grace, to shape all my life." In other words you will never be any more a Christian than you strive to be. If you build a foundation 20 by 30 feet you will only have a small house. If you build a foundation 100 by 100 feet, you will have a large house. If you resolve to be only a middling Christian, you will only be a middling Christian. If you have no high aspiration in a worldly direction you will never succeed in business. If you have no high aspiration in religious things you will never succeed in religion.

I believe when the Christian soul at last comes into the harbor of heaven it will come bearing upon it the marks of a great stress of weather. You can see by the very looks of that soul as it comes into glory that it was driven by a storm and dashed in the hurricane; but by so much as the voyage is rough will the harbor be blessed. "If ye suffered with him on earth, ye shall be glorified with him in heaven." Aim high. Do not be satisfied to be like the Christians all around about you. Be more than they have ever been for Christ. An old Arabian king was showing a beautiful sword that had been given him, when one of his courtiers said: "This sword is too short. You cannot to anything with it." Said the king's son: "To a brave man no sword is too short. If it be too short, take one step in advance, and then it is long enough." So I say to any Christian who may feel that he has poor weapons with which to fight against sin and darkness and death: "Advance upon the enemy. In the strength of Christ go forward. God is for you, and if God be for you, who can be against you? Remember that God never puts you in battle but he gives you weapons with which to fight."

My second word of counsel to those who have recently entered upon Christian life is: Abstain from all pernicious associations, and take only those that are useful and beneficent. Stay out of all associations that would damage your Christian character. Take only those associations that will help you. If we get into company a little better than ourselves and there are ten people in that company, ten chances to one we will be bettered. If we get into company a little worse than ourselves, and there be ten people in that company, ten chances to one we will be made worse than we were before.

Now, when a young Christian enters the church God does not ask him to retire from the world. Isolation is not demanded by the Bible. A man may use the world with the restriction of not abusing it. But just as soon as you find any surroundings pernicious to your spiritual interest quit those associations.

My next word of counsel is that you be actively employed. I see a great many Christians with doubts and perplexities, and they seem to be proud of them. Their entire Christian life is made up of gloom, and they seem to cultivate that spiritual despondency, when I will undertake to say that in nine cases out of ten spiritual despondency is a judgment of God upon the idleness. Who are the happy people in the church to-day? The busy people. Show me a man who professes the religion of Jesus Christ and is idle, and I will show you an unhappy man. The very first prescription that I give to a man when I find him full of doubt and fears about his eternal interest is to go to work for God. Ten thousand voices are lifted up asking for your help. Go and help.

I have another word of counsel to give those who have just entered Christian life, and that is, be faithful in prayer. You might as well, business man, start out in the morning without food and expect to be strong all that day—you might as well abstain from food all the week and expect to be strong physically as to be strong without prayer. The only way to get any strength into the soul is by prayer, and the only difference between that Christian that is worth everything and that who is worth nothing is the fact that the last does not pray and the other does.

A minister comes into the pulpit. He has a magnificent sermon, all the sentences rounded according to the laws of rhetoric and fine sermonizing, and the truth makes no impression on the hearts of men. People go away and say, "Very beautiful, wasn't it?" A plain man comes into the pulpit. He has been on his knees before God, asking for an especial message that day, and the hearts of men open to the plain truth, the broken sentences strike into their consciences, and, though the people may disperse at the close of the services seemingly without having received any impression, that night voices will be lifted in some household: "Men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved?" Oh, this power of prayer! Pray! Pray!

Another word of counsel I have to give. Be faithful in Bible research. A great many good books are now coming out. We cannot read half of them. At every revolution of the printing press they are coming. They cover our parlor table and are in our sitting rooms and libraries. Glorious books they are. We thank God every day for the work of the Christian printing press. But I have thought that perhaps the followers of Christ sometimes allow their religious literature to take their attention from God's word, and that there may not be as much Bible reading as there ought to be.

Read the Bible and it brings you into the association of the best people that ever lived. You stand beside Moses and learn his meekness, beside Job and learn his patience, beside Paul and catch something of his enthusiasm, beside Christ and you feel his love. And yet how strange it is that a great many men have given their whole lives to the assaulting of that book. I cannot understand it.

There is a ship at sea and in trouble. The captain and the crew are at their wits' end. You are on board. You are an old seaman. You come up and give some good counsel, which is kindly taken. That is all right. But suppose, instead of doing that, in the midst of all the trouble, you pick up the only compass that is on board and pitch it over the taffrail? Oh, you say, that is dastardly. But is it as mean as this? Here is the vessel of the world going on with 1,600,000,000 of passengers tossed and driven in the tempest, and at the time we want help the infidel comes and he takes hold of the only compass and he tries to pitch it overboard. It is contemptible beyond everything that is contemptible. Have you any better light? Bring it on if you have. Have you any better comfort to give us? Bring it on if you have. Have you any better hope? Bring it on if you have, and then you may have this Bible and I shall never want it again.

But I can think of a meaner thing than that, and that is an old man going along on the mountains with a staff in one hand and a lantern in the other. Darkness has come on suddenly. He is very old, just able to pick his way out amid the rocks and precipices, leaning on his staff with one hand and guiding himself with the light in the other. You come up and say, "Father, you seem to be lost. You are a long way from home." "Yes," he replies. And then you take him by the hand and lead him home. That is very kind of you. But suppose instead of that you should snatch the staff from his hands and hurl it over the rocks, and snatch the lantern and blow it out? That would be dastardly, contemptible until there is no depth of contempt beneath it. If you have a better staff give it to him. If you have a better light give it to him.

Cling to your Bible! If this Bible should be destroyed, if all the Bibles that were ever printed should be destroyed, we could make up a Bible right out of this audience. From that Christian man's experience I take one cluster of promises, and from that old Christian man's experience another, I put them all together, and I think I would have a Bible.

The Hamilton Steamboat Company are now running their fine steamers the Modjeska and Macassa, between Hamilton and Toronto, making four trips each way daily. They leave Hamilton at 7:45 and 10:45 a.m., and 2:15 and 5:30 p.m. These steamers were built on the Clyde expressly for this route and are reckoned the safest and finest boats on fresh water. The sail between the two cities cannot be excelled as the route is along the shore for the entire distance. b

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