

The Order One of the Noblest Features of Masonic Civilization

From the Dominion Churchman, March 11. The presbytery of Toronto has been fulminating against the masonic order and other secret societies after the manner of the pope of Rome. We say "pope of Rome," because there are so many "pope" now-a-days, it is well to be particular. The presbytery's ministers attribute the "headiness" of the "churches" to the influence of the benevolent societies. The antagonism between dissent and masonry, and other like societies, is nothing new. In England, as here, we believe many of the clergy are members of these orders and churches constitute the bulk of their members. The church recognizes wisely that the benevolent work of these societies, being based upon the recognition of human brotherhood, is entirely in line with the inspiration, motive and influence. If dissent had not destroyed the sense of brotherhood among Christians, the bitterness, narrowness, paritastic exclusiveness, if dissent had not taught men to delight in strife and division, and if it had not glorified selfishness, there would have been no need for the masonic and other orders, they could not have been brought into existence, for the ground would have been fully covered, and they could not have found room to live. But now these organizations are essential to social peace, they are sweet wells into which may be dipped the bitter branches which have grown out of the "tree of religious strife and therein sweetened. Besides this, the business of these societies, their receipt of substantial contributions from members, and the distribution of stated help to the sick and bereaved, is one of the noblest features in modern civilization. The teaching men to be prudent, to be self-respectful, to guard their independence, to protect their wives and families, is work upon which the church of God should bestow its heartiest benediction. The church which is afraid of human brotherhood, afraid of men being lifted above paperism, afraid of social genius, is afraid of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Lawyers and Lawyers.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: In your issue of Feb. 11, in answer to a subscriber you go on to say: "As a general thing the intellectual requirements exacted of lawyers by the several states are not so high as in Ontario. There are many eminent men among their number, but, as a class, they are hardly distinguished." Perhaps you are correct, but I will mention a few of the lawyers who have attained some degree of eminence in their own country, and are heard of occasionally in foreign parts, viz: Story, Brewster, Mansfield, Webster, Everett, Choate, Tom Corwin, Caleb Cushing, Wm. T. Evans, Charles O'Connor, Jas. T. Brady, Samuel Tilden, Ben Butler, Robt. Ingersoll. Have you not equal these legal lights in Canada, and what about one of the brightest of the English bar, Judah P. Benjamin.

BEFRESH.

Canadian lawyers will "average up" as far as intellectual ability is concerned, at least the equal of American barriesters, and that was the point discussed.—Ed.

Secret Societies.

To the Editor of The World. Sir: Not long ago I saw a pamphlet on the christian character of masonry, in which were extracts from their leading writers, proving that the name of Christ was specially excluded from their religious ceremonies. Masonry may, like insurance companies, give at death temporal relief to survivors, but christianity gives the true belief of the gospel, the assurance of everlasting life and blessedness. I think that it cannot be doubted that worldly or temporal interests are the root of all secret societies, and that their secrecy frequently leads to serious moral evils. In the dark ages they may have been used to preserve life, but now our enlightened legislation renders their existence unnecessary. E.

"Tollie" Torrance in a New Role.

A world reporter was in Union station last night when the express was leaving for the east. The reporter was much surprised to see an old colleague "yank" a man in Indian on to the train. The red man's ankles were encased in chains while his arms were neatly folded across his breast and held there by steel bracelets. The world reporter boarded the train and rode to the Don station. On the way the custodian of the Indian unbosomed his mission. He had become disgusted with newspaper life, was unappreciated, deputy sheriff up in Simcoe, and was on his way to Kingston with the Indian mail robber lately convicted at Barrie. The deputy sheriff was none other than "Tollie" Torrance, and it was his first official act.

Agricultural and Arts Association.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Arts association was held yesterday afternoon. Henry Waite, the secretary, announced the names of the gentlemen elected members of the council of the association for the next three years as follows: Division No. 9, Henry Parker, Woodstock; Division 10, Hugh Reid, Aunan P.O. Division 11, L. E. Shipley, Georgetown; Division 12, Stephen White, Chatham; Division 13, Charles Dury, M.P.P., Crown Hill. Joshua Legg of Gannaque, let vice-president, was unanimously elected president, George Moore of Watford, vice-president, and Mr. Graham was re-elected treasurer.

The City's Debt to the Northern.

The Northern railway company has an old claim against the city of Toronto amounting, it is said, to \$60,000. Interest was revived in the alleged debt at the meeting of the executive committee yesterday afternoon. Altho. Smith asked for some information in the matter, City Treasurer Harman promised to look up the papers and report to the committee. There is now in existence a printed opinion from James Bethune, Q.C., on the same subject.

Rescued From Death.

About 9.45 last night Policeman Munroe found Francis "Fangie" a farm laborer from Scarborough, crawling on his hands and knees at the foot of Church street. He was barely a foot away from the railway track and trains were passing to and fro. Warwig was stopped by a drunk, and had the officer not happened along he would evidently have been killed.

Attacked by Highwaymen.

As Miss Neavin of Mann's lane was walking home towards along Wellington street between Bay and York at 10 o'clock last night, she was attacked by two men, one of whom placed his hand over her

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PROMINENT PERSONS.

The Sultan of Turkey is a pigeon fancier. The queen of Ashantee wears coral jewelry.

The husband of the queen of Madagascar is old enough to be her grandfather.

A young man named Brick has been pressed into reportorial service in Bradford, Pa.

Miss Minnie Hawk, now in Florida, has sent forty little alligators by mail to northern friends.

Mr. F. Standfield of Montreal, general manager for Canada of the British Empire mutual life company, is in London.

Ben Hogan, the ex-pugilist, and now a missionary, won the old men's championship prize recently at a Butte, Mont., skating rink.

A Philadelphia confectioner has two big girls in his window. One is inscribed "Girls Wanted," and the other "Taffy."

Miss Frances Richards, niece of Sir William T. Richards, formerly chief justice of Canada, has, after a number of years of study in Europe, become a New York artist.

Joseph E. Johnston, ex-United States senator, and Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard, adjutant general of Louisiana, are the only ones living that were contented among the five generals of the confederation.

Monday was the czar's birthday, and Gen. Von Schweinitz, the German ambassador, presented his majesty with an autograph letter from Emperor William, congratulating the czar on that event.

Miss Fannie Curtis of Stratford, Conn., who has been bedridden for twenty years, arose from her bed last Friday and walked to church, a distance of half a mile. She attributes her cure to the efficacy of prayer.

It is to be hoped that when Fred Douglass is married he will not be obliged to appear to have pleased no one else. The women suffragists have snubbed him. He was not asked to speak at their meeting in Washington.

Chinese Gordon is said to esteem piety and geography above everything else. A writer in the Revue Politique et Littéraire says the bold statesman had a good deal of the baggage on the donkey which carried him across the deserts of Nubia to victory or death.

The contributions of Brazilians to the Longfellow monument fund is a touching tribute to the dead poet. The emperor headed the list with \$250, and men of letters followed. The emperor's gift was \$250,000.

ZOEHRER FASIIA.

Story of the Slave Dealer Gordon Names Governor of Khartoum.

Dr. Schweinfurth gives a vivid description of a visit paid to Zohrer Fasii in 1871. Zohrer possessed a line of thirty fortified posts reaching far into the heart of Africa, by which he had had not only become the head of all the slave dealers, but was the real and sole chief of his country. The khedive, powerless to control this formidable vassal, had sent his faithful Nubians to his standards to join him in an expedition against the Sultan Darfour. Unfortunately for him, he was killed at Khartoum.

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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Mr. Buckle, the new editor of the London Times, is only 30. Mr. Deane was only 25 when he succeeded to the post. Mr. Madford of the Standard, Mr. Hill of the Daily News, Mr. Edwin Arnold of the Telegraph, Mr. Hutton of the Spectator, and Mr. Greenwood of the St. James' Gazette are somewhere around 60.

For thirty years prior to 1850 the consumption of wine and spirits in Paris was at the rate of 160 litres per head. Between 1850 and 1860 it rose to 119; between 1860 and 1865 it reached 160; in 1872 it was 188. Those who ought to know say that the increased consumption has worked no improvement in health or morality.

Illegitimacy in some Scotch counties is on the increase, and Glasgow takes the lead for drunkenness; but these counts count as nothing compared with a lack of observance of the Sabbath, and the running of street cars on that day, although allegiance of British subjects to the king, is exercising terribly the "uncle guide," who lately held a meeting to protest against this iniquity, and to try to suppress it.

Whisky has this year been under discussion in parliament as well as in congress. In the small hours of the morning, on Feb. 1, a heated debate was raised by Mr. Molloy, Mr. Healy, and other members as to the character of the refreshments obtainable in the dining room of the house. The whisky was condemned as a "torchlight procession," and free comment on the general character of the catering was exercised.

The French language does not overtake the Flemish in Flanders. The latter is the language of the country, and although the higher grade of people all know French, the average of the Flemish is obliged to use the army. Walloon, spoken about Liege, is a totally different language.

Last year 229,925,000 lottery tickets were sold in Italy, on which 71,826,638 francs were staked, being 24 francs 44 centimes on an average for each of the 29,000,000 inhabitants. The winners of these tickets amounted to 44,411,928 francs, leaving a net profit of 27,415,154 francs to the state. Only forty-four winners were above 10,000 francs each, the highest two being 78,000 francs made in Turin, and the other 50,000 francs in Naples.

Robert Browning has written an introductory note to a volume of selected addresses by the late Thomas Jones. The poet thus describes the preacher: "It is a large size also, and the printer's night, sharing the same convictions, have spoken so, even looked so; but the clean-cut Celtic features, the lips compressed as if the retention of a distasteful prize in thought or feeling, the triumph of the eyes, the fullness of conviction and confidence—these no less than the fervency of faith and hope, were the orator's own."

Chinese Gordon was born in Woolwich. His father, Col. Gordon of the artillery, was a choice and chief director of the carriage department there. He is the youngest of three sons, the eldest of whom is Gen. Sir Henry Gordon, late commander of the 1st London and the 2nd Buffs regiments of foot, and the other, Sir Samuel Gordon, Royal artillery, late president of the ordnance select committee, and a member of the royal academy of arts. He was a very high up on the list of candidates for examination, and afterward came out nearly at the head of his class. He is 35 years old.

Leseper has a running account with sleep, taking twenty-four hours at a time, and at another none for five or six nights. In traveling he gets into the first compartment at hand, and sits anywhere he finds an agreeable companion he talks, if not he folds his arms and goes to sleep, never waking until he reaches his destination. When he went down the other day to Chesney, near Bourdeaux, he requested the porter to get into the first-class carriage, as he was a very high up on the list of candidates for examination, and afterward came out nearly at the head of his class. He is 35 years old.

The car has just conferred a pension of \$1800 a year on the dramatic author Ostrofsky. The Russian is a mine, from the most convenient, porter to meet all trains, the most convenient, porter to meet all trains, the most convenient, porter to meet all trains.

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