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THE INFIDEL GLOOM

IF UNIVERSAL WOULD BE THE DEATH OF CIVILIZATION.

CHRISTIANITY THE RISING SUN.

Rev. Dr. Talmage Gives a Glimpse of What the World Would Be if the Gospel Were Abolished, and the Human Race Were Left Without Divine Guidance in Daily Life.

Washington, May 14.—Rev. Dr. Talmage this morning preached from the text, Acts ii, 20, "The sun shall be turned into darkness." He said:

Christianity is the rising sun of our time, and men have tried with the unrolling vapors of skepticism and the smoke of their blasphemy to turn the sun into darkness. Suppose the archangels of malice and horror should be let loose a little while and be allowed to extinguish and destroy the sun in the natural heavens! They would take the oceans from other worlds and pour them on the luminary of the planetary system, and the waters go hissing down amid the ravines and the caverns, and there is explosion after explosion, until there are only a few peaks of fire left in the sun, and these are cooling down and going out until the vast continents of flame are reduced to a small acreage of fire, and that whitens and cools off until there are only a few coals left, and these are whitening and going out until there is not a spark left in all the mountains of ashes and the valleys of ashes and the chasms of ashes. An extinguished sun! A dead sun! A buried sun! Let all worlds wail at the stupendous obsequies.

Of course this withdrawal of the solar light and heat throws our earth into a universal chill, and the tropics become the temperate, and the temperate becomes the Arctic, and there are frozen rivers and frozen lakes and frozen oceans. From Arctic to Antarctic regions the inhabitants gather in toward the center and find the equator at the poles. The slain forests are piled up into a great bonfire, and around them gather the shivering villages and cities. The wealth of the coal mines is hastily poured into the furnaces and stirred into rage of combustion, but soon the bonfires begin to lower, and the furnaces begin to go out, and the nations begin to die. Cotopaxi, Vesuvius, Etna, Stromboli, California geysers, cease to smoke, and the ice of hailstorms remains unmelted in their crater. All the flowers have breathed their last breath. Ships with sailors frozen at the mast, and helmsmen frozen at the wheel, and passengers frozen in the cabin, all nations dying, first at the north and then at the south. Child frosted and dead in the cradle. Octogenarian frosted and dead at the hearth. Workmen with frozen hand on the hammer and frozen foot on the shuttle. Winter from sea to sea. All congealing winter. Perpetual winter. Globe of frigidity. Hemisphere shackled to hemisphere by chains of ice. Universal Nova Zembla. The earth an ice floe grinding against other ice floes. The archangels of malice and horror have done their work, and now they may take their thrones of glacier and look down upon the ruin they have wrought. What the destruction of the sun in the natural heavens would be to our physical earth, the destruction of Christianity would be to the moral world. The sun turned into darkness!

Infidelity in our time is considered a great joke. There are people who rejoice to hear Christianity caricatured and to hear Christ assailed with quibble and quirk and misrepresentation and badinage and harlequinade. I propose to-day to take infidelity and atheism out of the realm of jocularity into one of tragedy and show you what infidels propose and what if they are successful they will accomplish. There are those in all our communities who would like to see the Christian religion overthrown and who say the world would be better without it. I want to show you what is the end of this road and what is the terminus of this crusade and what this world will be when atheism and infidelity have triumphed over it, if they can. I say, if they can. I reiterate it, if they can.

In the first place, it will be the complete and unutterable degradation of womanhood. I will prove it by facts and arguments which no honest man will dispute. In all communities and cities and states and nations where the Christian religion has been dominant woman's condition has been ameliorated and improved, and she is deferred to and honored in a thousand things, and every gentleman takes off his hat before her. If your associations have been good, you know that the name of wife, mother, daughter, suggests gracious surroundings. You know there are no better schools and seminaries in this country than the schools and seminaries for our young ladies. You know that while woman may suffer injustice in England and the United States she has more of her rights in Christendom than she has anywhere else.

Now, compare this with woman's condition in lands where Christianity has made little or no advance—in China, in Barbary, in Borneo, in Tartary, in Egypt, in Hindustan. The Burmese sell their wives and daughters as so many sheep. The Hindoo Bible makes it disgraceful and an outrage for a woman to listen to music or look out of the window in the absence of her husband and gives as a lawful ground for divorce a woman's beginning to eat before her husband has finished his meal. What mean those white bundles on the ponds and rivers in China in the morning? Infanticide following infanticide. Female children destroyed simply because they are female. Woman harnessed to the plow as an ox. Woman veiled and barricaded and in all styles of cruel seclusion. Her birth a misfortune. Her life a torture. Her death a horror. The missionary of the cross to-day in heathen lands preaches generally to two groups—a group of men who do as they please and sit where they please; the other group, women hidden and carefully secluded in a side apartment, where they may hear the voice of the preacher, but may not be seen. No refinement. No liberty. No hope for this life. No hope for the life to come. Ringed nose. Cramped foot. Disfigured face. Embruted soul. Now, compare those two conditions. How far toward this latter condition that I speak of would woman go if Christian influences were withdrawn and Christianity were destroyed? It is only a question of dynamics. If an object be lifted to a certain point and not fastened there and the lifting power be withdrawn, how long before that object will fall down to the point from which it started? It will fall down, and it will go still farther than the point from which it started. Christianity has lifted woman up from the very depths of degradation almost to the skies. If that lifting power be withdrawn, she falls clear back to the depth from which she was resurrected, not going any lower, because there is no lower depth. And yet, notwithstanding the fact that the only salvation of woman from degradation and woe is the Christian religion—and the only influence that has ever lifted her in the social scales is Christianity—I have read that there are women who reject Christianity. I make no emark in regard to those persons. In the silence of your own soul make your observations.

If infidelity triumph and Christianity be overthrown, it means the demoralization of society. The one idea in the Bible that atheists and infidels most hate is the idea of retribution. Take away the idea of retribution and punishment from society, and it will begin very soon to disintegrate and take away from the minds of men the fear of hell, and there are a great many of them who would very soon turn this world into a hell. The majority of those who are indignant against the Bible because of the idea of punishment are men whose lives are bad or whose hearts are impure and who hate the Bible because of the idea of future punishment for the same reason that criminals hate the penitentiary. Oh, I have heard this brave talk about people fearing nothing of the consequences of sin in the next world, and I have made up my mind it is merely a coward's whistling to keep his courage up. I have seen men flaunt their immoralities in the face of the community, and I have heard them defy the judgment day and scoff at the idea of any future consequence of their sin, but when they came to die they shrieked until you could hear them for nearly two blocks, and in the summer night the neighbors got up to put the windows down because they could not endure the horror.

I would not want to see a rail train with 500 Christian people on board go down through a drawbridge into a watery grave; I would not want to see 500 Christian people go into such disaster, but I tell you plainly that I could more easily see that than I could for any protracted time stand and see an infidel die, though his pillow were of eider down and under a canopy of vermilion. I have never been able to brace up my nerves for such a spectacle. There is something at such a time so indescribable in the countenance. I just looked in upon it for a minute or two, but the clutch of his fist was so diabolic and the strength of his voice was so unnatural I could not endure it. "There is no hell, there is no hell, there is no hell!" the man had said for 60 years, but that night when I looked in the dying room of my infidel neighbor there was something on his countenance which seemed to say, "There is, there is, there is, there is!" The mightiest restraints today against theft, against immorality, against libertinism, against crime of all sorts—the mightiest restraints are the retributions of eternity. Men know that they can escape the law, but down in the offenders' soul there is the realization of the fact that they cannot escape God. He stands at the end of the road of profligacy, and he will not clear the guilty. Take all idea of retribution and punishment out of the hearts and minds of men, and it would not be long before our cities would become Sodoms. The only restraints against the evil passions of the world today are Bible restraints.

Suppose now these generals of atheism and infidelity got the victory and suppose they marshaled a great army made up of the majority of the world. They are in companies, in regiments, in brigades—the whole army. Forward, march, ye hosts of infidels and atheists, banners flying before, banners flying behind, banners inscribed with the words: "No God! No Christ! No Punishment! No Restraints! Down With the Bible! Do as You Please!" The sun turned into darkness!

Forward, march, ye great army of infidels and atheists! And first of all you will attack the churches. Away with those houses of worship! They have been standing there so long deluding the people with consolation in their bereavements and sorrows. All those churches ought to be extirpated they have done so much to relieve the lost and bring home the wandering, and they have so long held up the idea of eternal rest after the paroxysm of this life is over. Turn the St. Peters and St. Pauls and the temples and tabernacles into clubhouses. Away with those churches!

Forward, march, ye great army of infidels and atheists, and next of all they scatter the Sabbath schools filled with bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked little ones who are singing songs on Sunday afternoon and getting instruction when they ought to be on the street corners playing marbles or swearing on the commons. Away with them! Forward, march, ye great army of infidels and atheists, and next of all they will attack Christian asylums, the institutions of mercy supported by Christian philanthropies. Never mind the blind eyes and the deaf ears and the crippled limbs and the darkened intellects. Let paralyzed old age pick up its own food and orphans fight their own way and the half reformed go back to their evil habits. Forward, march, ye great army of infidels and atheists, and with your battleaxes hew down the cross and split up the manger of Bethlehem.

On, ye great army of infidels and atheists, and now they come to the graveyards and the cemeteries of the earth. Pull down the sculpture above Greenwood's gate, for it means the Resurrection. Tear away at the entrance of Laurel Hill the figure of Old Mortality and the chisel. On, ye great army of infidels and atheists, into the graveyards and cemeteries, and where you see "Asleep In Jesus" cut it away, and where you find a marble story of heaven blast it, and where you find over a little child's grave "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me" substitute the words "delusion" and "sham," and where you find an angel in marble strike off the wings, and when you come to a family vault chisel on the door, "Dead once, dead forever."

But on, ye great army of infidels and atheists, on! They will attempt to scale heaven. There are heights to be taken. Pile hill on hill and Pelion upon Ossa, and then they hoist the ladders against the walls of heaven. On and on until they blow up the foundations of jasper and the gates of pearl. They charge up the steep. Now they aim for the throne of him who liveth forever and ever. They would take down from their high place the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost. "Down with them!" they say. "Down with them from the throne!" they say. "Down forever! Down out of sight! He is not God. He has no right to sit there. Down with him! Down with Christ!"

A world without a head, a universe without a king. Orphan constellations. Fatherless galaxies. Anarchy supreme. A dethroned Jehovah. An assassinated God. Patricide, regicide, deicide. That is what they mean. That is what they will have if they can. I say, if they can. Civilization hurled back into semi-barbarism and semi-barbarism driven back into Hottentot savagery. The wheel of progress turned the other way and turned toward the dark ages. The clock of the centuries put back 2,000 years. Go back, you Sandwich Islands, from your schools and from your colleges and from your reformed condition to what you were in 1820, when the missionaries first came. Call home the 500 missionaries from India and overthrow their 2,000 schools, where they are trying to educate the heathen, and scatter the 100,000 little children that they have gathered out of barbarism into civilization. Obliterate all the work of Dr. Duff in India, of David Abeel in China, of Dr. King in Greece, of Judson in Burma, of David Brainerd amid the American aborigines, and send home the 3,000 missionaries of the cross who are toiling in foreign lands, toiling for Christ's sake, toiling themselves into the grave. Tell these 3,000 men of God that they are of no use. Send home the medical missionaries who are doctoring the bodies as well as the souls of the dying nations. Go home, London Missionary Society. Go home, American Board of Foreign Missions. Go home, ye Moravians and relinquish back into darkness and squalor and death the nations whom ye have begun to lift.

Oh, my friends, there has never been such a nefarious plot on earth as that which infidelity and atheism have planned. We were shocked a few years ago because of the attempt to blow up the Parliament Houses in London, but if infidelity and atheism succeed in their attempt they will dynamite a world. Let them have their full way, and this world will be a habitation of three rooms—a habitation with just three rooms, the one a madhouse, another a lazaretto, the other a pandemonium. These infidel bands of music have only just begun their concert—yea, they have only been stringing their instruments. I to-day put before you their whole program from beginning unto close. In the theatre the tragedy comes first and the farce afterward, but in this infidel drama of death the farce comes first and the tragedy afterward. And in the former atheists and infidels laugh and mock, but in the latter God himself will laugh and mock. He says so. "I will laugh at their calamity and mock when their fear cometh."

From such a chasm of individual, national, worldwide ruin, stand back. Oh, young men, stand back from that chasm! You see the practical drift of my sermon. I want you to know where the road leads. Stand back from the chasm of ruin. The time is going to come (you and I may not live to see it, but it will come; just as certainly as there is a God it will come) when the infidels and the atheists who openly and out and out and above board preach and practice infidelity and atheism will be considered as criminals against society, as they are now criminals against God. Society will push out the leper, and the wretch with soul gangrened and ichorous and vermin covered and rotting apart with his beastiality will be left to die in the ditch and be denied decent burial, and men will come with spades and cover up the carcass where it falls, that it poison not the air, and the only text in all the Bible appropriate for the funeral sermon will be Jeremiah xxii, 19, "He shall be buried with the burial of an ass."

A thousand voices come up to me this hour, saying: "Do you really think infidelity will succeed? Has Christianity received its deathblow? and will the Bible become obsolete?" Yes, when the smoke of the city chimney arrests and destroys the noonday sun. Josephus says about the time of the destruction of Jerusalem the sun was turned into darkness, but only the clouds rolled between the sun and the earth. The sun went right on. It is the same sun, the same luminary, as when at the beginning it shot out like an electric spark from God's finger, and to-day it is warming the nations, and to-day it is gliding the sea, and to-day it is filling the earth with its light. The same old sun, not at all wornout, though its light steps 190,000,000 miles a second, though its pulsations are 450,000,000,000,000 undulations in a second. The same sun with beautiful white light made up of the violet, and the indigo, and the blue, and the green, and the red, and the yellow, and the orange—the seven beautiful colors, now just as when the solar spectrum first divided them.

At the beginning God said: "Let there be light," and light was, and light is, and light shall be. So Christianity is rolling on, and it is going to warm all nations, and all nations are to bask in its light. Men may shut the window blinds so they cannot see it, or they may smoke the pipe of speculation until they are shadowed under their own vaporing, but the Lord God is a sun! This white light of the gospel made up of all the beautiful colors of earth and heaven—violet plucked from amid the spring grass, and the indigo of the southern jungles, and the blue of the skies, and the green of the foliage, and the yellow of the autumnal woods, and the orange of the southern groves, and the red of the sunsets. All the beauties of earth and heaven brought out by this spiritual spectrum. Great Britain is going to take all Europe for God. The United States are going to take America for God. Both of them together will take all Asia for God. All three of them will take Africa for God. "Who art thou, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." "The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Halleluiah, amen!

The Vibration of Sound.

According to Lord Rayleigh, certain experiments have shown vibration of sound having an amplitude of less than one-twelve millionth of a centimenter could still affect the sense of hearing. Supposing it susceptible of being seen, such a vibration would be so short that it would have to be enlarged 100 times before the most powerful microscope could render it visible. Young people can hear high notes which are inaudible to their elders, and it is believed that babies in particular are gifted in hearing sounds which are not vouchsafed to the ears of more mature man.

To Stop Plant Growth.

A German chemist, says Merck's Report, has prepared a fluid that has the power, when injected into the tissue of a plant near its roots, of anesthetizing the plant. The plant does not die, but stops growing, maintaining its fresh, green appearance, though its vitality is apparently suspended. It is also independent of the changes in temperature, the most delicate hothouse plants continuing to bloom in the open. The composition of the fluid is shrouded in the greatest secrecy, but it is said to have a pungent odor and to be colorless.

A HOME FOR DEWEY.

The Associated Press at Its Annual Meeting Resolves to Send All Funds Collected by Newspapers to the National Committee.

CHICAGO, May 17—At the annual meeting of the Associated Press today, the following were elected directors: Wm. S. McLean, Philadelphia Bulletin; vice Clayton McMichael, resigned. A. J. Barr, Pittsburg Post; L. Markbreit, Cincinnati Volksblatt; Clark Howell, Atlanta Constitution.

Advisory boards were chosen for the various divisions including: Eastern division, St Clair, McElway, Brooklyn Eagle, chairman; Chas. H. Taylor, Boston Globe; Clarke Davis, Philadelphia Ledger; A. P. Langtry, Springfield Union; Ambrose Butler, Buffalo News.

This resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the Associated Press notes with pleasure the encouragement by the newspapers throughout the country of the proposition by Rear Admiral Upshur to the Brooklyn Eagle, that a home be secured for Admiral Dewey at the national capital by public subscription; therefore

Resolved, That we recognize in the national committee of the Dewey house fund a fitting body to which to send the funds secured by subscriptions to newspapers from their readers and through other sources, and that we commend the object and the method without reserve to the newspapers and periodicals of the United States.

Emigration Turning Toward Canada.

TORONTO, May 16—The Globe's special cable from London says a thousand Galicians are on their way to Canada on the S. S. Pleœsecia, and another thousand are on the point of sailing. The tide of European emigration seems turned strongly towards the Dominion, in fact some authorities profess to think it may prove embarrassingly large.

MONTREAL May 16—The Star's special cable from London says 2,078 Doukhobors left Batoum on the steamer Lake Huron May 12 for Quebec under arrangements made by the Canadian Pacific Railway. This makes over 7,000 of these people settling in the Canadian northwest in the past few months.

Prominent Windsor Man Dead.

WINDSOR, May 17—Windsor is called upon today to mourn the loss of one of her most esteemed citizens in the person of D. P. Allison, who died at 10 o'clock this morning, of heart failure, after an illness lasting only a week. The deceased was for over thirty years secretary-treasurer of the Marine Insurance Company. In many ways he proved his usefulness to the town, performing his duties in a manner which elicited for him the highest respect and esteem of all. Rev. T. B Allison, of West La Have, and Rev. D P. Allison, of Baltimore, are brothers of the deceased who was 74 years of age.

Glasgow Dock Laborers' Strike.

GLASGOW, May 17—The dock laborers employed by the Anchor Line and Allan Line have gone out on strike. About 1 300 men are idle. Three Anchor Line steamers, two Donaldson Line vessels and three steamships of the Allan Line are blocked. The blockers demand 10 pence per hour instead of 8 pence, the present rate. At a conference with representatives of the National union of dockers the Anchor Line officials offered to give the men nine pence per hour, but the dockers refused to accept the proposition.

Nova Scotia Circumnavigator.

OXFORD, N. S. May 17—Karl Creelman, who left Truro on the 11th on his bike to go around the world, was here Friday night. He has been very successful since leaving Truro, and has earned more than five dollars clear. At the Oxford Woollen Mills he had his measure taken for a suit of clothes to be sent him at St. John. While at St. John Creelman will have his photograph taken in the suit. The company will be advertised by it along the route.

Writing Paper Combine.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 17.—A Journal special from Appleton, Wis, says: It is stated the writing paper combination, with a capitalization of $42,000,000, is almost an accomplished fact, only the closing of negotiations for the various properties wanted remaining. Appraisers have visited Wisconsin, and gone over property stated to be the Fox River and Plover Paper Co's. mills at Appleton and Plover respectively.

Menier's Sovereign Rights.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 17—The British admiralty has ordered the armored sloop Alert, now protecting the herring fishery along the treaty coast of Newfoundland to visit the Island of Anticosti in an estuary of the River St. Lawrence, after the fishery ceases, and to investigate the condition of affairs there, especially with respect to the enforcement of sovereign rights by M. Menier, owner of the island, as claimed by a section of the press and public men of Canada.

Truro Council Charged With Libel.

TRURO, N. S., May 17—The mayor and members of the town council have been on trial all day before the stipendiary at the instance of A. C. Mills, editor of the Times-Guardian, charged with criminal libel in a resolution passed recently by the council. Two lawyers are on each side. The case will be continued tomorrow.

"A nickel? Why, man, you are a ready as full as you can be."

"Not quite, sir. Don't you notice my hollow voice?"

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COMMISSION TO SIT AGAIN.

Washington Advices Say that the Representatives Will Again Assemble This Summer or in the Fall—Definite Results Looked For.

WASHINGTON, May 17—As the result of a conference held at the foreign office in London between Lord Salisbury, Sir Julian Pauncefote and Ambassador Choate, the last named acting under direct instruction from Secretary Hay, it can now be predicted that the high joint commission to adjust issues between the United States and Canada, will be re-assembled during the coming summer or early fall. This outcome is not yet positively assured, but Mr. Choate's report of the exchanges at the foreign office certainly convey great encouragement to the officials here, and warrant the expectation that negotiations may be again taken up with some prospect of reaching an agreement between the two branches of the commission.

It can be stated that if the commission re-convenes it will only do so upon a complete abandonment of the old basis, which proved to be unsuitable to the erection of a complete agreement and our government will have some sort of assurance in advance of the nature and degree of the concessions that may be expected from the other side, the lack of which it is said caused the failure of the first negotiations.

Senator Fairbanks, the president of the American branch of the commission, was at the state department in conference with Secretary Hay respecting the outcome of the London meeting, and is now convinced that the commission can be reassembled on a new basis.

England in Sympathy With Canada.

MONTREAL, May 16.—The Star's special cable says American correspondents are filling English journals with accounts of Canada's obstreperousness and her refusal to co-operate with British and American statesmen in a fair settlement. Sir Julian Pauncefote's return to London is taken by Washington despatches as an indication that the Imperial government means to waive Canada to one side, but the Times' editorial disabused the American mind.

The report of the debate on the Atlantic service in the Ottawa house was received in London with amusement. English builders could not build the necessary ships within five years, being overwhelmed with contracts at the present time.

Bloodshed in Cuba.

CIENFUEGOS, Cuba (via Havana), May 17.—The agitation of the Cuban dock laborers here, who have been demanding back pay, culminating this evening in bloodshed. A negro was killed by a Cuban officer. The dock laborers have now been paid A detachment of 25 soldiers is guarding the custom house. The hardware stores have sold out everything in the nature of firearms and knives.

Major Dempsey is understood to be fearing an anti-American demonstration, as there is much excited talk against Americans, apparently due to nothing more than the talk of the agitators who are advocating complete independence. Outside of the shooting referred to there has been no special incident worth noting.

Nova Scotia Forest Fire.

PUBNICO, N. S., May 17—Forest fires started near this town this morning and are now burning fiercely, and if not checked soon may have serious results. Considerable damage has been done to the ties of the Coast railway, and unless the flames are subdued it will prove even more disastrous to the road.

Privy Council Refuses an Appeal.

MONTREAL, May 17—A cable received from London announces that the privy council has refused leave to appeal in the case of Simpson vs. Meloche. The case is an interesting one, involving the ownership of Dorval Islands and the heirs of Meloches are now irrevocably confirmed in their heritage, after being out of possession for half a century.

Just Gave It to Him and He Took It

JIBOUTIL, East Coast of Africa, May 17.—Major Marchand, the French explorer who has just crossed Africa from the Atlantic coast, has arrived here. The insignia of commander of the Legion of Honor, was handed him on board the French second-class cruiser D'Assas without any ceremony worth noting.

Accident in Chatham.

CHATHAM May 17—On Monday night Thomas McCafferty, an employee in the barking mill of the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company, met with a painful accident. His clothes caught in a belt and he was carried around the shafting. Upon striking the floor his hip was dislocated. He was removed to the Hotel Dieu.

The Stormy West.

MANCHESTER, Iowa, May 17.—A disastrous cyclone swept over the vicinity of Colesburg, 20 miles Northeast of this city last night, doing great damage. Three persons were killed and many others injured. The town is 15 miles from a railroad, and details are meagre. The storm also did great damage in the vicinity of Littleport and along the Turkey river.

An Instance.

"Isn't it peculiar how some men can feel proud of their misfortunes?"

"Yes. I know one man who went around bragging until he became a positive nuisance just because his wife had presented him with twins."

ENGLAND'S INTEREST IS ANTICOSTI.

Mr. Chamberlain Says the British Government Has Undertaken to Bear Quebec's Costs in a Suit With Menier.

TORONTO, May 16—The Telegram's special cable from London says: In the house of commons today James F. Hogan, Nationalist, member for Middle Tipperary, was informed by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain he had undertaking to bear the costs of the Quebec government's defence in the Anticosti matter. Mr. Chamberlain stated he did not contemplate action in the matter.

COURT NEWS.

Supreme Court Chambers.

The liquidators of the Portland Rolling Mills appeared before Chief Justice Tuck in chambers Tuesday for the purpose of passing their accounts. The liquidators were Mr. E. B. Ketchum and the late Mr. George F. Baird. The unsecured creditors opposed the passing of the accounts. Mr. C. J. Coster appeared for the surviving liquidator, and the following represented the creditors: Dr. Alward, Q. C., the George B. Douglas Trading Co., of New York, and the Wm. H. Perry Co., of Providence, R. I; Dr. Pugsley, Q. C., and A. G. Ketson Co., of Glasgow, Scotland; Mr. J. D. Hazen, Q. C., the Londonderry Iron Co., of Montreal, and Mr. A. G. Blair, jr., the American Exchange and National Bank of New York and Mr. J. Fred Peterkin, of Yarmouth.

It appeared in evidence that the property was sold en bloc for $56,500 to Mr. R. C. Elkin; that and the amount due the secured creditors, Messrs. James Manchester and George F. Baird, was $67,632 87, and that they held bonds of the company to secure themselves on indorsements they had made on the paper of the company; and the Bank of New Brunswick, who held warehouse receipts on the stock. Mr. Ketchum, in his cross-examination, stated that Mr. Elkin purchased all the property except the claim against the Harris heirs of $17,000. When the property was sold and paid for the check was passed over through the Bank of New Brunswick to the secured creditors.

The unsecured creditors took exception to this action on the ground that a portion of the property was unsecured and that half of the amount should have been given to them and have been divided among them prorata, and that the sale of the property was virtually a sale to Mr. George F. Baird, a liquidater, and that Mr. Elkin was merely a purchaser for Mr. Baird. The case will be continued today.

Equity Court.

At the regular monthly sitting of the equity court Tuesday on motion of Mr. A. A. Wilson in Jones vs. Hicks an order for the sale of land in Westmorland county, valued at $473.87, was made.

On motion of M. N. Cockburn, the bill was taken pro confesso against the defendant in Pettigrue vs. McLeod, for want of plea, answer or demurrer, on condition that the appearance be filed.

In Powers vs. Weeks, on motion of Mr. E. R. Chapman, the bill was taken pro confesso against the defendant Weeks and the case set down for hearing against the other defendants on the 26th instant.

Rubin vs. Puddington et al was set down for hearing on the first day of June.

Trites vs. Humphreys was set down for the 20th June.

The Union Furniture Company vs. Wener was set down for Friday, the 26th instant.

Love is a Very Chameleon.

Love, sollicquizes a woman of the world, is such a delicate plant, finding a mistral or a bise in almost every air that blows. Poverty sends it flying out of the window. Riches rob the wedded pair of the home-centred interests that do so much to draw ordinary husband and wife together. Children often divert the affection of husband or wife into another channel; and the lack of children just as often brings estrangement, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, Idleness separates, and so does hard work. One knows not how to take that capricious thing that is called Love It is a very chameleon, differing with the nature of each human creature that feels it, and taking its hue from his individuality. It is sometimes more than half vanity, for instance. But what boots it to analyze a sentiment that is never twice alike, any more than the human countenance?

Abraham Bernard Dies.

MONTREAL, May 16—Abraham Bernard, for some years Liberal member of the legislative assembly for Vercheres, died today at Belœil aged 68. He served in the assembly under Sir Henri Joly and the late Premier Mercier and was replaced in 86 by Mr. Luisier.

Lumberman Kills a Bank President.

DESOTO, Mo., May 15—H. N. Holladay, president of the Williamsville, Greenville and St. Louis R. R., was shot and killed at Williamsville today by Monroe Johnson, a prominent lumberman.

Striking Miners Resume Work.

PITTSBURG, Kan., May 15—A majority of the coal miners in this district, ordered out last week by National President Mitchell of the U. M. W. A., went to work today as usual.

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