

also establish farms and carry on agriculture. The manifesto published on July 25th by Seid Muhammed Rachi Bahadur Khan, setting at liberty all slaves in the Khaziat, and abolishing forever slavery and the traffic in human beings, remains in full force, the Khan's Government expressly engaging with all its might to compel the strict and conscientious fulfilment of the provisions here detailed. A fine of 2,200,000 roubles is imposed upon the Khivese Government to cover the expenses of the Russian exchequer in the last war. Considering, however, the scarcity of ready money in the Khanate, and more especially in the coffers of the Government—considering, also, the difficulty the Government would have in paying the fine within a brief period—the Government is allowed the option to pay the sum exact in instalments, with 5 per cent. interest on the remainder. In the first two years the Khivese Government is to pay 100,000 roubles annually; in the second two years, 125,000 roubles annually; in the third two years, 175,000 roubles annually; in the year 1881—that is, nine years hence—100,000 roubles; and every succeeding year, till the final liquidation of the debt, 200,000 roubles at the very least. To facilitate the payment of the first instalment the Khan will be allowed to levy this year's taxes on the inhabitants on the right bank of the Amu. After the payment of 200,000 roubles on Nov. 13, 1892, there will remain still a rest of 70,064 roubles to be settled by the surrender of 73,567 roubles on Nov. 13, 1893. Should the Khan's Government wish to shorten the term of payment it will enjoy the right of making the annual instalments greater than required.

THE TAILORS' STRIKE.

The difficulty between the operative Tailors of this city and their employers has been arranged, and the men resumed work on Tuesday of this week.

WEST TORONTO ELECTION.

Mr. Moss, the Government candidate for West Toronto, was elected on Monday last.

OPERATIVE MILLERS.

At the regular meeting of the Operative Millers Union of Toronto district, held on the 11th inst., at the Trades Assembly Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—Mr. Jas. Gillespie, President; Mr. Wm. Stuart, Vice-President; Mr. Jas. Mahony, Treasurer; Mr. S. R. Stuart, Financial Secretary; Mr. John C. Bain, Recording Sec., and Mr. Henry Walters, Warden. We are pleased to learn the organization is spreading, and is in a prosperous condition.

TORONTO TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

At the December meeting of the Toronto Typographical Union, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—Mr. Wm. Bonnell, President; John Pritchard, Vice-President; Mr. J. H. Dowor, Financial and Corresponding Secretary; Mr. H. Lovelock, Recording Secretary; Mr. De Vere Hunt, Treasurer; Mr. Gedd, Sergeant-at-Arms. Messrs. Gillespie, MacMillan, and Williams, were appointed delegates to the Toronto Trades Assembly.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

This well-known place of amusement is nightly drawing large houses. The programme is varied and interesting, and the acting, singing, dancing, etc., of the various artists, is altogether of a very superior description. The energetic manager, Mr. Z. R. Triganne, is determined to spare neither pains nor expense to cater to the tastes of his numerous patrons, and while at all times the programme is most admirably arranged, arrangements are being made to have unusual attractions during the holiday season.

We would refer our readers to the advertisement of Dr. Wood, of Ottawa. The success that has followed his treatment of that dreadful disease, cancer, has been most striking, and those suffering from that cause would do well to consult him.

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SHORT SERMONS.

NO. II.

BY A LAY PREACHER.

I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.—Genesis, xxx. 27.

MY FRIENDS—In saying that the Bible is the Word of Life, with which declaration I open my remarks, I wish to be understood as speaking of Life in its entirety. It is the source of a loss of large happiness to many men that they regard the Bible only as a text-book of theology; a collection of mystic statements concerning the source of temporal life, and an indistinct revelation of a celestial world and a future life hidden from our human understanding. But many of these persons believe its saying with as full a faith as its most devout followers, while they almost entirely neglect to study or to walk in the way it is the evident work of the Sacred Book to clearly define. And a large number of others, there be who study sacred revelation of future life earnestly and closely, and set aside the lessons of temporal economy which abound in the writings of Moses and the Prophets.

Let us study one of these lessons now. You are all, perhaps, familiar with the story from which my text is taken—the story of Jacob and Laban. Under peculiar circumstances Jacob came to Laban, a shepherd, and engaged to work for him—to tend his flocks. He rendered faithful service, and the flocks multiplied many times, but with his prosperity, Laban found a desire growing in his heart for greater riches, and he began to cut down his expenditures—an idea perhaps wise in fact, but injudicious in its application at his hands; for he cut down his hired man's wages—"changing his wages ten times" in about fourteen years. During all these years Jacob had worked on a very narrow margin over board and clothes; but he now wanted, needed, in justice—to do better, and accordingly he resolved to strike for an advance or go elsewhere.

Everything connected with his work and wages, or as told in the records, is a lesson of great import to the employer, the mechanic, the laborer of to-day and of our land. So I ask you to note well how Jacob makes answer to his own question—the great question of all good men—"How shall I provide for mine own house?" He asks it of Laban, who objects to his going away, but yet does not offer to raise his wages to a figure equal to the worth of his work, and it comes back to himself for answer. Here is his proposition: A division of the increase, a share in the profits. Laban, in the words of the text, bears testimony that the work of his helper had brought to him his wonderful prosperity, and now fully convinced that striking does not pay—for the employer or the employee—he readily consents, and continues to carry on his business successfully, while his man Jacob shares in it and becomes rich.

Now, let it be noted that this blessing of the Lord came not upon Jacob's work on account of his being a devout worshipper—on account of extraordinary piety—for he had not yet given his heart to God; he had not yet "presented his body a living sacrifice (which is reasonable service)"; nor did he do so for some six years thereafter. The blessing of prosperity came upon him, upon his labor, in his studying to show himself a workman approved—in his skillful, faithful attention to his work. (Chap. xxxi. 40.)

There be many whom we cannot persuade to adopt this plan at once. But as Division of Profits quieted the trouble between the disagreeing capitalist and poorly-paid laborer, four thousand years ago, let us, improving upon the crude covenant according to our time, seek to establish wherever suitable a plan of sharing by per centage either in the plant or profits.

LET US CO-OPERATE.

Correspondence.

ST. CATHARINES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

CARPENTERS AND JOINERS AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The St. Catharines Branch of this great institution, held its first fortnightly meeting on Wednesday last in the Caledonian Hall, Mr. Cook, President in the chair; there was a good attendance of members during the evening. Two new members were admitted to the society. The members are all in excellent spirits, and expect a large accession to their numbers in the coming Spring.

HIGH PRICE OF FUEL.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday evening to consider the above subject. Among the speakers who will address the meeting we may mention the names of C. Brown and Captain Wyman. The meeting will no doubt be largely attended.

MEETING OF TAILORS' UNION.

The monthly meeting of the Tailors Un-

of this town, was held on Monday last. A motion was proposed to suspend the by-law relating to the election of office bearers which now takes place in January, the motion was carried. The election then proceeded, with the following result:—Mr. D. W. Teruent, President; Mr. G. Ryckman, Vice-President; Mr. J. Harris, Secretary; Mr. P. Ryan, Treasurer. The society also resolved to send an additional sum of \$20 to the Toronto Tailors now on strike.

THEATRICALS.

The Herdons opened in the Town Hall, for a two weeks season on the first of December, and have been playing to excellent houses ever since, so much so, that they intend to prolong their stay till Christmas. Among the plays that have been produced since the opening night, we may mention the following: "Rip Van Winkle," the "Factory Girl," "Rosendale or the Rifle Ball," the "Stranger," "Lady Audley's Secret," and the "Colleen Bawn." We were present at the three last plays mentioned, and can bear our testimony to the general excellence of the actors and actresses, all of them showing great care and naturalness in their acting. On Friday night, Mr. Herndon produced the "Stranger," to an excellent house, the dress circle being crowded and the other parts of the house were well filled. Mr. Healy as the "Stranger" (a very arduous part) confirmed the good opinion of the "saints" entertained of his acting and proves him to be an actor of great versatility. Baron Steinfort, Mr. J. H. Mulligan; Francis, Mr. J. Ward; Peter, Mr. Herndon; were all that could be desired. Mrs. Moller, was represented by Mrs. Herndon, whose fine acting was the theme of unusual admiration, the other parts were tolerably well filled. We advise all who are fond of seeing fine acting to visit the Town Hall.

TRADE.

Trade we regret to say is in many instances getting dull, several of the master Carpenters are discharging their men; they complain of the scarcity of money and therefore cannot proceed with their contracts; we trust we shall soon be able to give a more satisfactory report.

St. Catharines, Dec. 15th, 1873.

OTTAWA.

(To the Editor of the Ontario Workman.)

Since my last we have had "sunshine, hail and snow," and a fair quantity of rain, with pronouncements of a green Christmas. "Dull, very dull," is the universal cry throughout the city. We should die of ennui were it not for the elections, in prospect, both Legislative and Municipal. Grits here, Conservatives there—all striving to strengthen their position for the fray. The ward electors even will tinge somewhat of the political, with varied success for each party, although the chances are largely in favor of the Conservative. The Mayoralty question will be an absorbing topic for the time being. The candidates to date, are Dr. Hammet Hill, as the Conservative nominee, and the present Mayor, Mr. E. Martineau as an "independent," who refused, I understand, the Conservative invitation, (notwithstanding his appearance at the John A. banquet the other day) and accepted that of some parties, who, while eschewing parties for the nonce, are of well-known Grit proclivities. The lines are clearly drawn, notwithstanding the disavowal of party politics in the matter. The Conservative choice does not promise success, and many are surprised at the want of tact displayed in the selection. One thing is certain, however, and that is that Mr. Mayor Martineau "pulled the wool" on the Conservatives, and when the die was cast by that party, he "jumped the bounty," a la J. O'Reilly. Thirty pieces are as valuable and enticing to-day as in the early Christian times. Mingled more or less with all this is the question of who will be chosen by the city to fill the seat of Mr. R. W. Scott in the Local Legislature, which, it is anticipated, will be soon vacant. Public opinion hath it—that Mr. Scott, will be shelved in the Senate as it is not possible to find a constituency whose his late gymnastics would receive an endorsement. The names of J. P. Featherston and D. J. O'Donoghue are those at present on the tapis. The former, it is alleged, is to be the Grit nominee, and at present ranks as a city Father. The latter, I understand, is a printer, President of the Typographical Society, President of the Ottawa Trades' Council, 1st Vice-President of the Canada Labor League, and the workingman's candidate, as independent. Mr. O'Donoghue's friends are active, working and canvassing with a will, and with marked success too. I learn, the workmen of Ottawa, if true to themselves, can elect their man. Under any circumstances they will at least learn who and of what party their friends are composed, and the lesson will not be forgotten. Those who pretend to know, augur the adoption by the Liberal Conservatives of the Workingmen's candidate. Time will determine this assumption. Policy and former and oft-repeated professions of fair-play for the workmen should prompt this course on the part of the Conservative wing, and it certainly would be the means of cementing more closely the workingman element of the Province to that party. The crowning feature for Ottawa, however, is the very quiet and orderly manner in which all are carrying on the canvass—a course that might be pursued with credit in Toronto, if we may judge from published reports.

Occasional.

Ottawa, Dec. 15th, 1873.

CURRENT EVENTS.

A correspondent of the *Scotman* writes that Mr. Odger is about to follow Mr. Bradlaugh's example, and start on a lecturing tour in the United States.

The Holland Government received intelligence that 9,000 troops belonging to the expedition which lately left Batavia for Atcheen, had effected a landing on the coast of that country without opposition.

The Budget Committee of the French Assembly have now under consideration a proposal to restore the objects of art belonging to the late ex-Emperor Napoleon, and to grant the ex-Empress Eugenie, his widow, 3,000,000 francs.

The town of Cartagena is deserted. The besieged have retired into the forts and the bombardment has increased. Hundreds of buildings are in ashes, and many of the streets are totally impassable from the debris.

The *Tribune's* special from Havana, Dec. 12, via Key West, says that the Navy doctor, Gallardo and four seamen on Wednesday night, attempted to burn the Virginias at the arsenal. They were arrested and the plot frustrated.

The great telescope that the Clarks have been making for the Washington Observatory has reached its destination in safety, and will soon be mounted and ready for use.

The ex-Empress Eugenie was deeply afflicted at the verdict and sentence in the case of Marshal Bazaine. Her agitation was so great that she has been compelled to postpone a visit she was about to make to Queen Victoria.

England has asked France to facilitate the inquiry into the Ville du Havre disaster, and has offered to defray the expenses of British witnesses. France has accepted the offer, and promises that the investigation shall be searching and complete.

Russia is again increasing her army. An imperial ukase has been issued, requiring that six out of every thousand inhabitants of Russia including the Polish provinces, shall be drafted into the army.

The *Telegraph* announces that the researches in Assyria, conducted with so much skill and good fortune by Mr. George Smith, are to be continued by the British museum. The Prime Minister has approved the scheme, and Mr. Smith will leave next week for the scene of those successful labors which were interrupted by his official recall.

A Washington says that the increase of the American public debt this month will be fully as large as last. In view of continued failure of revenues to meet the expenditures of the Government, Secretary Richardson is anxious to have some additional taxes authorized by Congress before the holiday.

The Trades Council of Birmingham are making an appeal on behalf of the common scythe smiths of Birmingham, who are on strike to recover a ten per cent, which was taken from them some time back, when business was slack, on a promise that it should be restored when trade improved. As the men considered that time arrived some six months ago, they then gave a half year's notice for the return to the old scale, but as the generality of the masters refused to comply, they struck. If the men can be supported for a week longer they believe that the masters will give way. The Council are also appealing for aid to reimburse the loss of £300 sustained by the Wolverhampton Co-operative Lockmakers, who have had damage done to their plant and material to that extent by a recent fire, and of which only £75 is insured.—*Labor News*.

ST. THOMAS' WARD.

YOUR VOTE AND INTEREST

Are respectfully solicited for

WM. ADAMSON,
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

THE ELECTION TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1874.

The boundaries of the Ward are:—East of Jarvis Street to Ontario Street; South of Bloor Street to King Street.

TO THE ELECTORS

OF ST. THOMAS' WARD.

Your Vote and Interest are respectfully

SAMUEL COXON,
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

The Election will be held on MONDAY, JAN. 5, 1874.

ST. PATRICK'S WARD.

YOUR VOTE AND INTEREST ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

J. P. WAGNER,
AS ALDERMAN FOR THE ENSUING TERM.

Election takes place, Monday, 5th Jan., 1874.

TO THE ELECTORS

ST. DAVID'S WARD.

GENTLEMEN—Your vote and interest are respectfully solicited for

THOMAS DAVIES,
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

Election takes place Monday, January 5th.

TO THE ELECTORS

ST. GEORGE'S WARD.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

THOMAS BROWN,
AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

Election takes place Monday, January 5, 1874

MAYORALTY ELECTION, 1874.

The Election of Mayor being by the Vote of the Ratepayers, your

VOTE AND INFLUENCE

Are respectfully solicited for

A. M. SMITH,
FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

MAYORALTY ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO

ELECTORS

I RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR VOTES AND SUPPORT FOR RE-ELECTION AS MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 1874.

I am, your obedient servant,

ALEX. MANNING

Election:—Monday, January 5, 1874.

TO THE ELECTORS OF TORONTO.

GENTLEMEN—The time has now nearly arrived (by the act of the Legislature) when you will have the privilege of electing from among yourselves one of the important officers of the City, I have been requested, by a large number of citizens, to offer myself as a candidate for that position. In compliance with their request, and with a desire to see our common city prosper, I now ask for your suffrages at the coming election. Let my former conduct be a guarantee for my future services.

I remain, G^{ts}lemen,

Yours, etc., etc.,

F. H. MEDCALF.

Toronto, 17th November, 1874.

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