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LIVINGSTON OF AMERICA.

G. W. Ray, F. R. G. S., Here From South American Interior.

Tells of the Most Remarkable Race of People

And of Climate of Country Closed to White Men.

The Times had the pleasure on Saturday of a long talk with Mr. G. W. Ray, F. R. G. S., the celebrated South American explorer and missionary, who has earned for himself the title of "The Livingstone of South America." Mr. Ray is staying with Rev. H. Edgar Allen for a few days, and will deliver two illustrated lectures during that time, one at Victoria Avenue Baptist Church this evening, and the second in Herkimer Baptist Church on Wednesday night. Mr. Ray was employed by the Bolivian Government to explore the unknown interior of that country, and tells a wonderful story of the existing conditions there. He has been honored by being made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London, England, and is a gentleman of wide reputation. He has travelled in sixteen different countries, and has ridden through five republics on horseback.

Mr. Ray was privileged to be the first white man to explore several parts of the interior of South America, penetrating 1,200 miles into the forest of Brazil. These forests are inhabited by the wildest of savages, armed with bows and poisoned arrows, who forbid the entrance of all white men into their territory. Mr. Ray, under Government employ, was able to do some favors for the highest chief, who, in gratitude, allowed him entrance into their country, where he was adopted by the savages, trimmed with feathers, tattooed, and given the name of "Big Cactus Red-Mouth." Many are the marvelous stories of adventure and peril which he has to relate, and his accounts of the strange customs of the sun worshippers and their high priests are fascinating. Being the first man to enter the country of the Guingay Indians of Paraguay, the stories of their cruel customs of killing and eating their children, and burying all the old people alive are proof of the great need of knowledge regarding that darkest land.

Mr. Ray was born in Kendall, England, near the borders of Scotland, and made his first trip to South America when 22 years of age. He went into that country a big, strong man. After spending intervals of thirteen years there he came out a physical wreck. During that thirteen years he was isolated as a man could be from civilized beings, completely buried in the interior month after month. The hardships that he underwent are enough to make one gasp and wonder how any human being could go through so much and come out alive. Cutting his way through virgin forests, almost impenetrable, living among savages of the lowest order.

Speaking of the natives of this country, Mr. Ray said they were the most remarkable he had ever met. They are extremely melancholy. They neither smile nor cry. Nothing startles them. One might shoot a gun off beside their ear, and not even the quiver of an eyelash would result to show that they were surprised. They deliver their speech in a low, hoarse, guttural tone. One could travel around with them for a month and hear only a half a dozen words. Their vocabulary is limited, some of the languages containing only a hundred words. They are continually fighting for their lives against the mosquitoes, other poisonous insects, and snakes. They never plant anything, and consequently are always on the hunt for food. The temperature is almost unbearable, the thermometer registering as high as one hundred and thirty degrees. In the middle of winter the weather is warmer than it is in this climate, in the summer. In portions of Bolivia it sometimes reaches one hundred and eighty degrees in the shade in winter. The natives never wear clothes. They are on them in cakes. They never cut their hair.

Another remarkable thing is the fact that they have no God at all. They have no conception of a deity. The horror in which they create their deity for the grave leads one to believe that they have some glimmering of the future life. When a man dies the witch doctor cuts a hole in his stomach and inserts therein a bird's claw, a stone, and some bone ashes. The dead man is then don't up in a sitting position and placed in his grave, in which is put a bow and arrows, and some food.

They are remarkably innocent, and until a white man goes among them they do not know how to lie. But once taught they very soon excel their teachers. They never steal. They are socialists—what belongs to one belongs to all. One can give them a present, but by no sign will they show that they are pleased. They will take it and walk away without saying a word of thanks. If they wish to give you a present they place it beside you when you are asleep. You find it when you awake, but do not know who gave it to you. They give no thanks and expect none. When a man dies his possessions are burnt on his grave. He can leave nothing to his children or friends. The men are very brave, in fact fear and nerves are not in their composition.

But the South American Indian is a gentleman, even if he has never been washed, says Mr. Ray. He holds himself erect, looks you in the eye, and you respect him. He has a really a good intellect, but has never been taught anything. He has a well shaped head, and a good capacity for learning. The different tribes fight occasionally, but they

despise each other so utterly that they hold themselves aloof. They have but scanty respect for the white man. "They call themselves men, monkeys are little men, and white men are things. Each tribe has a different language. There are tribes of only fifty, and yet they have a language that no person in the world but themselves can understand. The climate in some parts is hot and damp, conducive to plant growth, and one can almost see things grow. Flowers spring up and grow inches in a day. The people are wonderfully moral. Mr. Ray during all his stay there heard of only one case of immorality, and in that case both man and woman were instantly killed. The men are giants, finely developed, and have great strength. The women are almost perfectly formed, pretty, and carry themselves with graceful grace.

There are wonderful possibilities in this country. It is rich in forests, and mineral wealth. Precious metals and stones abound.

LAW OF DIVORCE.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—Allow me to say a few words in reference to the special despatch which appeared in the Times on the 22nd inst., under the heading of "Too Many Divorces," urging greater stringency in the granting of same.

The divorce question is one of the most important questions of the present day. Canadians who have not given the subject sufficient thought, seem to pride themselves on the laws regulating divorce in Canada, when as a matter of fact the laws regulating the same are very unjust, and detrimental to Canada.

Very true, it is a fortunate thing that the laws regulating divorce in Canada are not as lax as they are in some parts of the United States; but it is a still more fortunate thing that the laws regulating divorce in Canada are not as strict as they are in some parts of the United States. The divorce question is one of the most important questions of the present day. Canadians who have not given the subject sufficient thought, seem to pride themselves on the laws regulating divorce in Canada, when as a matter of fact the laws regulating the same are very unjust, and detrimental to Canada.

One of the greatest stumbling blocks in the Bible is that verse where it says: "Thou shalt not put asunder that which God hath joined together." It is used in the marriage ceremony, and gives persons the impression that it is the marriage ceremony which joins people together by God, which is not so.

It is those who are married from improper motives who fill the divorce courts; and if ministers, instead of meeting together to pass laws endeavoring to make it more difficult for persons to obtain a divorce, would endeavor to educate people up to a proper standard of living, and if they would do an immense amount of good in the world, and be the means of preventing a great deal of misery; for there is more misery caused in this world by marriages from improper motives, than from any other cause, including intemperance.

It is the conditions which lead up to divorce which we should use every means within our power to prevent, instead of waiting until the conditions are such that a separation is absolutely necessary and then doing everything within our power to prevent a divorce being granted.

WHITE SLAVERY.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—Women directly and indirectly pay their proportionate share of the taxes, therefore it is not fair that the city officials should take their money and with same protect evil men and make scapegoats of their sex. That is taxation without representation. Let women be represented by at least one detective, changed often, and let the Magistrate give instructions as to how many times a man must be proven to frequent before he (the Magistrate) can adjudge him a "frequenter."

Under the same law justice is attained in some other cities—why not in ours? As things are, many men's homes are blighted of which the public never hear, therefore, the argument of protection of men from publicity for the sake of their home relations is superficial, because such shielding encourages many more men to "demean" themselves and the "breaking up" of many other homes as well as their own. It were better to teach men, and women also, to be true to themselves, their Creator and their families. This "toleration" of illegal social pest-houses and "discrimination" of sex, when raids are made, is responsible for thousands of precious girls being held in actual imprisonment slavery—a free (!) country!

Men, you have the making and enforcing of the laws. Where is the army of emancipators?

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, Pro Bono Publico, Hamilton, April 25, 1909.

THE CHURCH'S REFORM WORK.

Dr. Chown on Social and Moral Questions of Day.

Bishop of Ottawa in St. Matthew's Church Yesterday.

Dr. Laird, of Queen's, in St. Paul's Presbyterian.

Rev. Dr. Chown, of Toronto, General Secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform of the Methodist Church, was in the city yesterday, and preached in two of the churches of that denomination, First Methodist in the Morning and Zion Tabernacle at night, and in both churches subscriptions were received for the extension of the work. Dr. Chown wove the story of the work of his department into two very able sermons.

Speaking at First in the morning he took as his text, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ." In opening he said that there was too much of the "age of formalism" in the Christianity of today, instead of spirituality. Christians sometimes did not realize the burdens of others they were called upon to bear. There was the burden of sin, and then the burden of suffering. Christ himself might have made his lot in life one of ease and comfort, but he did not choose to do so. He chose to bear the sorrow and suffering of the world. An authority on ecology, science has figured that if all the able-bodied men between 18 and 45 years of age worked three hours a day they would produce ample for every person in the world, yet that would be a calamity, for the world is not ready for any such conditions yet. Still, the man who labors day after day without the hope of being able to provide for his old age, or without being able to secure for himself some work or travel is indeed to be pitied. The great Father never intended that there should be that great yawning gulf between poverty and riches. In Chicago at the time of a great strike a large body of men assembled on parade. They marched beneath a banner stretched across the street bearing the inscription, "Our Children Cry for Bread," and continued their march out to a beer garden, where they drank 1,400 kegs of beer. Nevertheless, in spite of such deplorable incidents, I, in my travels, have found that there is developing in the lives of the people a desire to live the Golden Rule.

The forcing of the grain market, Dr. Chown characterized as robbery, and not in keeping with the Golden Rule. He referred to the fact that for going upon a moral and destroying a grape vine the offender may be sent to prison for seven years, yet the penalty for destroying a young girl's life is only two years, or at most five. He also referred to the combined forces of the churches, trades unions, and farmers' associations were accomplishing the temperance cause; commended the Government for what it had done to put down the opium curse, and regretted that it had not done more in the matter of liquor.

Speaking in Zion Tabernacle in the evening Dr. Chown said that greed was at the bottom of all evil. He condemned the policy of toleration, which, he said, had been in force in the large cities of Canada, and expressed a desire that the Government was considering a bill to make the punishment for procuring more severe.

EXCHANGE OF PULPITS. Yesterday was the day set by the Ministerial Association for the annual exchange of pulpits, and most of the city, after a short absence, returned. The exchanges were all inter-denominational, giving the various congregations the opportunity of hearing ministers of other denominations without going from their own churches. Large congregations assembled, and the course of the association is approved.

BISHOP HAMILTON HERE.

The attendance at both services in St. Matthew's Church yesterday to hear Bishop Hamilton was large. His Lordship was Bishop of Niagara until four years ago, when he became Bishop of Ottawa.

During his time in this diocese the bishop made many friends, hence the large turnout to hear his earnest and impressive sermons. The bishop expressed himself pleased to again preach in this city, after such a long absence. He was glad that although the church had had many difficulties, the members have overcome them and work shoulder to shoulder in the different church organizations, which are so essential to the general welfare. This showed that the layman is accepting the responsibility that rests upon him and not leaving all the work for the clergyman, as was the case in olden times. In church life the work should be divided in such a manner that each one will have something to do and something to rest on. The bishop spoke of the earnestness of the St. Matthew's minister and said the members should work and contribute loyally to the church.

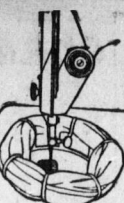
In the morning the bishop took as his text "How are the dead raised up and with what body they shall come." He said that death is a condition of another life and not destruction. In the evening he spoke of the difference of the inheritance left by Christ and that left by Adam, and said that death came into the world by Adam, but life came into the world through the death of Jesus Christ.

DR. LAIRD AT ST. PAUL'S. Impressive sermons were preached in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church yesterday by Prof. Laird, of Queen's University, Kingston. The attendance at both services was large.

In the morning he spoke on "Claims of the Ministry," and selected his text from Exodus xxi. 21. "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness." He spoke of the alarming decrease in the number of students at the ministerial colleges, not only in Canada, but in all countries. He said Christ says, "Come ye after me and I will make ye fishers of men." To be a fisher of men one should be diligent in service for the Master. The question of equipping is a matter of vital concern to the church and more should be done in the home to encourage the young men to follow this line of work. Although the number of those offering themselves for the service has decreased the number of members has increased until at present instead of one teacher to 750 there is only one to 1,750. At present the men studying for the ministry are largely first-class men and are ready to work for the cause of Christ—men who fear God. Many causes have result-

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ed in this rapid decrease of divinity students. Many young men accept position where there is greater opportunity to make money and advancement in the business world. The lack of definite earnest effort in the home church and college is partly responsible for the decrease, and to overcome this the parents should endeavor to direct the thoughts of their children to the importance of working for the Master, instead of, in many cases, trying to hide them from the scope this service offers them. In closing he asked that deeper interest be shown in this work, that more able and earnest workers take up the work of advancing Christ's kingdom.

BRANTFORD COLLEGIATE.

Voting To-day on Question of Erecting a \$100,000 Building.

Competition Between Bell and Automatic Phone Cos.

Bell Memorial—Massey Harris New Warehouse.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Brantford, April 26.—Voting is proceeding here to-day on the new Collegiate Institute by-law, the ratepayers having a choice of two sites; also a say as to whether a new building is needed or not. A by-law was defeated in January last, but the trustees have done some strenuous work and have placed their case explicitly before the ratepayers. It is more than likely that a popular decision will be expressed to build a \$100,000 structure on the spacious Ladies' College grounds on Brant avenue, which is probably the best locality in the city.

KEEN COMPETITION. The two local telephone companies are engaging in some keen competition here, and the fight has only begun. The Automatic Machine Phone Company is making a bid for the rural telephone connections in the county, which have developed into an inter-village system of some proportion. The Bell people are right out after the same connections and tenders will be called shortly.

A TROUT POND.

The mill property and adjoining pond at Mount Pleasant have passed into the ownership of Mr. Robert McEwen. Efforts are being made to preserve this pond for a trout preserve.

UNIFORMITY.

A uniformity of whistle blowing among all the factories is to be inaugurated here May 1. The matter is to be left with Chief Lewis, of the fire department, who will give the standard time to all the factories on the evening of April 30. The new move is intended to do away with the nuisance of having whistles blowing at varying periods.

VIA T. H. & B.

The contract for the transportation of the Dufferin Rifles Regiment to Peterborough May 24 was signed on Saturday with the T. H. & B. and C. P. R. Companies. The regiment will travel 400 strong, and will have a vestibled train.

BELL MEMORIAL.

The Designs Committee of the Bell Memorial Association held a meeting last evening. Eight designs have been offered so far, and models of them will be exhibited in an office in a central place. The time for the awarding of the winning design has been extended until May 15th.

WILL BUILD WAREHOUSE.

The Massey-Harris Company will erect a white pressed brick warehouse adjoining their present one on the Grand Trunk switch. It will be 66x126.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Massey-Harris Company is erecting another large warehouse here adjacent to the factory.

After much competition between the Paris and local organizations (City Union Bands), the latter organization was enrolled as the regimental band of the new 25th Brant Dragoons.

Local Oddfellows, 300 in number, commemorated the 90th anniversary of Oddfellowship at First Baptist Church last evening. Rev. S. J. Farmer was the preacher.

Dr. James Samson, lecturer in chief of the old age annuities, addressed a large gathering in Congregational Church here yesterday on the "Gospel of Prudence and Thrift."

There was a splendid attendance at the annual banquet of the Sons of England of Brantford and the St. George's Society of Paris, which was held on Friday evening in the Arlington Hotel, Paris. The speakers included Mr. W. J. Raymond, Rev. H. H. Bingham, Rev. Canon Brown, Mr. J. H. Fisher, M. P., Mr. Franklin Smoke, K. C., Mr. W. J. Brewster, M. P. P., and Mr. F. P. Blackhurst.

AUTO DRIVES INTO CANAL.

Rochester, April 25.—J. H. Leggett, of Niagara Falls, formerly a member of the Assembly, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wring, and George F. Monahan, of Lockport, were plunged over a 50-foot embankment into the Erie Canal while riding in a 90-horse-power touring car five miles east of Rochester this morning. The soggy, muddy bed of the canal saved their lives.

A comprehensive plan for the treatment of alcohol and drug victims at the hospitals for the insane is projected.

ODDFELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY.

Large Turnout at St. Andrew's Church Yesterday

And a Fine Sermon by Rev. J. A. Wilson.

Principles of Brotherhood the Theme of His Address.

In celebration of the 90th anniversary of the organization of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in America, the members of the local branches of the society attended divine service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. Over six hundred members gathered at the hall, John Street north, shortly after 3 o'clock, and after being formed up, under the direction of the marshal, Charles H. Mann, P. D. D. G. M., marched in a body to the church. After listening to an excellent sermon delivered by Rev. J. A. Wilson, the members marched back to the hall and were dismissed. It was on April 26th, 1819, that the first court of the I. O. O. F. was formed in America. After considerable work a number of enthusiasts organized a lodge in Baltimore, Md., but it grew so fast and became so popular that branches were begun in different parts of the country. Today there is not a city in North America without its lodge. There are eight lodges in Hamilton and the membership runs considerably over a thousand.

Among the officers present yesterday were: F. E. Martin, P. D. D. G. M.; Harry Day, P. D. D. G. M.; Charles H. Mann, P. D. D. G. M.; Col. Faulkner; W. J. Kerr, D. S.; John Ross, C. P.; A. J. Nash, C. P.; A. Kudoh, N. G.; J. E. Barrett, N. G.; J. McDougall, N. G.; Fred Venator, P. N. G.; Harry White, N. G.; E. J. Heddon, N. G.; T. G. Anderson, R. S.; George Britton, R. S.; W. W. Mephum, R. S.; Geo. H. Wilson, R. S.; Alexander Kemp, R. S.; Capt. J. Ross.

Mr. Wilson devoted his sermon to the principles of brotherhood, which together with the kindred principle of the fatherhood of God has done so much for the uplift of mankind. Men have been slow to learn the lesson of brotherhood. "Am I my brother's keeper?" a man asks of his conscience when he neglects his duty and seeks in this manner for an excuse for his own selfishness. The great principle of brotherhood is love—the great theme emphasized by Jesus Christ and His apostles. In the early days of persecution this principle of brotherly love was manifested among the Christians that it became looked upon as a sort of badge by which they were known "Behold how these Christians love one another." was the verdict even of those who did the persecuting. It is because of this principle of love that Christianity stands so far above other religions to-day. The speaker went on to give instances of men who were mighty powers in the world because he had grasped this great truth. He paid a high tribute to the Independent Order of Oddfellows. Love was the middle link of the three virtues by which the world over as the emblem of their order. Their mission was to elevate humanity, relieve distress, visit the sick, bury the dead, educate the orphan, and aid the widow. Mr. Wilson closed with congratulations on the Order on its splendid showing in the past. Though ninety years of age, their eye had not dimmed nor their natural strength abated. Great was the work they had to do and to do it speedily. He wished them God speed in the work that was to come.

Special music was provided by St. Andrew's Church choir and the Bible class orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Anderson.

JUVENILE TEMPLARS.

The regular weekly meeting of International Juvenile Temple, I. O. G. T., was held in the C. O. O. F. hall on Saturday afternoon. There was a good attendance of members. In the absence of the superintendent, Mrs. Robert Morrison, P. G. V. T., presided, and assisted by Miss Vera Patterson, Chief Templar, admitted three candidates into regular membership. The election of officers for the ensuing term took place and resulted as follows:

Past Chief Templar—Vera Patterson. Chief Templar—Addie Eydtt. Vice-Templar—Beatrice Green. Secretary—Mabel Auska (re-elected). Financial Secretary and Treasurer—Tom B. W. Macnaghten (re-elected). Chaplain—Jean Finen. Marshal—Margaret Stove. Guard—Henry Eydtt. Sentinel—Alvin Priestland. Deputy Marshal—Nan Brown. Assistant Secretary—Edith Drowitt. Pianist—Nellie Morrison (re-elected).

Following the election the members regrettably bade farewell to Robert Yuill, an esteemed honorary member of the Temple, who is leaving this week for British Columbia. On behalf of the Temple, the acting superintendent wished the departing member every success in his new country. Next Saturday afternoon the juvenile executive will entertain after the installation of officers.

Swallowing enough carbonic acid to kill a dozen people, a young woman named Miss Edith Banks, of 142 Seaton street, Toronto, on Saturday morning sought instant death. The act was apparently with very little premeditation.

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KILLS TWO.

Motorcyclist Thrown at a Terrific Speed into Grandstand.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 25.—Two men were probably fatally injured at the Coliseum track this afternoon, when Elbert Earnhardt, a motor cyclist, racing at a terrific speed, was thrown 50 feet into the grandstand, crowded with spectators.

The skull of one of the victims, Howard H. Piper, of Normal, Ill., was crushed by Earnhardt's feet. The other victim, unidentified, received internal injuries and is dying at the receiving hospital. Earnhardt, who was thrown 150 feet in a similar accident in France a year ago, is uninjured.

The six contestants in the five-mile race were bunched on the stretch of the last lap when the accident occurred. They were travelling at the rate of a mile in 55 seconds.

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