

# CHURCH NOTES FOR BUSY MEN.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

A despatch from Rome to the Central News says the publication is announced of a Papal decree entitled "De Episcopis," which grants important powers to bishops in the explanation of Catholic church throughout the world, including the right to settle all questions relating to the marriage of Roman Catholics without reference to the Pope.

The Catholic priests of Essex county Ont. are commencing to wage their campaign for the abolition of hotels in the immediate vicinity of churches in the county. A petition drawn up, signed by the Rev. Father Moulder, administrator of the London diocese, and all priests in Essex county, has been forwarded to the Hon. Dr. J. O. Readie, Minister of Public Works, who will turn it over to Sir James Whitney, besides asking for effect enforcement of the liquor law, it asks that the license fee be raised to \$500 and the license be issued in accordance with the population.

The Catholic Church in the United States is thus spoken of in a recent issue of the Standard and Times: "Catholics number one-fifth of the population of the country. We are the largest religious body in the land. At the last census three-fifths of the population put itself on record as affiliated with no church. There is a religious unrest among people outside the Catholic Church. Witness the newspaper reports of the numbers, so that one church building comes to accommodate the number that are without formed the congregations of two or three churches. Witness the accepted statements in the magazines as to the falling off in church attendance, and the seasons set forth in the explanation that men do not attend church. And yet men are interested in religion; there is no subject more ripe in gatherings of men. A railway journey or even a ride in a street car is sure to give evidence of this in the religious conversations overheard. Surely, then, the harvest is white and waiting."

## GENERAL

Some wonderful terms and phrases used by the Casket are thus humorously referred to by the Presbyterian Witness of the 22nd inst:

Our valiant and intrepid "Casket" has the courage to deal with difficult and rather perplexing subjects. The dealing is usually in all good nature and frankness. The "Casket" handles philosophy that indicates his philosophical, theological and scientific studies. We would not expect our average reader to understand "the phylogenetic evolution of Wallace" or "the evolution called ontogenetic evolution." Our readers would probably refuse to follow us into any explanation of "the evolutionary ontogenetic evolution of primordially matter." Doubtless the editor's good deal said in favor of abiogenesis "and the development of maggots, and reptiles and fish out of mud and decaying matter." The "Casket" is in the scale of being to believe in the ontogenetic evolution of the human embryo from mere vegetative life to the life of a brute animal and thence to the life of a natural being. Saint Thomas seems to have explained ontogenetic evolution; but phylogenetic evolution he did not care to consider. No doubt there is much meaning in these words and phrases. It is well to introduce to the reader new phraseology or words old enough to seem new.

Speaking of the historic Christ a recent writer in the Maritime Baptist quotes the following telling words:

"The person of Jesus Christ stands solid in the history of man. He is indeed more substantial, more abiding, in human comprehension than any form of matter or any mode of force. All attempts to resolve Him into a myth, a legend, an idea—and hundreds of such attempts have been made—have drifted over the shining reality of His character and left not a trace behind. . . . He is such a person as men could not have imagined if they could. He is not a mere abstraction, a mere legend. The artist capable of fashioning Him did not exist, nor could he have found the material. A non-existent Christianity did not spring out of the air and create a Christ. A real Christ appeared in the world and created Christianity. This is what we mean by the gospel of a fact." . . . The force which started the religion of Jesus was the person of Jesus. Christ was His own Christianity. . . . The person, Jesus, living with men, dying for men, has actually brought this gift of faith for the past and hope for the future into the heart of mankind."

Burma Baptists are anticipating with great interest the centennial of the landing of Adoniram Judson in Rangoon, September 13, 1813. A committee composed of ten missionaries and five natives has been chosen to prepare the way for such a celebration as becomes those who are profiting by the work which began under the providence of God, nearly a hundred years ago, and has been such a blessing to a country then under the densest cloud of paganism, superstition and eternal death.

The Church of Scotland congregations and the United Free in Aberdeen united in a prolonged march through the city to attend the "midnight service," New Year's, in order to promote temperance in Aberdeen. In other Scotch cities, there is much drunkenness on New Year's day. A midnight service was held in St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh; the Church of Scotland and the United Free meeting together. The sermon was extremely impressive.

J. D. Rockefeller, junior, is taking leading part in fighting the "white

slave traffic" its kindred disgrace of tolerating "red districts" in New York.

Rev. John Currie, D. D., who died at Halifax on Thursday last, had reached the age of eighty. For thirty-seven years he had been a professor in the Presbyterian Theological College at Halifax. Hebrew and Old Testament literature were his subjects, and he was regarded as one of the most eminent Hebrew scholars in the world.

TORONTO, Jan. 22.—Mrs. J. J. Rice, widow of the superannuated Methodist minister, who was killed by being struck by a street car on December 8th, 1908, yesterday got \$1,500 damages against the company from a jury on the ground that the motorman of the car did not exercise proper care.

The humbler classes in England are thus described in an exchange:—"People who never enter church will say, hold to sending my children to the church school. They like the school to be under the care of the clergyman. They like the Christmas carols, the harvest festival, the funerals in the churchyard, the prayer of the church at the hour of death and at the funeral. The belief in Almighty God is the one doctrine of village theology. Any one who doubts God's existence they regard as a lunatic."

The Annuity Fund for Aged Ministers of the Baptist Church is being strongly presented in letters and editorial notices in the Maritime Baptist. It will take time to secure the object aimed at, but it can and will be done if its promoters will act on Abraham Lincoln's advice, and "keep pegging away."

The General Association of Kentucky Baptists has just received, under the will of the late Theodore Harris, a fine house and lot in Louisville, to be used as a denominational headquarters, and \$40,000 in cash. More is to come to the Association from the estate later.

The secretary for Baptist Foreign Missions of the Ontario-Quebec Convention regrettably announces that owing to a falling off in receipts during the last year, and other added expenses, the Board has had to reduce its estimates for the ends, field by over \$2,000.

The Christian Guardian referring to the use of the Bible by Mr. Wesley says:—"The every other great religious leader who has brought home to the hearts of men the real essence of Christianity, was a firm believer in the value of the Bible. It was the Bible that he made his chief weapon, and it was the Bible that he gained his real victories. His unfruitful early years of religious activity were unfruitful because he had not yet learned the real secret of the Bible, but when he had that secret, he came to his own."

The Italian Methodist mission in Montreal has a church membership of seventy-five and a regular attendance of over one hundred hearers. Steps are being taken to build a church.

## SATURDAY SERMONETTE

### GROWING PAINS

We have all had them, at least all of us. Every little girl in her limbs (the four of them) and we can remember how we could not sleep or even stand when we had them. For we wanted to grow up and be big. Perhaps everything that grows has growing pains, even oysters.

The state, the city, the town cannot grow without pain. There are always obstructions to all progress. Fossilists who cry "blue ruin" and teach and preach wasteful economics. Public enterprise does no good without pain. New streets and city improvements do not grow without pain. Reforms are painful for the reformer.

Civilization has advanced slowly, painfully, for there can be no growth without pain. The "old order" does not change and pass away and give place to the new without travelling in pain. Truth wins her victories over error only through struggle and pain. No country grows into "prosperity" without protest and pain. Laws do not grow purer and wiser without opposition and pain. A hand without pain is a dead, barren hand. An absence of pain means stagnation or death.

It is so in church life, growth, prosperity does not come without friction and pain. If the church is a painless church it is a sign that it is a lifeless church. Where there is rigorous, progressive life there is opposition. The non-progressive will oppose all progress. The new church edifice does not take the place of the old dilapidated one without pain. There can be no mental growth without growing pains. And there can be no death of the old wicked life and no birth without pain and agony that accompanies every soul that is born into the kingdom of life.

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# FIRST GUNS FIRED IN BIG EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

## Special Services Held Last Night in the Churches of the Different Camps—Principal McKinnon Lauds Movement—United Choir Practise Held

United choir practise for the coming simultaneous evangelistic campaign was practically begun in the various church centers last evening. Special services were also held, at which the objects of the movement were explained to the united congregations. This was a practical launching of the big religious movement, which opens in the city on February 7th and will continue throughout the remaining three weeks of that month.

In St. Andrew's Church last evening Principal McKinnon of Pine Hill College, addressed a special meeting of the united congregations, after the regular services had been held. He spoke in an able manner of the coming campaign, expressing his opinion that such a movement was sure to meet with the same success as similar movements had met with elsewhere. In the great Water Street mission of New York, persons of the very lowest class, in point of religion, were elevated to an ideal Christian life. Such results would in all likelihood accrue from the St. John movement. On Wednesday evening the first united choir practise, which that group will be held in St. Andrew's Church.

In Brussels Street Baptist Church a united congregational meeting of that group was held last evening. Rev. A.

# REV. T. A. MOORE'S HEARD HERE

## Objects of Lords Day Alliance

### 2 POINTS MADE CLEAR

#### One is That Alliance Does Not Aim to Make Sunday Day of Gloom

Rev. T. Albert Moore, secretary of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance, preached two sermons and delivered an address here yesterday. Last evening he preached to a large congregation at Centenary. His text was Matthew 12:12, "It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath day."

Rev. Mr. Moore first showed that the Sabbath had been an institution from earliest times. Mention of it was found not only in the story of the creation as found in Genesis but also in the records of dead nations who had an earlier history than the Hebrews. The day was emphasized in the early history of the latter race, but later a change came about. Christ found at His coming that the Pharisees had covered the day with ceremonies which did not belong to it. These He removed and preached the observance of the day in its former simplicity, and made it a day of joy, gladness and rest.

There were two points which the preacher made clear. The first was that the Lord's Day Alliance was not attempting to make Sunday a day of gloom. The second was that the home and the pulpit had their part to do in bringing about proper observance of the day. The nation also had its part to do in enacting laws to protect the worker against selfishness and greed. The order of service in the evening was as follows: Selection by Harrison's orchestra, anthem, invocation, Psalm selection 16; Scripture reading, solo by Miss Stewart, prayer, hymn 4, offertory, anthem, sermon by Rev. Mr. McKinnon, doxology 821, benediction.

# PRINCIPAL MCKINNON'S HEARD IN ONE OF OUR CHURCHES

## 55th Anniversary of Church Observed Yesterday—Eloquent Discourses—Large Congregations

Calvin Presbyterian Church began the observance of its fifty-fifth anniversary yesterday. The celebration will be continued today, when a great sacred concert will be held in the evening. Three services were held yesterday—11 a. m., 4 p. m., and 7 p. m. Rev. Dr. McKinnon, principal of Pine Hill Theological College, Halifax, was the preacher at all services. Rev. L. A. MacLean, minister of the church, assisted at these.

The order of service in the morning was as follows: Anthem, invocation, Hymn 3, Scripture reading, prayer, Hymn 46, instrumental duet, offertory, anthem, sermon by Rev. Dr. McKinnon, Hymn 434, benediction.

The morning sermon was preached from the following text: John 17: 12, "Sanctified by the truth." The preacher began his discourse by congratulating the congregation on the completion of fifty-five years of life as a church with a spirit of peace and goodwill. The name of the church, "Calvin," was one which had clinging to it memories of an heroic era in the history of the church. Proceeding, Dr. McKinnon outlined the life of John Calvin and dwelt upon the fact that that man at the time of the Reformation had reconstructed the theology of Protestantism. Dr. McKinnon also devoted some attention to Calvin's theology.

The order of service in the afternoon was as follows: Doxology 816, invocation, hymn 236, Scripture reading, prayer, solo by Mr. Wood, address by Rev. Dr. McKinnon, hymn 205, benediction.

# CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

## DAMAGE TO FARMS FROM MILD SPELL

### Hay Crop Will be a Failure, Declares Geo. W. Fowler

Geo. W. Fowler, ex-M.P. of Sussex, who passed through the city on Saturday evening en route to Montreal and Toronto, said that great damage was feared in the agricultural district about his home on account of the soft weather and the floods of the month now closing.

The hay crop could hardly be but be practically a failure, and trees of all kinds were being much injured by premature exposure of their buds. The river and streams had all "gone out," and a great deal of their banks had been carried away.

Mrs. Fowler, who accompanied her husband, possessed herself of a real curiosity last week when she picked a full-blossomed pansy in her garden.

## HE WAS SUPERSTITIOUS.

"This bein' Friday," said the farmer who had just studied the halo to a handout, "I reckon you wouldn't start 't work."

"Not me," replied the unsharpened traveler. "It's queer 't queer me luck by startin' 't work on Friday, nee Saturday, nee Sunday, nee Monday, nee Tuesday, nee Wednesday, nee Thursday, nee . . ."

## BETTER PRICES FOR YOUR BUTTER

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## A FEMALE AZEPP.

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# WOMAN'S BODY FOUND LYING ON GAS STOVE

## Mrs. Van Zandt Choked Into Unconsciousness and Then Roasted to Death—Husband is Held on Suspicion

CINCINNATI, Jan. 29.—Bound and gagged, the body of Mrs. Alice Van Zandt, burned to a crisp, were found this morning lying on top of the gas stove in her kitchen. The woman had met her death while her three young children were playing in the adjoining room.

James A. Van Zandt, the woman's husband, is held as a witness. The man admits that he quarreled with his wife. The coroner says Mrs. Van Zandt was first choked unconscious, then bound and gagged, with strips torn from a lace curtain, and placed across the stove with her head in the flames of the burner. The horror of the crime is increased by the coroner's statement that the woman must have regained consciousness before death. When found all the clothes had been burned off the body and the flesh was charred to cinders. The police discovered that Van Zandt had been paying attention to a young girl for some time. The mother, who had protested against her daughter's conduct and had brought her before a police magistrate, who ordered her committed to the house of refuge. On her father's return, however, she was sent instead to a convent.

# NAVY SECRETS BETRAYED BY PRETTY FEMALE SPIES

## One Woman Enters Into a Love Affair Deliberately for the Purpose of Obtaining Important German Naval Secrets

(TIT BITS.)

It may be remembered that a short time ago some valuable Admiralty plans disappeared from Chatham. Mr. McKenna, the First Lord of the Admiralty, admitted that they had been stolen, but a mystery surrounded their disappearance. It is now suggested that a well-known international woman spy, who is every ready to sell her services to the highest bidder, be it the Russian, German, or French Government, was responsible for the disappearance of these plans. It is known that she was in this country for some weeks prior to the incident, and it is supposed that during that time she engineered the plot which resulted in the vanishing of the important papers.

Whatever truth there may be in the story it is a very feasible one for it is usually women who prove the most successful spies. "When it comes to trickery and cunning," said a well-known detective to the writer on one occasion, "there is no match for a clever woman. If she is pretty into the bargain, I would back her to beat the cleverest men at Scotland Yard nine times out of ten." And just recently the success of woman in Secret Service work, it would seem that the tribute is in no way exaggerated.

## GERMAN NAVAL SECRETS BETRAYED.

It is only a short time ago that a beautiful and fashionably-dressed teacher of languages, Friedlein Petersen, about twenty-five years of age, was arrested at Kiel, in Germany, on suspicion of being a French spy. She was said to have entered into a love affair deliberately with a non-commissioned officer named Dietrich, of the Explosives Department, for the purpose of inducing him to divulge important German naval secrets.

Dietrich, flattered by the attentions of such a beautiful woman, could deny her nothing, and at the time of the arrest was said to have been supplying her with the formula for the manufacture of the German smokeless powder (one of the most effective yet invented) and the situation of the port mines. To disguise her true occupation she posed as a teacher of languages. Suspicion was directed against her on account of the ample funds with which she was always provided, and of her fear of giving the police the customary notice of her frequent change of address.

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**LLOYD**

Sackville Year's School

Has Splendid At Pres Harva

John E. Re Choice of Scot

SACKVILLE, N. S. Dixon, M. A., has Rhodes scholar for 1910. The appointment was made Saturday by the University. Dixon held six candidates. Mr. Amasa Dixon of Sackville, a prominent educationalist here, and two valuable scholars were granted double honors in mathematics, after a month of 69 classes was in the first division. Subsequently he was principal of the Sackville school, a post-graduate of the University. He entered the Harvard to take up advanced studies. At Harvard he was in the first division in the present year. He was in the first division in the present year. He was in the first division in the present year.

This year he is prepared for a post-graduate course in mathematics. He is a prominent student at the University. He is a prominent student at the University. He is a prominent student at the University.

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Two men were in the Me timber in the Me a big, brawny fellow, the other a very little chap, cross-cut saw, "popped" along and a few minutes later and forth one was trying the other. The big fellow, after a hard struggle, turned and yelled "you'll let the little gorry!"—Judge's

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