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The Living Age for April 25 contains a second instalment of David Masson's vivid "Memories of London in the Forties," reprinted from Blackwood's.

Some people are forever trying to manage other people. Talmage once said, and truly: "There is only one person you need to manage, and that is yourself."

An unfortunate man was declared out of his mind last week, and the report says that he suffered from the delusion that he is the greatest man living. If this is to be regarded as sufficient proof of insanity there should be many millions of dollars immediately expended to enlarge the hospitals.

Once more a European power has shaken the mailed list in the face of Turkey, says the Christian Advocate, and once more the "sick man of Europe" has yielded what he could not hope to retain. This time it is Italy which, by threat of sending a war-fleet to the Bosphorus, has extorted from the Sultan the right to maintain Italian post offices in all Turkish cities in which other European powers enjoy a similar concession. Italy is a next door neighbor to the Ottoman Empire and hungry for a share of the sick man's farm, should he die intestate.

A law now before Parliament in Denmark proposes to make drunkenness a misdemeanor. The bill further stipulates that a person found guilty of drunkenness more than three times within twelve months shall be incarcerated in an asylum for alcoholists.

After he is cured the local authorities are at liberty to forbid him to partake of alcoholic stimulants for a period of five years. Any breach of the drunkenness law will be punished by jail.

The revolt against alcoholism, as expressed in the above bill, is the more remarkable as the consumption of alcoholic drinks is greater per capita in Denmark than in any other European country.

A STRONG SON OF CANADA.

Among the makers of Presbyterianism in Canada, we do not know of many who have done more valuable constructive work than Rev. R. N. Grant, D.D., of Orillia, familiarly known throughout Canada as "Knoxonian," a frequent and welcome contributor to the Dominion Presbyterian. We observe by the public press that on the 21st of April, Rev. D. C. MacGregor, B.A., was ordained and inducted by the Presbytery of Barrie as associate pastor with Dr. Grant.

In membership, sound yet attractive teaching, and in the quality of its representatives sent forth to mingle with the stream of Canadian life, there are few congregations more outstanding than that at Orillia; while the church building, with its alteration and interior decoration, is claimed by many to be the finest between Toronto and Winnipeg.

Dr. Grant stands in the front rank of Canada's clergymen of solid ability and constructive influence, and we trust that with the co-operation of his talented and enthusiastic associate, he may find opportunity to do, in his maturer years, some of his most important work, whether by pen, by voice, or through the results of a rich garnered experience.

On a recent Sunday evening the writer heard a powerful and stirring evangelistic message; so stirring that one young man, evidently much moved, said to a friend afterwards that he knew now how the prophets of old must sometimes have impressed those who heard them. Perhaps a satisfactory sequel to the impression made on the young man may some day be told; but who knows whether, as the young man passed out with the audience, some of his companions may have spoken slightly of the sermon; or perhaps started up conversations on frivolous topics, which diverted attention from higher and more serious things. "Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up."

Which leads to this enquiry: While there is a great deal of good and faithful preaching in Christian pulpits, is there lack of simple, suitable machinery for clinching the message? What about striking while the iron is hot in the case of those upon whom impression has been made?

In "Through Five Republics on Horseback," Mr. G. Whitfield Ray, F.R.G.S., describes in a most attractive manner his wanderings in South America. "The writer writes a facile pen, and every page glows with the passion of a man on fire with zeal for the evangelization of the great "Neglected Continent." Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay, are the countries visited; and the possibilities of each as a field for missionary effort are vividly set forth. There are numerous illustrations, and the book is well printed on good paper, from clear type. It will make an interesting and useful book for the Sunday school library. Toronto, William Briggs.

SUNDAY SALE OF REFRESHMENTS.**What is Lawful and What is Not.**

It will be remembered that about a year ago Judge Morson, the junior of the three County Judges of York, Ontario, reversed a conviction by Magistrate Kingsford against John Devins, a restaurant keeper, for selling on Sundays, candies, peanuts, and other eatable articles to be carried off the premises.

It was pointed out to the public at the time that this judgment was going to result in an immense increase in Sunday business, inasmuch as it implied, if it did not declare, that any man holding a restaurant license, and doing a restaurant business, might also carry on a confectionery business, a fruit business, a grocery business, and a business in all sorts of eatable articles, and could sell freely any or all classes of these things on Sunday, over the counter, to be carried away and used as the purchaser might desire. It was evident that large numbers of shop keepers and their employees were going to be deprived of their Sunday rest and other privileges if this interpretation of the law were to remain unchallenged. The matter was therefore brought to the attention of the Attorney-General of Ontario, the Hon. J. J. Foy, and, recognizing the serious import of the judgment, he requested Magistrate Kingsford to grant a "stated case," and requested County Crown Attorney H. L. Drayton, K.C., to take charge of the case in its preparation and in its argument before the High Court. The case was duly granted, and came before Mr. Justice Clute of the High Court on Friday, 10th April. The case was known as "The King vs. Weatheral." Weatheral held a restaurant license and did business at Toronto Island, selling refreshments of various kinds, and among other things he sold on Sunday, 9th June, 1907, "candies, popcorn, peanuts, and soft drinks."

The questions submitted to the court were as follows:

1. "Does the mere fact that Weatheral holds a license as restaurant keeper enable the said Weatheral to sell on the Lord's Day candies, popcorn, peanuts, and soft drinks, notwithstanding the Statute (Lord's Day Act)."

To this question Mr. Justice Clute replied "No." Unlike some judgments, this does not lack in clearness.

2. "Can a bona fide restaurant keeper sell candies, popcorn, peanuts, or other commodities not in connection with any meals served on the premises but done up so as to be taken away by the purchaser on the Lord's Day."

To this Mr. Justice Clute replied "I take this question to mean that the articles there referred to are sold, not in connection with the giving of meals served on the premises, but in the ordinary way of business as a merchant, so as to be taken away by the purchaser. Taking this to be the meaning of the question I answer again 'No.'"

There was a third question as to whether the Restaurant License that Weatheral holds from the City prohibits him making such sales on Sunday in itself apart from the Lord's Day Act. The Judge gives substantially the same answer to this question as to the other two.