

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

By the Women's Christian Temperance Union of St. John.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

In beginning, I may say that in attempting to express a few ideas on this subject, it was not that I thought it possible to do justice to so important a theme, but rather because of a deep personal interest concerning it. Moreover, I believe it to be one of the phases of duty that is not as plainly taught as it should be.

It is certainly a plain and undeniable fact that many give very little in proportion to their ability, and give that little in a very desultory and intermittent fashion.

If all professing Christians gave a just and due part of their material possessions towards the advancement of Christ's cause, there would not be that lack of money which now so sadly hinders His work.

In view of this we may well ask, why is this lack of interest? Some of it at least is directly traceable to a lack of knowledge regarding the teachings of scripture concerning it.

Let us look for a moment at simply giving. Important questions to arise are: To whom shall we give? and how shall our offerings be presented?

In the olden days when God gave instructions to his servant Moses about the building of the tabernacle, the first as we find it recorded in the Bible, was: Speak to the children of Israel that they bring me an offering.

Not long ago I read a little extract from the pen of the late Dr. Gordon regarding this text; it said that in the Greek, the word for cheerful and hilarious was 'epithymia'.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to the measure he has.

Professor Drummond says that if persons applied the same method to the spiritual life that they do to their business affairs, the result would be better Christians.

Turning to the scriptures, we find the first mention of the tithing in Genesis, 14, 20, where Abraham, returning from rescuing his nephew Lot, who had been taken captive, and was about to be taken to the king of the East.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

CHATHAM, N. B., Dec. 31, 1889.

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The prospects of improved markets in the United States, the West Indies and South America are most promising, and if these continue even a limited additional quantity of the smaller sizes (such as they usually take) it will, to a large extent, curtail consignments to Europe and have a marked beneficial effect on the lumber trade.

OTHER NEW BRUNSWICK PORTS. St. John, N. B., shippers of deals, etc., to Transatlantic ports, Dec. 1st, 1889 to Dec. 31st, 1889.

Table with columns for ship names, destinations, and quantities. Includes entries for W. M. Mackay, Geo. J. Vaughan, and others.

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MILITARY TOPICS.

F. Alban Sturdee's Picture in Navy and Army Illustrated.

The Afridis Know How to Shoot—How Highland Regiments Usher in the New Year.

Lieut. Colonel Otter, commanding the R. R. C. I., is expected at Fredericton early in January to inspect No. 4 Company.

An excellent likeness of Buier F. Alban Sturdee, "The Youngest Militiaman in Canada," appears in the Navy and Army Illustrated of the 17th December.

A system of hot water heating will, it is expected, be shortly introduced into the Fredericton barracks. The hospital is to be remodelled and an officers' ward provided.

All officers of Military District No. 3 who go to Fredericton for instruction must, in future, report themselves to the D. O. C. on their arrival there, and again at the expiration of their departure from that station.

It is rumored that Capt. Bell, A. D. C. at headquarters, will be appointed to the post of assistant military secretary to the major general commanding, in addition to his other duties.

In a recent lecture on Work With X Rays on the Battlefield, delivered by Surgeon Major Trevor, Royal Army Medical Corps, before the Camera Club of London, Eng., some interesting particulars were given respecting the armament of the Afridis on the occasion of our last campaign against them.

At the close of a very interesting article on Christmas in the Army, contributed by the Rev. E. J. Hardy, chaplain to H. M. forces, to the December number of Cassell's Magazine, the reverend author describes the bidding adieu to the old as observed in one of the Highland regiments.

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

Following Great Britain's Lead, Franke Will Strengthen Her Squadron.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 20.—Sir Herbert Murray, the governor of Newfoundland, despatched by the British cruiser Pelican, which sailed yesterday for England, important charts and data respecting the proposed fortifications here and the establishment of a naval reserve among the fisheries.

ST. JOHN'S, Dec. 31.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says that there is no reason to believe the French government contemplates making any proposition regarding French shore rights in Newfoundland.

The article in this morning's Mail suggesting that France would probably be inclined to renounce all rights along the Newfoundland French shore, provided the compensation were large enough, is regarded as a ballon d'essai, and does not please the government.

The Liberte suggests that England should give the wide right bank of the Mir and certain territory toward Lake Tchad as compensation. Meanwhile the St. Malo fishermen are preparing for their annual season in Newfoundland waters.

INDIA.

Viceroy Curzon Right Royally Received at Bombay.

BOMBAY, Dec. 30.—Baron Curzon, of Hedleston, the viceroy of India, who arrived here yesterday from England with Lady Curzon and their children, landed today. The warships in port fired a royal salute as the viceroy landed. The city was decorated with flags, and Lord Curzon was received by the heads of the military, naval, ecclesiastical, legal and civil departments. An address of welcome was presented to the new viceroy by the corporation of Bombay. It was enclosed in a silver casket of Indian workmanship.

IN CHINA.

Strong Evidence That England's Power There is Waning.

The Viceroy of Nankin Greatly Chagrined at the Failure of Great Britain to Support His Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "It is officially asserted here that, in spite of the protests of Sir Claude MacDonald, the British minister at Peking, China acceded to the demands for an extension of the exclusive French settlement in Shanghai. This result is due to pressure exerted at Peking, and is likely to hamper the negotiations for the extension of the cosmopolitan settlement, in regard to which the Viceroy of Nankin is disposed to meet the views of the British, American and German consuls.

"The Viceroy is greatly chagrined at the failure of Great Britain to support his determined policy in the valley of the Yang-Tze-Kiang at an important crisis. Satisfactory conclusions are not likely to result from British negotiations anywhere in China so long as the personnel of the Tsung-Li-Yamen remains, as now, actively hostile to British interests."

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The terms of the final contract respecting the concession to the Anglo-American syndicate of mining and railway privileges in the province of Sze-Chuen have been agreed upon, and are now being signed. Sze-Chuen is undoubtedly the richest as well as the least populated province in China. Great Britain and the United States got the greater portion, the Chinese and other nationalities getting the balance."

N. B. SHIPPING.

A Considerable Decline in Tonnage During the Year.

The decline in the registered tonnage of the province continues, the drop during 1889 being over 14,000 tons. The following is a comparative statement of vessels and tonnage for 1887 and 1889:

Table comparing vessel statistics for 1887 and 1889. Columns include No. of vessels, Tons, and specific ship names like St. John, Moncton, etc.

The loss in St. John's vessels during the year closed was from the standpoint of value, much greater than usual. The total value was \$306,000, compared with \$171,000 in 1887, \$118,429 in 1886, and \$162,050 in 1885.

THREE QUEER ONES.

The city of Ghent, in Belgium, is built on twenty-six islands. These islands are connected by six bridges. The city has three hundred streets and thirty public squares. It is noted for being the birthplace of Charles V., the Emperor of Germany, and the scene of the execution of several hundred heretics, and the execution of several hundred heretics.

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Will be Charged With Various Offences by Official Receiver.

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LETTER FROM THE PREMIER.

Sir Wilfrid refers to the Attacks on Mr. Tarte, and Warmly Commends the Course of His Colleague.

(Special to the Globe.)

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The following letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Senator Dandurand was read at a meeting of the Montreal Reform club last night. It is dated December 26:

"My Dear Senator—I regret very much that I could not be personally present at the meeting of the Club Nationale on Tuesday. Important duties detain me here and prevent my leaving the capital even for a day. You tell me that my presence would be desirable at Tuesday's meeting in order to attend to matters of a personal nature which you assume the name of Liberals, and you venture, under cover of my name, to attack one of the most highly esteemed of my colleagues. Would it not be better to give these attacks an importance greater than they deserve by means of your silence with silence? Is it not the height of absurdity to ask to give them the cover of my name? If I had not had confidence in Mr. Tarte, why should I have taken him into the government? The very character of the attacks which he directed against me, and against his colleagues, is such as to show that the Liberal party is not the place to discuss them. The Liberal party is not the place to discuss them. The Liberal party is not the place to discuss them.

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