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Sunday Street Cars.

The Toronto Ministerial Association had no other choice than to pass the resolution against Sunday Street Cars at its meeting on Monday. The ministers of the city will be found on the right side in this contest, at least so far as they are represented in the Ministerial Association. The ministers wield great power in a question such as this and its exercise will affect the vote very materially. The deputation from the Lord's Day Alliance made out a complete case, and their representations resulted in the following resolution: "Having heard from the representatives of the deputation from the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance, we the members of this Ministerial Association, desire to record our hearty sympathy with the object of the Lord's Day Alliance, and hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to advance the claims of the Alliance, both by our moral support and by stimulating the morality of our people, and by co-operating with them in furnishing material aid." In speaking to this resolution a remarkable speech was made by the Rev. Mr. Pringle of St. Paul, Minn., in the course of which he said: "The running of Sunday street cars will result in the handing over of the city to the worst elements. It will not be felt at first, but in a short time the whole city will be in the hands of Sunday pleasure-seekers. The City Council will be controlled by such a class, and everything will be contaminated. Then, again, there will be a centralization of religion, and the rich will come into the city to worship, and the missions will be ruined. It will result, finally, in a stirring up in religion of the masses against the classes. He spoke from his experience in American cities, and with a deep sense of the gravity of the situation.

The Late Archbishop of Canterbury.

The whole English speaking world was startled a few days ago by the news of the tragically sudden and unexpected death of Dr. Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury. It took place during a service on Sunday morning in Hawarden Church where he was visiting for a day or two as the guest of Mr. Gladstone, who had promoted him to this exalted see from that of Truro. Dr. Benson was an accomplished scholar and a most successful administrator under whom the church has prospered. The great event of his archbishopric was his judgment in the famous charges against the Bishop of Lincoln for ritualistic practices. It did not give satisfaction to any one but it has given a period of peace from legal controversy. He did not closely identify himself with any of the parties in the church, endeavoring by timely compromises to leave room for them all to develop their characteristic excellencies in freedom, believing that in due time the excrescences would disappear of themselves. As for

himself he preferred to be called a deep churchman rather than either high low or broad. Considerable attention was drawn quite recently to his dignified utterance regarding the Pope's refusal to acknowledge the validity of Anglican Orders. He wisely took the ground that the decision possessed little interest in view of the fact that the Holy Spirit had signally blessed their ministry. To such a Sanction the Pope's recognition would add nothing. At the time of his death he had just returned from Ireland whither he had gone at the invitation of Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin, to take part in the consecration of the Cathedral of Kildare. While in Dublin a garden party was given in his honor by Lord Plunket who among others invited all the Presbyterian ministers of the city and suburbs together with their wives to meet the Primate. Not for centuries before had any Archbishop of Canterbury visited Ireland in connection with an ecclesiastical function.

They Love The Queen.

Now and then instances come to light which prove that a friendly feeling for Great Britain exists in the United States. An example was given when Mr. B. Fay Mills made his notable speech on Armenia last summer, and we are happy in recording another which has come direct to us from Pittsburgh as indicated in the following letter from *The Presbyterian Messenger Co.*

"To THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW, Toronto, Canada.

"Dear Sir—We notice your excellent photo-engraved portrait of Her Majesty, in your issue of October 1st. We write to enquire whether you would be willing to let us have the use of this cut, in exchange for the use of any of our cuts that you may desire to use in the Review.

The people of the United States, as well as those in Her Majesty's dominions, have a profound regard for Queen Victoria."

City Mission Work in New York.

The Federation of Christian Churches in New York has had taken a careful census of one representative district in the city with a view of ascertaining the church affiliations of the people. The results have been tabulated and the significance of the figures thoroughly analysed by the energetic secretary in a valuable pamphlet which ought to be placed in the hands of every city missionary in America. On the basis of these figures it is estimated that the non-church going population of New York almost reaches one million and exceeds the aggregate population of the five northwestern states, Wyoming, Montreal, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. *The Federation feels that it is high time something earnest, energetic and concerted was done for the evangelization of this million of souls.*

Now there is no doubt that the difficulties in the way of reaching such a population as that which has been gathered in the commercial metropolis of the new world are enormous. Drawn largely from the non-church going classes in the old world they have no associations that give religious workers of any church ready access to them. Yet such a showing is startling enough and ought to be a trumpet call to action on the part of all the churches. It must not be supposed however, that they have been hitherto inactive. They have all realized their responsibility in large measure and have spared neither work nor money in seeking to reach the masses. In fact their mistake seems to have been in distributing their resources too lavishly. They have established missions without number but with the best intentions in the world have managed them in such a way as to pauperize the people instead of raising them to a higher plain of self respect by throwing on them as early as possible the burden of self-support and the responsibility