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THE CHURCHES' LACK

The Editor, Montreal Daily Star.

Sir,—In your issue of the 1st inst. there is an article by the Rev. W. D. Reid headed, "The Times in Which We Live." In one portion he states the question may well be asked what is the cause of this religious indifference,



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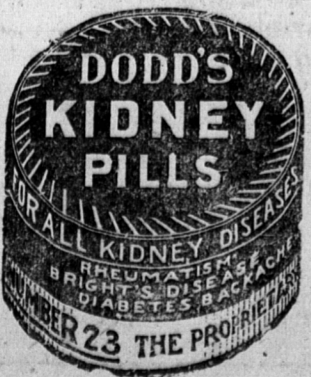
and the non-attendance of church members.

Permit me to state a few reasons just as they appear to myself and many other church members of today. You will agree with me that one goes to church for the purpose of being brought closer to God, and to worship Him in spirit and in truth, and to hear the Word of God expounded, but we are in most cases greatly disappointed, for what we do get from the pulpit of today is 25 per cent. ancient history, 25 per cent. modern history, 25 per cent. of the life of some other than the Lord Jesus Christ, 24 1/2 per cent. of what is published in the daily press. The other half per cent is the portion of the Word of God, which the minister takes as his text, and then he apologizes to his congregation for even using that portion of the Word of God.

What has become of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Did Christ die in vain that the clergymen are afraid to tell their congregation that they are sinners and need a personal Saviour? Have they forgotten that by grace we are saved through faith, and that not of ourselves? It is the gift of God. Not by works, lest any man should boast. In the opinion of many members of different Protestant churches of today, if the Gospel of Jesus Christ was proclaimed from the pulpit, instead of "labor questions, and many other matters not pertaining to the salvation of the souls of men and women, the Church would be brought closer to God, and the attendance greater, and I fully believe there would be less need of the Committee of Sixteen.

I trust this letter will come to the attention of many of the clergymen of our churches, so that they will remember the words of their Master "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Also His command to them to go into the world and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not the topics of the day, but Christ and Him Crucified for the salvation of the souls of men and women.

ONE WHO BELIEVES.



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OUR PORT OF CALL.

A report of the interviews by Mr. J. A. Messervey with heads of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine and the subsequent correspondence on the subject of making Charlottetown a port of call for these steamers have already appeared in the Guardian. In yesterday's issue we published a telegram from His Worship Mayor Wright supporting the movement and another today by Mr. Donald Nicholson, M. P. We feel assured that both these gentlemen who neglect no opportunity that promises benefit to the city and province will follow up the subject to a successful issue.

There is no doubt that regular calls here from the magnificent steamers of this line would result in good business for the steamers and very great and much needed service to the province.

This week one of the steamers of this line took away from Charlottetown to St. John's, Newfoundland, the largest single cargo that ever left the province and its size was only limited by the capacity of the ship. There is still enough produce awaiting shipment here to load several more such ships, produce for which there is a good market in Great Britain and the West Indies.

The management of this line of steamships look favourably upon the idea. The decisive question for them is, will a sufficient quantity of freight offer? We are assured by our best business men that full cargoes, if necessary, and in any case large quantities of freight would be available for almost any number of calls the steamers would be able to make throughout the season.

Transportation is the most acute problem confronting our people today. Notwithstanding the enormous quantities of produce going daily by the Car-ferry, there are enormous quantities yet to be moved and anything that can help to relieve this situation will be an inestimable boon to the province. Mr. J. A. Messervey is, we understand, taking up the matter in detail with the management and is giving them all necessary information as to business prospects. This should be backed up by all our business men and there are good prospects that this service will be inaugurated next summer.

REFORMING THE WORLD.

Good men and women throughout Christendom, impelled largely no doubt, by many circumstances incidental to the great tragedy through which the world has passed in the last five years, are feverishly taking up the problem of reforming the world, extending the sphere of the gospel and carrying the light of Christianity to the dark places of the earth.

The need of such reform is abundantly apparent. Much of the world is in darkness; many shadows have fallen across the lighted lands, shadows entirely foreign to Christianity, shadows some of them cast by an adulterated Christianity. The lighted spots of earth are small in comparison with those on which OUR "Sun of Righteousness" has never risen. This after nearly two thousand years of Christian endeavour to go and preach the Gospel to every creature is not encouraging. The spread of the Gospel in heathen lands has been wonderfully slow. It was not until comparatively few years ago that any concerted business-like effort was made to Christianize the heathen and, because of this, centuries have rolled over the world touching only those peoples who first received it and being carried by them to those lands to which they emigrated. Within the last century some impression has been made upon China, Japan and India but, compared with the millions in these lands who have never heard the Gospel, the impression is painfully, discouragingly faint.

The various evangelical churches are now uniting in a grand forward movement calculated to overcome, as speedily as possible, the inactivity of past centuries. Statisticians have, with modern financial ingenuity, calculated to the dollar what it would cost to evangelize the world within a certain specified time. Modern business inventiveness and system can accomplish wonders, has already accomplished the impossible; the financing of the war is cited as a standing example, and if the world could be Christianized by business methods the task would be accomplished within a very limited period. But Christianity is not business nor, unfortunately, is all business Christianity, although it should be possible to so unite them as to at least help Christianity. There has been much waste in our methods both at home and abroad.

Christianity is of the heart, real, unselfish, altruistic. It is not a matter of words or professions or westernizing. It is a coming "into the Ark" because outside is unsafe, and only they who are safe within can effectually invite those outside to come in. The invitation of one who is up to the neck in the flood to "come in" only makes the invitation ridiculous to individuals or to nations. Safety on the one side and danger on the other must be demonstrated otherwise than by words be they ever so eloquent and pleading. Christianity begins at "Jerusalem", at home and, beginning there, it will radiate to the ends of the earth. If we begin at the uttermost ends of the earth we are doomed to failure.

The forward movement, then, must begin at home, in the home, in the church, in the individual. Established there it will, by its own weight in service, in example, in gold, gravitate to the needy places until it covers the earth.

HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Christmas is in the air—the same old yet ever new Christmas: The frost of the moon fell over my floor. And six green singers stood at the door. What do ye here that music make? "Let us come in for sweet Christ's sake."

"Where do ye make for?" I asked of them. "Our Shrine is a Stable in Bethlehem." "Six green branches we leave with you— "See they be scattered your house- place through— "The stanch blithe holy your board-shall grace. "Mistletoe bless your chimney place. "Laurel to crown your lighted hall. "Over your bed let the yew bough fall. "Clothe by the cradle the Christmas fir. "For elfin dreams in its branches stir. "Last and loveliest, high and low, "From ceiling to floor let the ivy go." Green singers, God prosper the song ye make. As ye sing to the world for Christ's sweet sake.

There is a bright holiday look about the city stores with excitement in the air and shopkeepers and shoppers sharing innumerable secrets. Mysterious bargainings are already being made for the visit of Santa Clause and it is safe to predict a genuine after-the-war Christmas. The stores are thronged early and late with gift seekers and the slogan "Shop Early" seems to be generally observed.

Lady Jellicoe will remain in Quebec while the Admiral of the Fleet goes to St. John and Halifax. Upon their return to Ottawa a week before Christmas they will stay at the Chateau Laurier for a few days and will then return to Rideau Hall, to be the guests of Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire during the Christmas season.

Lady Rachel Cavendish, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Ailix Hamilton, called this week from England by the Empress of France for Canada. Lady Rachel has been visiting her sisters, Lady Maud Mackintosh and Lady Blanche Cobald, for the past three months. Lady Hamilton is a sister of the Earl of Haddington, A. D. C., to His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire.

The social whirl started on Monday of this week when the Knights of Pythias entertained at cards and dancing. This spacious hall was crowded with visitors who entered into the cards and dancing in a manner to insure a good time and the affair was one of the nicest ever given by the Knights, who are noted for their entertainments.

The Matron and Nurses of the Rena McLean Hospital added a social touch to the patients' sale of work last Saturday afternoon by serving afternoon tea in the spacious reception hall which was made delightfully cozy and cheerful with a bright grate-fire and daintily arranged table. The tea table presided over by the nurses in their becoming uniforms, on one of whom was noted several decorations, was handsomely arranged the centre piece being a large basket filled high with yellow and white crysanthemums and smilax. The work for sale in an adjoining room showed how well the teachers had conducted their classes and how apt the pupils were in following instructions. The sale and tea is but another successful affair featured by the popular Matron, Instructors and Nurses of this institution and they are being congratulated on its outcome.

Capt. J. K. Cameron, R. A. M. C., who is the guest of Mrs. D. Davies, the Esplanade is being welcomed home from overseas by his many relatives and friends.

Mrs. F. P. Taylor, has gone up to Montreal on a visit to her sons.

Mrs. McGrath, formerly Miss Mary Davies, has arrived in Ottawa and will spend the Christmas season with her parents, Sir Louis and Lady Davies.

Mrs. B. W. LePage, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. Reuel LePage, an autumn bride, were at home to their friends on Wednesday afternoon when a large number called to welcome them as residents of Charlottetown. Mrs. LePage was becomingly gowned in brown satin and Georgette with touches of old rose, while Mrs. Reuel LePage looked exceedingly nice in a handsome gown of taupe satin and Georgette with rosebud embroidery trimmings. The ladies were assisted in receiving by Mrs. (Dr.) Carruthers.



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and Mrs. J. A. Clark, Miss Margaret McInnis attending the door. The tea cups were presided over by Mrs. McInnis who was assisted in serving by Miss Hilda LePage, Miss Roma McLeure and Miss Helen Harper. The drawing room was artistically decorated with white and yellow crysanthemums and ferns, the same floral decorations being followed for the tea room. The Mesdames LePage are cordially welcomed to the city where they already have a host of friends.

Col. Moore left Thursday morning to spend the winter months in California.

The Woman's Club entertained last evening at one of the prettiest and most enjoyable dances of the season, attended by a host of young people who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The floor, music and dainty refreshments left little to be desired and the affair was a social success from start to finish.

Sympathy is being expressed for Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Putnam of Newcastle, N. B., on the death of their seven year old son, announced this week.

Rev. R. G. Fulton who is to spend the week end here will be cordially welcomed by his host of friends.

Sir Charles Dalton left here on Wednesday to join his family in Somerville, Mass., and they intend proceeding later to the West Indies or the Southern States.

Senator McLean of Souris is receiving the sympathy of friends on the death of his brother, the second bereave-

ment in the family within a few months.

The piano for the Nurses Home in connection with the P. E. Island Hospital is not yet an assured fact but

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THE REASON WHY

WHY DOES SALT MAKE ME THIRSTY?

The blood in our body contains about the same proportion of salt as the water in the ocean normally. When the supply is normal we do not feel that we have too much salt in our systems, but when you take your mouth the percentage of salt in the body is increased, and the body thirsts, or the desire to drink water afterwards is caused by the demand of the human system that the salt be diluted. The system calls for water or something to bring in order, that it may counteract the too great percentage of salt in the system. Other things also, when taken into the body in too great a proportion, cause us to become thirsty. Thirst is merely nature's demand for more water on account of the necessity of reducing the percentage of some substance like salt, or merely a necessity for having more water in the body.

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