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AN ANGRY CHURCH-GOER.

An apparently silly and undoubtedly angry person who styles himself "A Real Church-Goer," writes the Patriot that the GUARDIAN "seems ever anxious to speak evil of the dignitaries of the Church of England, from His Grace of Canterbury to our own Bishop of Nova Scotia, ever breathing insinuations which are not founded on fact, thus trading on the ignorance of man," etc.

It is quite clear that the writer referred to is not a reader of this widely read family journal, for if a reader of it and possessed of ordinary intelligence he would know that we treat all churches and their dignitaries with respect. If he will take the trouble to read our files—which we will gladly place at his disposal—his ignorance in that regard will be enlightened and he will learn how untruthful and even slanderous his charges are, and then, if he is possessed of the graces of charity and fairness he will retract his accusations.

We have, as right-thinking persons must have, great respect and veneration for the Church of England, and therefore in common with many members of the communion feel the more regret for the invasion of what we conceive to be the errors of doctrine and practice that have come in. We know very well that many learned, able and worthy men are Ritualists, and we can respect them for their piety and sincerity.

We are also quite willing for all persons in all churches to accord to their pastors and teachers the measure of respect and reverence they think them entitled to. But we claim for THE GUARDIAN the full right to express its own opinions upon any subject that comes within the sphere of a newspaper to discuss.

The writer of the letter above referred to, had he consulted his Bishop and been guided by his counsel would never have permitted his epistle to appear in print. No one will hold the Church of England responsible for his utterances, at least so long as he has enough discretion to withhold his name from the public.

Montreal now pays out 36.7 per cent of her large revenues in interest upon the public debt, the interest paid last year being \$1,073,063. Think of paying \$4 per head, or say \$20 per family yearly in interest on the city debt! As the Herald says, it is about time to call a halt in borrowing when that stage has reached.

The Khedive of Egypt, who, with his father before him owes his position to the British, has recently been intriguing against his former benefactors. The Fashoda incident, coupled with the possibility that he might be deposed, has apparently brought Abbas to a better frame of mind and he is now reported as disposed to be friendly again.

Seventeen men killed and 67 wounded were the losses incurred by the U. S. navy during the late war. In Dewey's victory at Manila not an American was killed. Nine were wounded, but all recovered and returned to duty. In the battle of Santiago one American was killed and 11 wounded, but all of the latter recovered and returned to duty. The heavier losses of the U. S. navy were in fights with the land forts, as at Guantanamo, Cienfuegos and Cardenas. Of the 67 wounded, as first above mentioned, 54 recovered and are since on duty, 7 died and 6 are invalided permanently. In view of the results achieved the losses and casualties, were surprisingly small.

Astronomers and scientists are giving renewed attention to the fact that the earth "wabbles" in its course, and that the axes on which it revolves are not fixed as has been supposed, but move about over a considerable area. This will make it more difficult than has been supposed for arctic explorers to find the pole if ever they travel so far north. And with a wabbling axis all our old lines of latitude and even the equator itself become unsettled. How can the "needle" remain "true to the pole" if the pole continues to wobble? No wonder that the weather has become unreliable.

For the completion of the metric system the decimal hour is advocated, especially in France. The metric system of weights and measures and decimal coinage have been extensively introduced and we all know how much easier is the system of accounting in dollars and cents than by the old currency of pounds, shillings and pence. Time is still reckoned in years, days, hours, minutes and seconds. To bring about the decimal hour the earth's equator would be divided by 24 principal meridians, and the intervals between into 10 degrees. Ten degrees would be equivalent to one hour of time in the revolution of the earth. The hour would be subdivided decimally, as is suggested, into 10 degrees, the degree into 10 minutes the minute into 10 primes, the prime into 10 seconds, the second into 10 tierces, and so on.

The Literary Digest publishes in full the editorial article printed in Wilmington, Delaware, which led to the burning of a newspaper edited there by Alex. L. Manly, a mulatto. A race war, it will be remembered followed the wrecking and burning of the newspaper office. The article in question contains little, if anything, that could fairly be objected to. But Wilmington, it is claimed has suffered from too much prominence given to negroes in civic affairs. The Republican party had catered to the negro vote, and though the mayor and chief of police are white, the policemen, sanitary inspectors and most other appointees of the city government are colored. It is claimed that negro policemen abused their powers, insulted and clubbed white citizens, while conniving at thieving, burglary, etc. The white people of Wilmington claim to own 95 per cent of the property in the city and yet have been practically subject to negro rule.

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FOR THE CANAL.

President Iglesias Favors the Nicaraguan Project.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29. President Iglesias of Costa Rica today gave THE TRIBUNE correspondent an interview and talked interestingly concerning his visit to the United States of his own country, and the building of the Nicaraguan Canal. His visit to this country is not an official one, and for that reason he is less inclined to talk particularly with respect to the construction of the canal than upon other matters, as he declares it would not be diplomatic or proper for him to enter into any elaborate discussion of the canal question, as any statement he might make would possibly be misinterpreted.

"I will say this, however, unofficially," said the President of Costa Rica. "The people of my country are anxious to have the Nicaraguan Canal built as are the people of the United States, and we will do everything possible; that is to say, our government will advance the interests of the canal and the people will ratify the action of the government. As every student of geography knows, the San Juan River forms a portion of the boundary between the republics of Nicaragua proper and Costa Rica. The river must be utilized in the construction of the canal. It must be dredged in places and made a portion of the greatway from the Atlantic to the Pacific. That is of course understood and taken into consideration in any plan for the building of the canal. One-half of this river belongs to Costa Rica and the other half to Nicaragua, and I can only state that the rights of Costa Rica will be maintained and I believe that the United States will see that they are preserved. That is the contention so far as Nicaragua and Costa Rica are concerned."

"The contract with the old Maritime Canal company will expire in October next, and that will no longer be an obstacle to the construction of the canal. The building of the canal will cause a great boom in Costa Rica, and after its completion the country will continue to grow and be prosperous by reason of the canal."

"At present the government of Costa Rica is deeply interested in the building of a national railway across the country, which is to extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The plan is to have it run from San Jose, the capital and principal city of the country, to Tavivas on the Pacific coast. The government has erected a dock at that point at a cost of nearly \$4,000,000, and this has been a considerable drain upon our resources. Of late the products of the country, particularly coffee, have not been as large as usual, and in consequence the exportations have fallen off to some extent. Correspondingly the revenues of the government have been less than in former years, and this taken together with the building of the railway and the dock, with its enormous expenditures, has placed the country in a condition of less prosperity than it has formerly enjoyed. Yet the depression is now passing. Other countries have experienced similar depressions from various causes and Costa Rica has had hers. Consequently the building of the railroad is not progressing as rapidly as we would like to have it. With the completion of this railroad and the construction of the Nicaraguan Canal Costa Rica will become the leading country of Central America and will rival the other Spanish American republics."

"Our people are deeply interested in the Americans, many of whom have come to our country, so that we have come to know them quite well and to pattern our institutions after those of the United States. Personally, I am fond of the people of this country, several members of my family having been educated here and having married Americans. We feel that the completion of the great canal will place us in closer touch with the people of the United States."

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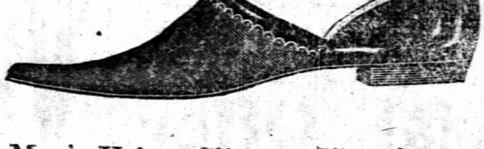
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