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WHITE & BRO.

PRESSING THEM HARD.

Gaunt poverty hugs the English workman still more closely and every day brings more victims within his cold embrace. A despatch from London on the 6th inst., says:—"There was a daily increase in the popular distress in every quarter the past week.—On Friday at Manchester there were 3,000 applications from the heads of families, representing 13,500 persons, to the relief committee, and on Saturday 4,000 fresh applications. During the week 1,200 families were relieved in Wolverhampton. A considerable increase of the distress is reported from Sheffield.

CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS.

A trial which came off at Hamilton the other day, brings into strong relief the folly of incurring indebtedness for church Building and church furniture, when there is nothing more than a moral obligation on the part of the congregation to pay. Christ Church Cathedral at Hamilton wanted an organ, and on payment of a small cash subscription, an organ was furnished costing \$6,000—the dealer taking a chattel mortgage thereon as security for a series of notes, given in payment by the Building Committee of the Cathedral. In order to meet some of these notes, \$2,000 was borrowed from Mr. Fuller, one of the churchwardens, who in turn was given a chattel mortgage for a like amount. The question turned upon the liability of the present Churchwardens to pay the amount of a note of \$720—the former Churchwardens suing them as representing the congregation. It came out in evidence that the original purchase was made by the Building Committee on the understanding that the ladies of the congregation would undertake to raise the required amount. Indeed, the whole thing seems to have been left to the ladies—Mrs. Villiers undertaking the responsibility of acting as Treasurer of the Organ Fund, and actually retiring the notes as they fell due at the Bank. It was contended on behalf of the plaintiffs that although the organ had been purchased through the ladies' exertions, it was really the property of the Church, and as the money with which it was procured was borrowed from Mr. Fuller, the Churchwardens were responsible. His Lordship Judge Cameron decided that there was no case to go before the jury and gave judgment for the defendants, allowing the plaintiffs to argue the question in turn.

It transpired that the ladies of the congregation, presumable by the organization of Church bazaars and entertainments, had actually paid the whole amount of indebtedness except the note in dispute, and that had they been given time they would have discharged the remainder. What Mr. Fuller and his co-Churchwardens wished, however, was a judgment holding the congregation responsible as a whole, they being de facto the owners of the organ, though they had not as a whole contributed to its purchase. Apart from the question of law, this case ought to serve as a warning to Church members not to incur indebtedness without being possessed of absolute security for payment. Religious congregations have no more right to put up extensive edifices, and lay in costly furniture on credit, than has a Bank or an Insurance office. Moreover, it is altogether too much the fashion for Ministers and building Committees to fall back on the ladies to get them out of difficulties which should never have been incurred, and which indeed, in most cases, the ladies themselves should not be suffered to incur. The true test in sincerity in religion, as in other matters, is financial test. If a new church is wanted, or a new organ, or any other article of church furniture, the right thing to do is to subscribe the money in advance, and not anticipate the zeal of posterity, which is only too apt to cool in presence of a load of debt. Church building is not a matter of sentiment. It is realistic, and the realism is too often apparent in heart-burnings and bitterness, not creditable to the Christian character.—Free Press.

THE Princess Louise is accredited with delighting in dashing briskly along the roads around Rideau Hall, wearing thick boots, and caring not for wind or weather. There are ladies in Canada who have reached a higher stage of civilization than this, and are satisfied that health can best be secured behind a team of carriage horses. These ladies suffer materially when one of the horses is sick, but are borne up in their trials by the sweet consolation that they have learned economy in shoe-leather. It is a dreadful plebeian to walk, and gives one an ungenteal appetite.—Toronto Telegram.

THE DANGER OF CHEWING GUM.

Sweet are the diversions of innocent girlhood but not always harmless. Dainty Lida Smith, a Louisville lass, has had, during the past year no higher aspiration than chewing gum, and the mobility of the lower section of her countenance has increased from week to week. On Saturday week she was very thirsty, and went to the kitchen to get a drink of cold water; and when she returned her jaws were moving rapidly. Her mother told her to throw the chewing gum away. The girl pointed to the mantelpiece where she had laid her mouthful of wax before going into the kitchen. There was nothing in her mouth, and yet her jaws were moving rapidly. Her mother teased, implored, commanded the child to keep her face straight, and still the jaws were moving rapidly. A physician came and put a tight bandage over the child's mouth, but excitement increased the action of the jaws, and the nervous twitching extended to the upper part of her face. A dose of morphia was administered, but through the night the jaws were moving rapidly. It was not until dawn that the muscular disturbance ceased. The physician said that it was a case of spasmodic action of the facial muscles caused by over action. Sweet sixteen, eject from thy rosy mouth the treacherous chewing gum! Garulous adult, who talkest thy neighbor to death, take warning now, while thy jaws are moving rapidly.

PRAYING FOR THE PRESS.

The following from the New York Herald is good and reasonable:—"Evidently it is an accepted opinion in the clerical world that newspaper men are not yet past praying for, inasmuch as some reverend gentlemen have set apart an especial season for the exercise in prayer of their benevolent intentions towards the press. It has been reported that a certain divine said in one of his eloquent prayers, 'Thou hast seen, O Lord, by the morning papers, how the Sabbath is desecrated,' and, perhaps, therefore the immediate object of the pious interest now taken in the press is to make it worthy of such attention, and thereby to exhibit the activity if not the name of some earnest laborers in the vineyard. It will be pleasant to editors everywhere to find the church interested in their welfare, for the welfare of the church is a thing they have all had at heart, and eke the welfare of particular persons. In short, the press has done its utmost to make the Church not merely what it is—that would be a poor ideal—but what it should be. For our part we have given an amount of space enormous in the aggregate to the publication of lamentably poor sermons; not that we believe poor sermons were great in soul-saving power, but we had the confident hope that the parsons generally would try to improve their sermons when the inexorable types came constantly to expose their emptiness. In that and other ways we have labored for the good of this sacred service. We have constantly taken great pains to admonish from time to time the large number of preachers who are constantly brought into court for the violation of one or another of the Ten Commandments, and all the newspaper press has done the same. If now the pulpit will reciprocate all these favors, we shall all feel extremely grateful."

FATAL FIRE IN KINGSTON.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED.

A fatal fire occurred in Kingston, Wednesday morning, which resulted in the death of two children. About six o'clock fire was discovered on the premises occupied by Thomas Johnston, Confectioner, at the corner of Barrie and Princess streets. Mrs. Johnston noticed the bedroom filling with smoke and called her husband's attention to the fact. Mr. Johnston at once got up, and proceeded to make a search. He went down below, and found the smoke too dense to proceed any further. He opened a door, the effect of which was to blow out the lamp which he had in his hand, and he had to grope his way up stairs. Fearing the worst he called to his wife to save their child which slept in the room with them, and rushed up stairs to get the other girl, who was asleep in the upper room. He was unable to open the door, and the smoke became so dense that he was compelled to leave it, and barely had time to save himself. Unfortunately, also, Mrs. Johnston seems to have lost her presence of mind, and left the younger child in the room. By this time the flames had burst out, and Mrs. Johnston had a narrow escape from being

burned to death. As it was, her hair was badly singed. The flames spread so rapidly that it was utterly impossible to do anything to save the children, and they both perished. It is supposed that the oldest girl might have been saved by her own efforts, but the smoke had suffocated her before she awoke. The fire was difficult to subdue, and its progress was not arrested until the roof of the adjoining building was badly damaged. As soon as possible after the fire had been got out, digging was commenced for the bodies of the two children. They were both found during the forenoon. That of the oldest girl was all burned except a portion of the trunk, and that of the other was completely burned. They were taken to the house of a friend a short distance away, and Corner Shaw notified of the sad affair. Arrangements were made for holding an inquest at four, o'clock in the afternoon.

THE JUDSON BANK FAILURE.

HOW IT OCCURED—DISASTROUS EFFECTS—ALL CLASSES SUFFER FINANCIALLY.

When D. C. Judson, the founder of the Bank, died about five years ago, he left an estate estimated at about \$900,000. A large portion of this was real estate, which has sunk greatly in value. The Bank, within a year or two, has suffered heavy losses by the failures of creditors, and in attempting to float real estate.

About two months ago E. N. Merriam, for many years the Cashier of Averill's, Chapman and Bean's Bank, accepted the position of Vice-President of the Judson Bank, and labored energetically to avert the end which came out on Wednesday morning by converting unproductive property into cash.

About the first of January the first rumor of unsoundness gained a footing, and kept running quietly and the drain commenced. This failure is the most disastrous in its effect of any that has ever occurred in Ogdensburgh. It effects everybody—mechanics, farmers, people of leisure, laborers, sewing girls, clerks, and business men, falling with particular hardship upon the business men who kept their deposits there. Many of them will be seriously crippled by the bank failure, and many have to ask for extensions from their city creditors. Among the depositors are several town collectors, who had considerable sums placed in the institution.

There are also several Canadians who hold certificates of deposit.

Ogdensburgh, N. Y., Jan. 23.—The failure of the Judson Bank created a great sensation. The assets are placed at \$325,000; amount due depositors, \$350,000 to \$400,000. Several town collectors are heavy depositors. The impression is that creditors will get about 35 per cent.

GREAT BRITAIN.

SPEAKING editorially of turkeys in the English market, the Daily Telegraph observes:—"From Canada and the United States extensive and systematic arrivals of poultry are likewise reported, and the birds have reached our shores in excellent condition. Our own poultry farmers should bear in mind that the American goose and the American turkey, both from the Dominion and from the States, are much finer and fatter birds than we as a rule can show. The acknowledged superiority of the New York specimens of both these branches of the feathered creation has been accounted for by the fact that the New Yorkers eat goose and turkey on four annual holidays—Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Evacuation Day, and Thanksgiving Day—whereas we only eat them on one.

THE volunteer force of Great Britain on October 31st, 1878, numbered 203,212, of whom 201,026 were present at the inspection, and 194,179 were efficient." This is says the Volunteer Service Gazette, in round numbers an increase of 10,000 over both the enrolled and efficient strength of the previous year.

THE Birmingham Daily Post says:—"It is an unfortunate thing for England if a scheme proposed to be carried out in Canada should be generally adopted. The agent of an English Iron Company 'of some magnitude' is, we learn, negotiating with the authorities of Toronto for the removal of their entire plant to that city, as they believe that Canada offers a better field for their enterprise. The proposition is, that the city shall give the company a lease at a nominal rent for twenty-one years of twenty acres of marsh land near the River Don, and also that the works which it is proposed to erect shall be exempt from taxation for ten years. The project, says a Canadian paper, seems to have been received with general favor by the citizens, and it is probable that the Council will concede the terms that have been mentioned. It will be rather unpleasant if concerns 'of some magnitude' are to be taken from us in this manner. Still, the iron trade has been so exceedingly bad of late that one cannot wonder at a large company taking bold steps in pursuit of prosperity. Should the transfer really be made the results will be watched with great interest.

FIFTY-FOUR new streets have been added to London in the past twelve months, and 136 trades.