

THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.

Spirited Debate in the Presbyterian Assembly as to Union With a Deceased Wife's Sister.

In the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at St. John, N. B., the case of Mr. Charbonnel, who desired to join the Church, was taken up. Rev. Dr. Gregg reported that the majority of the committee were in favor of receiving Mr. Charbonnel, but that he as convener had given his dissent for the following reasons: 1. Because the reception of Mr. Charbonnel is a virtual sanction of a marriage relation which is forbidden by the teaching of Scripture, and especially Lev., chap. xviii. 2. Because it is a violation of the teachings of the Confession of Faith, chap 24, sec. 4. 3. Because it is inconsistent with the appointment of a committee to watch legislation on the subject of marriage with a deceased wife's sister, to take such steps, by petition or otherwise, as they might deem advisable, with a view to avert the proposed legalization of such marriage by Parliament. 4. Because it will tend to relax discipline in the Church and to encourage violations of the law of God as contained in His Word and as enunciated in the standards of the Church. 5. Because it would be a violation of the Barrier Act of the Church, according to which the article in the Confession of Faith, which forbids marriage with a deceased wife's sister, cannot be set aside.

When the mind of the majority of the committee was made known, and no one was ready to move the reception of their recommendation, Dr. Gregg moved, seconded by Rev. A. Wilson, That the application of Mr. Charbonnel be not entertained by the Assembly. Dr. Jardine proceeded to move an amendment.

A point of order, however, was raised, and the Moderator ruled that the amendment of Dr. Jardine was out of order, because its contents were inconsistent with the standards of the Church. The ruling of the Moderator was called in question and a vote was taken, when the Moderator was sustained by a vote of 84 to 21.

A long time was spent in needless discussion; when a measure of quiet was restored the Assembly was called upon to vote upon Dr. Gregg's motion. Thereupon Mr. Lasing, Dundas, moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. McNeill, That the case be recommitted to the committee. This was lost by a vote of 47 to 6.

Principal McKnight moved another amendment, seconded by Principal Grant. Dr. McKnight, in speaking to his motion, said that this whole subject of marriage with a deceased wife's sister was one that must be faced sooner or later by the Assembly. There was at the present time antagonism between the interpretation accepted by many of certain passages of Scripture respecting the subject and the interpretation which has already found expression in the Acts of Parliament. He suggested that this whole matter concerning marriage with a deceased wife's sister, along with the case of Mr. Charbonnel, be handed to a committee, composed of the professors of Biblical interpretation in the different colleges, to report upon at the next Assembly.

Objection having been taken to this by many, Dr. McKnight said he would content himself by moving just now that the motion of Dr. Gregg be amended by the addition of the clause.

In the meantime, Professor McLaren rose to a point of order. He wished to know if even this amendment were in order. The Moderator ruled, for the sake of getting the vote of the Assembly, that it was in order. A vote was taken on Dr. McKnight's amendment, which was lost by a vote of 61 to 74.

Mr. Lasing then moved another amendment, seconded by the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, that this portion of the report referring to Mr. Charbonnel lie on the table. The vote was taken, and the amendment was carried by 77 to 50.

RUSH OF WATERS.

\$30,000 Worth of Property Destroyed and Lives Lost at Cleveland.

A Cleveland (O.) despatch, dated yesterday (Friday), says: A tidal wave two miles wide and eleven feet high swept the lake from here this morning. It came in the wake of a dense, angry-looking black and grey cloud, which moved from the north over the city. There was no wind and no rain at the lake shore, but some rain fell in the city. The wind blew fiercely south of the town, and vessels parted their lines. At the mouth of the river the piers and docks were submerged four feet in some places. Hundreds of fish were cast ashore, and the fires were put out in the Lake Erie rolling mills. A scow loaded with sand was landed high on the shore, a short stretch of railway near the Union depot was ripped up, and numerous small buildings were overturned. A tramp sleeping near the lake was drowned, and a man standing on the bank was washed against the wall of the Union depot, and another sitting in a switch-house was buried under the stove. Iron rails, twenty-eight feet long, were lifted up and scattered in confusion, and huge logs were washed ashore. The life-saving station was badly wrecked, and other damage of various kinds done. The wave lasted about a minute. Several parties who were fishing in skiffs report a sudden rise of water and a violent commotion like a whirlpool, but the skiffs weathered the storm without accident. The damage to property on shore is estimated at \$30,000.

—Were we eloquent as angels we should please some men, some women and some children much more by listening than by talking.—C. C. Colton.

—A Presbyterian society at Indianapolis seeks the Rev. A. T. Pierce, of Detroit, as its pastor, and tempts him with a salary of \$6,000 a year.

—Am I hurting you badly? asked a dentist of a lady whose teeth he was fixing, and who was emitting horrible groans. "Oh, not in the least, but I love to groan," was the reply.

—It is recommended that sickly potted plants be drenched with water heated to 150°; it has the effect of removing from the roots poisonous acid secretions which may have accumulated there.

AMONG THE HEATHEN.

The Missionary Labors of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

At the General Assembly meeting in St. John (N. B.), Prof. McLaren, Convener, presented the report of the Foreign Missions. This is the fifteenth time that he has had the honor of presenting the Foreign Mission report, and that of this year is perhaps the most encouraging of all. The work falls under three heads. (1.) Work in the Northwest; this is among the Indians. The missionaries are Revs. Mr. McKay, of Prince Albert; Geo. Flott, of Okanase; Solomon Tunkausuicoy, of Fort Ellice; Miss Baker, of Prince Albert; Mr. C. McKay, of Crow Stand. (2.) In China the good work is going on with success under Rev. G. L. McKay, D.D., and Rev. K. F. Junor. Within the past few years the whole northern part of Formosa has become Christianized. A college is about to be established on the island. The success attending mission work here has been very marked. Another missionary is needed. (3.) In Central India the missionaries are Rev. Messrs. J. M. Douglas, John Wilkie, J. T. Campbell, Misses McGregor and Rodger. The Mission Council requested the recall of Rev. J. M. Douglas, and for reasons the committee unanimously resolved to recall him. There are not a few encouraging features about the work in India. The income of the committee for the year is \$47,116. Included in this are a legacy of \$10,000 from the late Joseph McKay, of Montreal; a gift of \$1,300 from Mrs. McKay, of Windsor; from a gentleman in Galt, \$1,000; and from a young lady, as a dying gift, \$500. There is a balance on the right side of the committee's account of over \$11,000. Before concluding his remarks Professor McLaren made a powerful appeal in behalf of the foreign mission work.

Trouble from Reading a Paper.

A man came into the office on Tuesday with a black eye, a strip of court plaster across his cheek, one arm in a sling, and as he leaned on a crutch and wiped the perspiration away from around a lump on his forehead with a red cotton handkerchief he asked if the editor was in. We noticed that there was quite a healthy smell of stook yards about the visitor, but thinking that in his crippled condition we could probably whip him, if worse came to worse, we admitted that we were in.

"Well, I want to stop my paper," said he, as he sat down on one edge of a chair as though it might hurt. "Scratch my name right off. You are responsible for my condition."

Thinking the man might have been taking our advice to deaf men, to always walk on a railroad track if they could find one, we were preparing to scratch him off without any argument, believing that he was a man who knew when he had enough, when he spoke up as follows:

"The amount of it is this: I live out in Jefferson County, and I came in on the new Northwestern road just to get recreation. I am a farmer, and keep cows. I recently read an article in your paper about a Dairyman's Convention, where one of the mottoes over the door was, 'Treat your cow as you would a lady,' and the article said it was contended by our best dairy-men that a cow treated in a polite, gentlemanly manner, as though she was a companion, would give twice as much milk. The plan seemed feasible to me. I had been a hard man with stook, and thought maybe that was one reason my cows always dried up when butter was 40 cents a pound, and gave plenty of milk when butter was only worth 15 cents a pound. I decided to adopt your plan and treat a cow as I would a lady. I had a brindle cow that never had been very much mashed on me, and I decided to commence on her, and the next morning after I read your devilish paper, I put on my Sunday suit and a white plug hat that I bought the year Greely run for President, and went to the barn to milk. I noticed the old cow seemed to be bashful and frightened, but taking off my hat and bowing politely, I said: 'Madam, excuse the seeming impropriety of the request, but will you do me the favor to hoist?' At the same time I tapped her gently on the flank with my plug hat, and putting the tin pail on the floor under her, I sat down on the milking stool."

"Did she hoist?" said we, rather anxious to know how the advice of President Smith, of Sheboygan, the great dairyman, had worked.

"Did she hoist? Well, look at me, and see if you think she hoisted. Say, I tell you now in confidence, and I don't want it repeated, but that cow raised right up and kicked me with all four feet, switched me with her tail, and hooked me with both horns, all at once, and when I got up out of the bedding in the stall, and dug my hat out from under me, and began to maul the cow, I forgot all about the proper treatment of horned cattle. Why, she fairly galloped over me, and I never want to read your paper again."

We tried to explain to him that the advice did not apply to brindle cows at all, but he hobbled out, the maddest man that ever asked a cow to hoist in diplomatic language.—Milwaukee Sun.

A New Drama.

A new English melodrama of the blood-and-thunder kind, the American right to which has been bought by several managers, is called "The Romany-Rye," and is full of gypsies, red fire, stolen children, and other old-fashioned dramatic material. It has been received with great favor by the unwashed audiences of the Princess Theatre, London.

Germans are gradually becoming the bakers of London.

Mlle. Lucy de Rothschild, daughter of Baron Gustave de Rothschild, married the other day to M. Leon Lambert, brings her husband a nice little dower of \$120,000,000.

At Lord Macaulay's funeral a person unknown deliberately walked up and spat on the coffin at the conclusion of the service.

There are still a few cases of smallpox at Panama, but the disease seems to be fast dying out. At Aspinwall there are a few cases of yellow fever among the canal employees. One case of smallpox occurred on board the Colon among the crew on her last trip to Aspinwall.

THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

Latest News from Winnipeg and Elsewhere—University Convocation—Fatal Case of Burial—Railway Development

Oats are \$1 a bushel in Rapid City. Crops are reported as looking well throughout the country since the recent showers.

James Aull, living twelve miles east of Emerson, recently refused \$12 per acre for his farm.

Nelsonville is on the eve of incorporation and will thereafter be known as the town of Nelson.

Wood is \$4.50 per cord at West Lynne. Some hundreds of cords are now banked on the levee there.

The freight receipts at the Emerson station of the C. P. R. have averaged \$5,000 per day for some time back.

Eight births are reported as having taken place last week in Rat Portage.

The people of Rat Portage are in a quandary as to whether they vote in Lisgar or Algoma at the coming election, or if they have any vote at all.

Jos. Taillefer, the member for Morris, was banquetted at West Lynne last week for the interest he took in connection with the incorporation of that town.

An Indian belonging to a band camped near Rapid City died last week. They at once left for their reserve, and gave vent to their lamentations by beating on the end of a barrel and uttering a low moaning cry.

The crew of the steamer Northwest have gone to Selkirk, taking with them lines to haul the steamer up the Grand Rapids—a distance of about four miles. She will be the first steamer on the Saskatchewan by this route. If this experiment proves successful the new steamer now being built for the Saskatchewan will be taken there to the same way.

Parties who have recently visited the city of Flat Creek give very unsatisfactory accounts of the state of morality at that point. Whiskey is sold openly and a number of women of questionable character adds greatly to the consequent degradation. The authorities should take some steps to remedy the evil complained of.

Latest Telegrams.

A despatch from Winnipeg, dated last (Thursday) night, says:

Parties from Rat Portage bring particulars of the recent tragedy, which resulted in the murder of Edward Besoby, at one time a conductor on the Northern Railway. The verdict of the jury is to the effect that Besoby met his death through blows from an axe supposed to have been struck by his wife. The suspected woman bears a bad reputation, and it is not the first time she has made an attempt upon the life of her husband. She claims to have been divorced from a former husband now living in Buffalo. She subsequently removed to Toronto, where she entered a brothel, and afterwards kept a house of ill repute. It was while in Toronto, and when conductor on the Northern Railway, that Besoby met her. His marriage to her led to his dismissal, and he removed to the Northwest. His partner never abandoned her dissolute habits of life acquired in earlier years, and has been a curse to poor Besoby. Death did not occur as an immediate result of the assault, but took place the day after the supposed fracas. Mrs. Besoby has been arrested as a result of the verdict of the coroner's jury, and is now in custody of the police, who are bringing her into jail by special train. She will be arraigned for preliminary trial before the Provincial Magistrate to-morrow.

One of the heaviest rains that has visited this Province for some time set in last evening, and continued at intervals during the night. Vegetation has received a fresh impulse, and the farming community rejoice.

—The other night a professional mesmerizer found great difficulty in persuading any one to come on the stage. Finally one young man concluded to risk it, and the first experiment was with a glass of water, the youth being made to believe that it was alternately brandy, whiskey champagne, etc., and drinking it with great gusto. In five minutes thirty-seven men were on the platform asking to be mesmerized.

Dr. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.: Dear Sir—For many months I was a great sufferer. Physicians could afford me no relief. In my despair I commenced the use of your "Favorite Prescription." It speedily affected my entire and permanent cure. Yours thankfully, Mrs. PAUL R. DARTEN, Iowa City, Ia.

—A youth, who went to work in the country, wrote his girl, a June graduate, that he was raising a calf. Imagine his feelings when the girl replied: "I am glad you have begun to support yourself."

If you are bilious, take Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," the original "Little Liver Pills." Of all druggists.

The estimates of the population of the eight principal towns in Scotland at the middle of 1882, founded upon the numbers enumerated at the censuses of 1871 and 1881, are here subjoined: Glasgow, 514,048; Edinburgh, 232,440; Dundee, 145,433; Aberdeen, 107,378; Greenock, 70,128; Paisley, 66,641; Leith, 63,312; Perth, 30,206.

Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" and "Pleasant Purgative Pellets" purify the blood and cure constipation.

—A fond mother wrote to an enthusiastic young lady who had established a physiology class for girls: "Please do not teach my Mary Ann any more about her insides. It will never do her no good, and it's very rude."

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—A man who committed suicide in Philadelphia recently is reported as having been "unmarried and eccentric." The eccentrics are chiefly bachelors. Nothing like marriage for knocking the eccentricity out of a man.

SHE LOST HER TEETH.

But They Are Recovered and Sent to Her Address.

While the first section of No. 6, C. S. R., was leaving Waterford station last night, a fine-looking middle-aged lady rushed frantically up to Conductor Anderson and informed him that she had lost her teeth out of the car window, asked his opinion as to the chances of her recovery and handed him \$5 as a reward to the person who should be so fortunate as to find the ivory. Mr. Anderson met a laborer at the depot to whom he related the circumstances. This morning the man went back to where it was supposed the teeth were lost, and sure enough he found them. They were given to the conductor, who forwarded them to the fair owner's address, Mrs. Dr. W. R. Hamilton, Williamstown, Mass. The laborer received his reward, and now hangs around the station in the hope of seeing other women looking for a man to do a like job.—St. Thomas Journal.

A Wise Physician.

As a rule physicians are a very conservative class of people and it is well that they are. Few men, if there are any, care to be experimented on even for the benefit of the race generally, but each patient prefers to be treated by the most skillful physician and according to the method which experience has shown to be the best. It is a very fair recommendation of any proprietary medicine, therefore, when it is used by the faculty. Dr. Wilson's Pulmonary Cherry Balsam is one of them. N. G. Dean, Carleton, Ont., writes: "I had a severe cold which increased so alarmingly that I despaired of being cured. My physician recommended me to try Dr. Wilson's Pulmonary Cherry Balsam, which I did, and am now perfectly well." It is through such triumphs as this that this standard remedy has been so cordially accepted by leading physicians.

—A drunken man fell over a cliff 30 feet high, and alighting on his head escaped without serious injury. This is a point that drunken men and other fools might well bear in mind. They have a nice soft place to alight, or a nice light place to strike on if they only can get right end up at the moment of contact.

The Legree of Horses.

Everybody remembers the infamous slave owner, Legree, in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," who beat his more manly slave to death, and who received a well merited knock down from "Master George." His policy was to buy negroes, wear them out in two or three years, and then replace them by new ones. Unfortunately, the same stamp of man is found everywhere on this continent, although in the place of negroes to torture they have the more helpless horse, the most useful and intelligent domestic animal is doing its utmost, but is prevented from exerting its full power through lameness, strained sinews, sore shoulders or other ills, the lash is resorted to but always with injurious results. If a different plan was adopted and the horse given rest, and an outward application of Dr. Dow's Sturgeon Oil Liniment was made to the injured part the same horse would be able to do twice the work.

The Agony Over.

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—Scene: Recitation room. Professor (to student who is taking it easy): "Don't you think it would be better if you were to bring a bed with you next time?" Student (under his breath): "I wonder whether a 'crib' wouldn't be better."

The stomach is the principal portal through which disease enters the system, and it is only by the successful treatment of the derangements of this organ that we can restore health and fortify the constitution. Indigestion and malassimilation of food lead to impoverishment of the blood, imperfect nourishment of the tissues, and that condition of general debility which promotes the development of hereditary and acquired diseases. Dr. Wheeler's Compound Elixir of Phosphates and Galissay, a nutritive tonic, maintains the digestive apparatus in a vigorous condition.

—Your future husband seems very exacting; he has been stipulating for all sorts of things," said a mother to a daughter who was about getting married. "Never mind, mamma," said the affectionate girl, who was already dressing for the wedding, "these are his last wishes."

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Special inducements are offered you by the Burlington route. It will pay you to read their advertisement to be found elsewhere in this issue.

—A certain gentleman recently lost his wife, and a young miss of 6 years who came to her funeral said to his daughter of about the same age: "Your papa will marry again, won't he?" "Oh, yes," was the reply; "but not till after the funeral."

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Terrible Sufferings.

Dr. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.: I have a friend who suffered terribly. I purchased a bottle of your "Favorite Prescription," and, as a result of its use, she is perfectly well. J. BAILE, Burdett, N. Y.

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