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EDITORIAL NOTE AND COMMENT.

—President Kruger, of the Transvaal Republic, wants a union with the Orange Free State. He says the Queen is a troublesome woman but he will find her complacency itself to the trouble her troops will give him, if he persists in antagonizing British interests.

—10000 cushions, made in the Nevada State penitentiary are being used to-day, Wednesday, for seats and mementos of the "fight of the Century," in Carson, Nevada. Seven or eight ladies had arrived a few days ago. An army of tramps and crooks are on hand, a few millionaire dandies, and the whole of the State Legislature Box seats at \$40 each is a common price, and all to see two men man each other. Glorious civilization.

—The admirals of the powers in Crete drew up a blockade programme and submitted it to their respective governments, they want to blockade Crete. 2 Blockade the Piraeus and other Greek Ports. 3 Seize the Syria Telegraph office. 4 Greek warships taken to be kept at the island of Milo. 5 Any Greek ship firing on any of the foreign warships, to be sunk. 6 Any Greek torpedo boat approaching a foreign warship to be fired at. 7 A battalion of infantry, 600 strong to be sent by each of the powers to Crete.

Germany agreed to all but No. 7. Austria accepts all but wants time to consult his Majesty. Italy accepts all but must submit it to the cabinet Council. Russia and France want to try the effect of another collective note. Britain wants a gendarmerie organization with the Greek troops there, but not to be under the Grecian flag or Grecian officers. A long way from agreement yet. Perhaps if Greece should further hurt their dear Turkey, it may produce agreement.

SAUGEN PRESBYTERY.

Met in Palmerston Tuesday of last week, Rev. D. McVicar, Moderator. Mr. Dobson was appointed Moderator for the next six months. The thanks of the Presbytery were tendered to Mr. McVicar for the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duty during the past year.

Mr. Jansen intimated by postal card that he would not be present.

Messrs. Morrison, Stewart, McKellar and Munro, Ministers; and Messrs. Burns, Covil, Malcolmson and Hamilton, elders, were appointed commissioners to General Assembly in Winnipeg next June.

A warm resolution of regret at parting with Rev. L. W. Thom was introduced by Mr. Ramsey. Mr. Thom was thirteen years in Arthur and Gordon. Much faithfulness marked his pastoral and Presbyterial duties. He is now stationed in Flesherston in Orangeville Presbytery.

A telegram was received from the Clerk of the Ottawa Presbytery stating that the call to Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B. D. was sustained. Mr. Munroe was appointed to cite the Mt. Forest congregation to appear for their interests at a special meeting on the 23rd inst., at 10 a. m.

A Resolution on temperance was passed.

DEPARTMENTAL STORES.

"Mack," a vigorous writer in Toronto "Saturday Night" is at the head of a crusade against the big Departmental Stores which are injuriously effecting the trade of many towns. In a recent issue he writes this—

"Many say that nothing can be done. Real estate values in Toronto have been depressed to the extent of \$25,000,000, and at least \$10,000,000 of this is due to the influence of departmental stores, but there is no remedy, nothing can be done." So people talk.

It would be a very strange thing, indeed, if nothing could be done. Here are some facts that may form the basis of action. We shall not suggest in this issue the remedies that man be applied, but will be content to convince the public that something can and must be done. Let the public take hold the matter, spread knowledge, and the remedy will come very soon. Here are a few points that members of the Legislature and the City Council should carefully consider:

If a man with a torch had started at the Don bridge and burned down every third building he came to on Queen street, until he reached High Park, he would not thereby have destroyed as much property as departmental stores have already done in this city. A necessary building if burned down will be built again, but a building that is rendered unnecessary is worse than ashes.

A departmental store by losing money in one line and making money in fifty other lines, can ruin all opposition in that one line. In furs let us say, it can lose five or ten thousand by selling for less than cost for a time, and thus crush all fur dealers, and then, with the monopoly of the business purchased at this outlay, can raise prices and win back ten times what it lost. The scheme is to ruin all retailers in rotation and own the trade

of the city and province. Should any man or set of men, however great their capital, be free to operate thus?

Newspapers are carried free through the mails at the public expense, yet wherever they go they are the canvassing agents of these ruin working institutions. Parcel-post and book-post regulations made to suit a previous condition of affairs, assist these monopolies to the damage of all the towns in Canada.

Towns are now permitted to impose a license upon a transient trader who wishes to rush off a stock of goods and then flit to another town. In some places the license is almost prohibitory. In what way is the departmental store of Toronto less of an injury to a town in which it does business by mail and express, than the man who rushes in and slaughters a stock?

The Legislature of Minnesota is conducting an investigation which is publicly laying bare the whole iniquity of departmental stores—their depressing influence on real estate, on the wages of laboring people, on the quality of merchandise and the unfair, if not criminal, power enjoyed of crushing to death one line of trade after another. A remedy will be devised.

And now, before closing this chapter, I wish to warn the cities of London, Hamilton, Guelph, Brantford, Peterboro, and others, that it is easier to keep out departmental stores than to get them out once they are in. Some of these cities are at the present moment being reconnoitered by enemies who propose to rush in and sap their vitality.

CONTRIBUTED BY W. C. T. U.

We earnestly invite a careful reading of the following article, copied from the *Sunday School Times*, which through not written in the cause of Temperance, seems specially suited to the coming Plebiscite as a warning note to all God's people to arm themselves against our country's most gigantic foe, Intemperance, and wipe the evil forever from our land:

"There is an old time curse that has a suggestive lesson for all times. There had been a great battle. A country's very life was in the issue. When the call for men went forth, and patriots from all over the land heeded the call, one hamlet did not respond. Then in the song of victory that was sung after the battle, when the valiant deeds of this and that clan had been recounted, there came this fierce strain, 'Curse ye Meroz,' said the angel of the Lord, 'curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.'

"What was the reason for this curse? What had the inhabitants of Meroz done? They had not joined with the enemies of the country. They had not harbored the foe within their gates. They had only not come to the battle when the call rang in their ears.

"Men search now in vain for the site of Meroz. It is not marked on any map. The very memory of the place has perished. This single vindictive strain in the old song of victory in the single mention of it in any book. The word stands only as the symbol of a curse for not doing one's duty. It represents the man, who, when other men are loyal, remains neutral; when others are in the midst of the battle, braving danger, receiving wounds, is found hiding at home, taking no part in the struggle. Meroz stands for the man who shirks his duty, who abides at ease when he ought to be in the forefront of the field.

"The story is old but lesson is always timely. Every good cause is the cause of God. Christ's Kingdom comes not only in the personal sanctification of his followers as they yield heart and life to his sway. It comes also in every struggle between right and wrong, between purity and corruption, in every movement for reform, in every holy sentiment. The battle is going on forever in this world, and the trumpet is evermore sounding, calling men to the help of the Lord against the mighty. It is not enough not to be against the right and good; God wants us to come to his help in every contest. Not to act for God is to act against Him. 'He that is not with Me,' said the Master, 'is against Me.'

"Many of the gravest and most serious sins of men are sins of not doing. No wickedness is charged against Meroz. The people were cursed because they did nothing. It was a sin of omission. There are other illustrations. The priest and the Levite did not do any injury to the wounded man. They did not rob him, did not mite him, did not say abusive or unkind words to him. Yet every one who reads the story says at once that they did this man grievous wrong, sinned most sorely against him. They did it by not rendering to him love's offices, by passing him by, and leaving him unhelped in his bitter need. They came not to the help of the Lord in this sufferer's behalf.

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"The application of the lesson must rest with each one's own conscience. The curse is not against the enemies of Christ but against those who call themselves His friends, and who come not to His help against the mighty. It is the curse, not of opposition, but of inactivity, the curse of hiding away at ease when the Lord's cause needs all one's energy, the curse, not of fighting against the Lord, but of not fighting with him.

The impulse of the lesson should bring us out of our hiding-places to declare ourselves unequivocally on the Lord's side, and to stand forth boldly among his friends. This is no time for secret discipleship. Cowardice is treason to the King.

"We should gather close about our Master with holy devotion, and cleave to Him with unalterable fidelity. To shirk our duty now is to miss the crown at the end."

What will you do?

TAKE THE HINT.

Once a man had 1000 bushels of wheat which he sold not to a single merchant but to 1000 different dealers. A certain paper explains that a few of them paid him cash, but for the greater number said it was not convenient then, but they would pay later. A few months passed and the man's bank account ran low. "How is this," he said, "my 1000 bushels of wheat should have kept me in affluence until another crop is raised, but, lo! I have parted with the grain and have in its stead only a large amount of small accounts, so small and numerous and scattering that I cannot get around and collect fast enough to pay expenses." So he posted a public notice and asked all who owed him to come and pay quickly. But only a few came. The rest said: "Mine is only a little and I will go and pay one of these days," forgetting (that though each account was very small, when all were put together they meant a large sum to the man. Things went thus until the man got to feeling so badly and rolled and tossed about so in his efforts to collect that he fell out of bed and awoke, and quickly running to the granary found his 1000 bushels of grain still safe. He had only been dreaming and had not sold his wheat at all.

MORAL.—"The next day the man went to the publisher of his house paper and said: "Here, sir, is the pay for your paper and when the next year's subscription is due you can depend on me to pay promptly. I stood in the position of the editor last night and I know how it feels to have one's hard earned dollars scattered all over the country in small accounts. And the editor smiled and said: "How strange, you are the first man who ever seemed to look at the matter from my standpoint." Is your subscription due?

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