

CRETE AND ITS CITIES.

THREE PRINCIPAL TOWNS LESS THAN THAT OF TORONTO.

Religious Differences—Muslims and Christians of the Sultan—General Characteristics—Brother Against Brother.

To represent the Christians of the island as slaughtered lambs, murdered in masses by the Cretan Muslims, appears on the face of it a fantastic fable when we remember that of the 260,000 inhabitants of the ancient kingdom of Minas hardly a fifth of them practise the religion of the Koran. But Greece, which for a long time has manoeuvred for the reunion of Crete with the Hellenic kingdom, and which protected the insurgents in the last uprising and passed with the aid of her Athenian committee, a bill giving nearly ten million drachmas to the rebels, is too much interested and has too much at stake not to represent to the world the party with whom she sides as being heroic victims, while she paints the Muslims devoted to the policy of the Sultan as the fomenters and instigators of all the trouble.

"Candia, Rethyma and Canea are, in this island of Crete which boasts of one hundred towns, the three towns from which the whole island draws its supplies, and again we can only call these cities with a certain apology to the other cities of the island. The three of them together are not as large as the city of Toronto, for example.

THESE THREE CITIES, where instructions broke out almost simultaneously, are the only places where the Mussulman population is equal, or nearly so, to the Christian population, and where the two sects mingle in any way. It is doubtless due to this numerical equality and the daily collision that the first sparks of the uprising burst forth in these three cities. For, we repeat, in the Cretan troubles it is not a question of a race of natives revolting against a race of conquerors, but it is brother against brother.

M. Hatticre, a Belgian geographer, who has made a special study of this question, says:—There are hardly a dozen families in Candia who are authentic descendants of the Turkish colonists who established themselves in the country after the capture of Candia in 1669. The others are sons of renegades who were converted by the rewards of the conquerors after the Cretan rule, or out by the severity of Venetian rule, or out by the severity of Venetian rule, and summoned the Ottoman ruler to their assistance. As is the fact in the Orient especially, all these converts to Islam are of all Mussulmans the ones most vindictive against the coreligionists of their forefathers. They have kept the Hellenic dialect which is used in Crete, and the majority of them are utterly ignorant of Turkish.

CORN'S! CORNS!

Tender, painful corns, bleeding corns painlessly removed in twenty-four hours. Putnam's Painless Corn Extract acts magically. Try it and be convinced.

Husband—"Why should you blame me because we were late to the theater?" Wife—"You forgot, dear, that you hurried me up."

RHEUMATISM CURED

Eighteen Months Trying to Get Cured—Had the Best Doctors—He Found What He Wanted in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Goderich, Mar. 15 (Special).—A case of great interest here just now is that of Mr. Alexander J. Sharkey who for some time has been an extreme sufferer from Rheumatism. His statement to the correspondent is as follows:—"For eighteen months I was a victim of Rheumatism and during the whole of that time was trying every means to cure it. I had the best doctors in Canada and took their prescriptions with faith and patience. I got tired at last for I found the disappointment nearly as killing as the disease. But one friend wiser than the others convinced me that my disease must be cured by way of the kidney and recommended Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have used two boxes of these pills to effect a perfect cure and I don't care who knows it."

CRIES FROM A COFFIN.

Verve-Shaking Experience of a Big Four Baggage-master.

A despatch from Muncie, Ind., says:—Baggage-master Granville Woodbury, of the Big Four Knickerbocker express had charge of three corpses the other night. At Chesterfield the fast train stopped to pass another train, and a 6-year-old boy climbed on the front of the baggage car to steal a ride home to Daleville. The train does not stop there, and as it ran through the town the lad began to cry. The boxes containing the corpses were piled up near the front door. Woodbury was alone in the car, and as he heard the voice of the child from the outside he rushed to the boxes to ascertain if one contained a child. The nearer he drew the more positive was he that one of the bodies had come to life and was crying for help. Fifty trucks were piled against the other door, but the strong man decided to get through it and to the other trainmen to secure aid to open the boxes. When the train arrived in Muncie, Woodbury was completely unharmed, but related the story he believed to be true before the small boy climbed down from the platform. The boy was sent home on the next train.

Toistol's manuscript is full of interjections and exasperations, and the handwriting is small, fine, and hard to read. The countess transcribes it for the printer, and it is said that she made fifteen copies of one of her husband's books.

Few Women

ENJOY LIFE AS THEY OUGHT.

Many are miserable, weak and sickly, and suffer untold misery through ailments peculiar to their sex.

Most of these ailments result from womb troubles of some sort. No woman can remain well who has a diseased womb.

Dr. J. C. F. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, etc.

A SAD LEAVE-TAKING.

Dependent Individual (on through express)—Ah! it is so lovely, so lovely—the beautiful blue sky, the white fleecy clouds, the glorious sunshine—and to think I am gazing on it all for the last time.

Started Passenger—I beg pardon, sir, but you don't look like a dying man, nor like a person condemned to death for any crime.

Dependent Individual—It isn't that. You see I am going back to live in a Western city where they burn soft coal.

The Grand Duke Paul of Russia is so tall that no hotel bed is long enough for his comfort, and he has one built in sections, which he carries with his luggage everywhere. The bed is put up by a special mechanic, under the superintendence of the Royal valet, wherever the Grand Duke goes.

Sir G. O. Trevelyan's retirement from parliament and political life bids fair to fall out to the advantage of letters. A new edition of "Lord Macaulay's Life and Works" is announced by the Longman's under his editorship.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Notes About Some of the Great Folks of the World.

Mme. Adeline Patti, during the course of her operatic career, has earned \$5,000,000.

Prince George of Greece is an expert bicyclist, and, it is said, rides a bicycle almost as well as he handles a man-of-war.

Dr. Nansen is a lover of bright colors. His ship, the Fram, was painted green, gray, scarlet and white, picked out with gold.

It is said that Prof. Virchow's friends are making arrangements to celebrate the jubilee of his connection with the Berlin university.

Miss Jessie Ackerman, now in Baltimore, will soon enter upon her duties as assistant pastor of the Fourth Baptist church of Chicago.

Miss Minnie F. Clay has been appointed captain of the steamer on Lake Sebago, Me. She passed the examination for pilot and navigator.

It is said that Lord Charles Bessford will soon be promoted to flag rank, and will be the youngest rear admiral in the British navy.

Miss Grace Fairweather is the champion lady billiard player of the world. She is a native of Newcastle, England, and is now yet 21 years of age.

Emile Rihebourg, the French novelist, is said to have amassed \$400,000 in twenty years by writing sensational serial stories for Le Petit Journal.

Saroye, the noted French dramatic critic, styles himself "moderate vegetarian." He eats eggs, milk, butter and fish, but eschews all other animal food.

The Grand Duke Constantinoich has made a new translation of Hamlet into Russian, to be acted with his imperial highness in the title role.

Sarah Bernhardt has consented to appear on the stage in London in June in some of the representative plays which will be given in celebration of the Queen.

Prince Carl of Denmark is, like his bride, an enthusiastic cyclist. He uses a high-gear, and, being tall and lithe, can hold his own with some of the best when he chooses.

Lord Salisbury's old trouble over stoutness is again troubling him, and as soon as the Eastern crisis is over he proposes to go abroad and rid himself of the incumbrance.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has composed a new Victorian ballet, for which he is to receive \$10,000. His "Mikado" was first time in French.

King William I. introduced horse-shoeing into England, and six horse-shoes are on the coat of arms of the man to whom William gave a vast estate for caring for his horses in this way.

The Sultan of Turkey is declared to be a despot man, intensely fond of his children, for whom he has a tiny theater, wherein they play small parts for the delectation of their papa.

25TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Gratifying Indications OF PROGRESS.

DECREASED RATIO OF EXPENSES TO INCOME. LARGE INCREASE IN ASSETS.

The annual meeting of the Confederation Life Association was held at the head office of the Company, Yonge, Richmond and Victoria streets, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the hour of 2 p.m.

There was a large attendance of policyholders, shareholders and members of the agency staff.

On motion the Hon. Sir W. P. Howland, C.B., K.C.M.G., was called to the chair, Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Managing Director, was appointed Secretary of the meeting.

The report and financial statements relating to the business of the Association for the year 1896 were submitted as follows:—

REPORT.

The Directors are pleased to meet the policyholders and shareholders in the twenty-fifth annual meeting, and to lay before them the report for the year 1896.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the year was one of continued and widespread depression, causing an accentuation of the financial stringency which has existed for some years past and rendering it difficult to obtain a large volume of new business by legitimate means. Your Directors, however, have not been tempted to depart from the policy which has marked the past management. It will, therefore, be all the more pleasing to note the large amount of new business secured, as well as the gratifying indications of progress which a perusal of the statements will afford, the more so that this has been done with a decreased ratio of expenses to income.

Including a few deferred cases at the close of 1895, we have had 2,058 applications for assurances amounting to \$3,286,996; of these 1,352 for \$3,111,946 were approved and 106 for \$176,950 were declined. Including bonus additions, the total new business written for 1896 was 1,951 policies for \$3,181,996. The total business made for the year ending December 31, 1896, policies for \$27,560,423 on 15,978 lives.

The claims by death, while less in number, were of a larger amount, and called for a larger amount of policy benefits. There were ninety-nine deaths, calling for \$233,487 under 114 policies; of these 132 for \$3,111,946 were approved and 106 for \$176,950 were declined. Including bonus additions, the total new business written for 1896 was 1,951 policies for \$3,181,996. The total business made for the year ending December 31, 1896, policies for \$27,560,423 on 15,978 lives.

A perusal of the report and satisfactory evidence of progress:—

(1) A satisfactory volume of new business secured by purely business methods and at a fair cost.

(2) A large increase in the total insurance in force.

(3) A satisfactory increase in income, both from premiums and interest.

(4) A gratifying increase in surplus, notwithstanding the payment out to policyholders during the year of the large sum of over \$2,000 for profits.

(5) A decreased ratio of expenses to income.

The Directors, realizing that the rate of interest obtainable on good investments is steadily lowered, gave careful consideration to the rate of interest to be employed in circulating the policy and annuity obligations of the Association, and as a result decided to use a rate of 3-1/2 per cent. for all the business written subsequent to December 31, 1895, instead of 4-1/2, as formerly. This will have the effect of strengthening the position of the company and affording greater security to its policyholders.

The Directors are pleased to call attention to the fact that the head office building is gradually filling up, and that there is every prospect of the building in the near future, with a revival in business, it will be fully occupied. In the meantime, in view of the incorrect impression occasionally sought to be made, we are not saying too much when we state that the building is paying fully as well as any similar building in Canada.

The Directors have had under consideration the question of going outside of Canada for business, and, while it has not been definitely decided, it is quite probable that, subject to the approval of this meeting, the right to do business in some parts of the United States of America may be sought for at an early date.

The Directors are also pleased to report that the field and office staffs continue to discharge their duties with efficiency and faithfulness.

All the Directors retire, but are eligible for re-election.

W. P. HOWLAND, President.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Premiums, net \$ 907,821 69
Interest and rents, net 225,295 97
Total \$ 1,133,117 66

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Expenses, salaries, commissions, etc. \$ 206,685 06
Dividends to stockholders 15,000 00
Balance 459,821 70

Total assets \$ 5,779,210 95
Total liabilities 5,477,280 11

Cash surplus above all liabilities \$ 371,930 84
Capital stock \$ 1,000,000 00

Total surplus security for policyholders \$ 1,371,930 84

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the Association for the year ending December 31, 1896, and have examined the vouchers connected therewith, and certify that the financial statements agree with the books and are correct.

The securities represented in the assets (with the exception of those lodged with the Dominion Government, amounting to \$84,500, and those deposited with the Government, amounting to \$25,000) have been examined and compared with the books of the Association, and are correct, and correspond with the schedule.

The bank balances and the cash are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS,
JAS. WATSON,
Auditors.

Toronto, March 4, 1897.

The President, Sir W. P. Howland, moved the adoption of the report, and in doing so referred to the gratifying increase that had been made in the business of the association for the past year, emphasizing the following points:—

—Increase in premium income, \$377,930 84; increase in interest income, \$15,528; in cash surplus, after the payment to policyholders of over \$82,000 in cash profits, of \$37,776, and in assets of \$451,772. The increase in risk at the close of the year amounted to \$27,560,000, and represented a gain for the year of nearly one million dollars, and, continuing said:—"While we have reason to be gratified at these results of the year's business, at the same time it affords important evidence to us of the favorable opinion that is entertained by the public generally of making investments in life insurance and their full measure of confidence in the company which we represent."

He referred, in conclusion, to the important change which had been made on the basis of the valuation of the company's assurances and which would have the effect of affording fuller protection to its policyholders, and of strengthening the financial position of the company in the future.

Mr. W. H. Beatty, Vice-President, seconded the adoption of the report, which, after a few remarks by the Managing Director and by one or two of the policyholders present, was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. A. Patterson, barrister, moved that Mr. Henry Swan, a resolution thanking the directors and members of the association for their services and attention to the affairs of the company during the past year. Both these gentlemen referred in complimentary terms to the very excellent report which had been presented to the meeting.

The resolution, which was duly approved, was acknowledged by the President on behalf of the directors.

Resolutions of thanks were also passed to the actuary, solicitors, medical agency and official staffs, which were duly acknowledged by the representatives of the several bodies referred to.

All the retiring directors were re-elected and a meeting of the new board held immediately thereafter. Sir W. P. Howland, C. B., K. C. M. G., was re-elected President and Messrs. Edward Hooper and W. H. Beatty, Vice-Presidents.

Full particulars of the unconditional accumulative policy issued by this Association may be had from the local agent in this town, or from the Head Office, Toronto.

NOT ALL ALONE.

So you want to marry Fred. Do you say that to your mamma?

Yes, papa, replied the daughter, with her arms about his neck.

And go away and leave me all alone?

Why, no, papa! I know Fred will be willing to leave mamma with you!

POVERTY OF THE BLOOD.

A TROUBLE THAT IS MAKING THOUSANDS MISERABLE.

It Brings in the Train, Nervousness, Pains in the Back and Side, Headaches, Heart Palpitation, and Results Fatally Unless Efficacious Treatment is Not Resorted to.

From the Sussex, N.B., Record.

There are many ways in which people may prove benefactors of the human race. There are those who of their abundance spend large sums in erecting public buildings and beautifying public parks. Others spend their money in charitable work, and in alleviating the sufferings of less fortunate fellows, and for these acts these people are honored. The person who having obtained relief from sickness and weakness public the means by which health was regained, is none the less a public benefactor. Among these latter is Miss Elena O'Neill, daughter of Mr. Jas. O'Neill, a well-to-do farmer living near Millsstream, Kings' Co., N.B. Miss O'Neill was attacked with anæmia (poverty of the blood) a trouble unfortunately too common among the young girls of the present day, and one which is certain to terminate fatally if not promptly checked and the blood enriched and renewed. Having discovered a remedy that will achieve this happy result, Miss O'Neill is willing that less fortunate sufferers may reap the benefit of her experience. To a correspondent of the Record, Miss O'Neill related the story of her illness and cure. She said: "I believe that had I not begun the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills my trouble would have ended fatally. My illness came about so gradually that I can scarcely say when it began. The first symptoms were a loss of color and feeling of tiredness following even moderate exertion. Gradually I became as pale as a corpse, and was extremely nervous. Then I was attacked with a pain in the side, which daily grew more and more intense. I coughed a great deal and finally grew so weak that if I went upstairs I had to rest when I reached the top. My appetite forsook me. I was subject to spells of dizziness, and severe headaches and was gradually wasting away until I lost all interest in life. I had tried a number of medicines but found no relief. In this apparently hopeless condition, while reading a newspaper I saw a statement of a young lady whose symptoms were almost iden-

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil and Hypophosphites is as much the standard for all conditions of wasting in children and adults young lady whom I had read about. The result was marvellous. The pain in my side from which I had suffered so much disappeared, my nerves were strengthened, my appetite returned and my whole system seemed to be strengthened and renewed. I am now as well as any member in the family and have not known what sickness was since I discontinued the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

My gratitude towards this grand medicine is unbounded and I hope my statement may be the means of bringing encouragement and health to some other sufferer.

The gratifying results following the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, in the case of Miss O'Neill prove that they are unequalled as a blood builder and nerve tonic. In the case of young girls who are pale or sallow, listless, troubled with a fluttering or palpitation of the heart, weak and easily tired, no time should be lost in taking a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which will speedily enrich the blood and bring a rosy glow of health to the cheeks. They are a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of whatever nature.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold in boxes, never in loose form by the dozen or hundred, for 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont.

I CAN'T SLEEP

Is the Daily Who of Thousands of Humanity Will Have Suffered as Read What the Great South American Nervine Did For Him.

I was greatly troubled with general nervous debility, indigestion and sleeplessness. I tried a number of cures and consulted best physicians without any benefit. I was finally induced to give South American Nervine a trial. I had heard of some great cures by it. I took it, got well from my sufferings, and after using one bottle sleep came to me as if I were like a child. Six bottles have completely cured me.

HER ESPECIAL FAILING.

Don't you think, Grumpy, that Miss Harshly is a beautiful singer? Very. But she can't sing.

HEALTH'S PARADISE

Regained After Twenty Years Torture From The Dread Disease Catarrh—Hon. Geo. Taylor of Ontario, Felix the World What Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Has Done For Him.

I was a martyr to catarrh for twenty years, tried every known remedy, but got little or no relief. Was troubled with constant dropping in the throat, terrible pains in my head, and my breath was very offensive. I was induced to give Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder a trial, and the result was marvellous. The first application cleared my head instantly. I persisted in its use, and to-day I am a cured man, and it affords me pleasure to lend my testimony.

President Felix Faure will visit Algeria, and will be the guest of M. Cambon, Governor General, during his stay at Tunis. This will be the first visit of a French President to Algeria. The last visit of a sovereign was that of Napoleon III.

W. P. C. 860

AND A PAINFUL ONE.

Wife—Why do you persist in boring us all by talking about the tariff? Husband—Simply because it is a duty.

PAIN BANISHED AS IF BY MAGIC.

Nervine—nervine pain-cure—is a positive and almost instantaneous remedy for neuralgia, rheumatism, neuralgic pains. The most active remedy hitherto known falls far short of Nervine for potent power in the relief of nerve pain. A trial will demonstrate.

FOR CANINE PETS.

To be clothed in luxury is the latest extravagance for society canine pets. The height of all that is most smart is the coat for "wee doggies" made of the same material as that donned by their mistresses.

\$90 TO THE TON.

WOULDN'T BR A RICHER FIND TO A MAN WITH A GOLD CLAIM.

Than a Vial of Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills to the Same Man if his Nerves were all Disordered Through Over Work and Head Strain.

These things induce Constipation, Biliousness and Sick Headache. The easiest cure is the best cure. The purgative is the most desirable cure. A vegetable compound is the safest cure. Dr. Agnew's are purely vegetable. You can take them any time without danger. The doses are small. The taste is palatable. All druggists sell them—20 cents.

SAFE CURE PUTS A STOP TO BACKACHE, HEADACHES, CONSTIPATION, LOSS OF APPETITE, DYSPEPSIA, TIRED FEELINGS AND SLEEPLESSNESS. IT BUILDS UP THE EXHAUSTED SYSTEM. IT IS A SURE CURE FOR LIVER AND KIDNEY COMPLAINT IN ANY FORM, AND THE ONLY REMEDY THAT HAS EVER BEEN FOUND TO CURE BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

If you are feeling the