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title Wenknesses of Toronto and Toron lish Visitor-Faith in the Future-Seclag the flights-How Business Moves-Its Mustle Is Confined to Col. Denison's

The correspondent of The Birming am Post has been in Toronto, and pressions as follows in a y on earth. It is in a constant

es to Homburg and Aix, and scalthy, so Englishmen suffering from of the Union Jack and starched to The number of Union Jacks which

that he is the backbone of the Brit-

they'll say it in the Gaelic, which they speak fine.
"When I was a bit of a bairn away

of people. You admire the ing. Then your admiration to a question. What is so rate a place like Toronto do-ith these magnificent edifices? provincial, municipal conceit?

itable when Toronto has a popula-on of a million. Here then in town , as in the general life of the intry; the Canadian has his eyes

e. There is a touch of the Italian, le of the capital of Ontario are ent on their city being a beautiful

The Toronto man bristles with so many he counts as proof that To-ronto is a great city. He flings at you information and figures with lav-

point sight-seeing for one day. It thod of transit. But Toronto friends Furniture Fancy came along, determined to give me a good time. Had I seen the city? Well, hardly seen it, just pottered We'll have the carriage out after lunch, and drive round. Seen our residential quarter? A bit of it! Guess city than Montreal? Wasn't Toronto just the finest city I had ever struck

Music Bargains town of the same size, but it does it without the United States volubility and fuss. In the language here, every time, and on both feet. Indeed, as far as "getting a move on," Toronto as a business centre is slower than an English town. It is a matter of method rather than result. dmit it. He probably doesn't know t. He thinks himself a fine and a sharp fellow. So he is, and as good a sample of the colonial Briton as you will find anywhere. But he is not

an English court, I was a little breathless at the slap-dash manner in which he disposed of forty cases in

Eactly forty minutes. There was n

REV-SILAS HOCKING'S SALES EXCEED THOSE OF OTHER WRITERS

sault?" "No, Your Honor, I don't

rd." At the end of the forty

s I presumed to congratulat Colonel on his expedition

ay that, but-" "Well, he can go to il for fourteen days. Send up James

sut," I asked, "you don't go so

ast when you have a point of law

w to be raised. This is a court of

an down for six weeks. He wante

hority on law, but I guess he hasn't

ot as much authority as I have in

frum-major of the famous "Kilties"

terday from the mountains that overlook Balmoral," said the giant,

the old folks in Canada. Mighty

proud they'll be of it, too. 'Heath-er!' they'll say, 'real heather frae the old country, picked up by the boy. Roderick himself on the King's own

yonder in the new country," proceeded the drum-major, "the old mother would o' nights stand me by her

and ding some fearsome strange lan-guage in my ears. It was Gaelic.

And I was made to speak and write the tongue before English.

with the Gaelic, but"-and

tht a bit of the real thing would

rest right there," and his great hand patted affectionately, the modest

"I can't just tell you the sensa-

ions that rushed through me like urrents of electricity as I stood on

ettled on Roderick's big, expressive face. "D'ye know, the people of Balater couldn't understand my

After the concert in the Castle the

and was the best he had ever heard

"Thave never enjoyed anything bet-er," added His Majesty. "I notice

at one of your men wears th

Mr. Robinson explained that the

The King was interested on bein

eminded that many years ago, when Prince of Wales, he was present at Kneller Hall, where Mr. Robinson's

father performed a solo in His Ma-jesty's presence. "Your Majesty on that occasion," added Mr. Robinson,

was pleased to show your appre

inviting him to take a glass

"The precision and attack shown y your band are admirable." said

An English Point of View.

crial views, has committed himsel

dian people are, and always will be a separate and independent nation."

ish squadron on the North Americ

and West Indies station costs this country a trifle of £330,000 a year. It costs Canada nothing. English-

men pays 15s. a head towards the

Navy which protects Canadian as well as English trade and nearly-half of Canada's trade in 1900,

which amounted to 76; millions, was with England—and Canada pays nothing. If Canada were a separate and independent nation, she would

pendent fleet, at least as large as that of her neighbors of the United States. Consequently talk of this

ates. Consequently talk of this ture is a little beside the mark.

efits which we on our part recei

rom them, their very existence

pends on us. They are a little to forget it.—Onlooker, London,

As skim milk and buttermilk co

"What is it—gas or hot air?"
,"Hot air, I think, from his talk."

have to keep a separate, and inc

But, as The Times points out, this statement needs qualifying. The Bri-

Country and any of her Colon

ation of my father's perform

he Prince of Wales.

outh African medal."

ted in one thing"-and a cloud

declared that the "Kilties"

"When I grew older the scent

ps!' And more than likely

"I plucked the wee bit flower ye

and from Canada, says The Daily

in the tunic of Roderick

His Brother's Novels Also Have Larger Sale-Their Works Are Wholesome and Ordinary Readers-Their Works Are Not, However, Rend in Belgravia.

Judged by the number of his books sold, says a London correspondent the most popular living writer of tee of pashas. Ultimately they will fiction in England is the Rev. Silas be submitted to the Sultan. K. Hocking, whose latest novel, o quote Mathews, I think. 'Well,' "Meadowsweet and Rue," has just

Critics pay little attention to him; offis court. Your man goes down for of great authors; his works are not read in Belgravia, and fashionable book shops do not stock them, 'but for all that they have a larger cirdation than those of Marie Corelli Hall Caine, Sir Conan Doyle, Sir Gilbert Parker, Anthony Hope or my of the conspicuous stars of the

iterary firmament Happy in the knowledge that a big sale awaits every fresh book he writes, Mr. Hocking pursues the even tenor of his way, turning out a new 1878 and he has now twenty-seven fifty-four and in vigorous health it is probable that he will write many more before he lays his pen aside and hance to catch up with him.

He does not belong to the strenuous school of writers; he shocks noways rewarded and vice punished pabulum for the young person.

He first essayed short story writ- some hay beside her, and watch. of winning a prize of \$500 that had night old, and each night the old ciety for the best story setting forth | near, and at daylight in the morning

"I commenced," he says, "by writings had to be revised, my tragedy

the bit between his teeth and bolted. In fact, by the time I had reached the middle of the eighth chapter my characters had got themselves and I gave up the whole thing in des

pulse to write stories came upon him of duty, and for seven years kept the churchmen to consider well what they day when he fell. He had no sermon men, and, above all, the children, to write and the inclement weather

paper were at hand
"I began to write," he says, "listlessly, and without purpose. The first paragraph was but the expres by and without contriving the things took shape and grew. Like Bunyan with his dreams, 'the more I pulle the more it came.' I became interested at length, and the old passion for writing flared up into a white heat. My wife wondered what chain study, but one day, over the tea table, in the presence of an editor friend, I let the secret out. He begcript, and then gave me no rest un-

thanks, and have never lacked readone thing, to tell a story simply and directly—a story that should be ing to teach, that should leave be

hind it a pleasant flavor."

Incidentally, Mr. Hocking credits
himself with having given Conan
Doyle the suggestion that he should rid himself of the burden of Sherlock

Mr. Hocking's younger brother, the Rev. Joseph Hocking, since 1891 has held a paper on which the solicitor's also been turning out novels at the tharp eyes caught the name of his larger circulation than those of many more famous authors. Between the literary products of the two brothers brief, speedily discovering that they there is a close family resemblance. Loseph's conscience will not permit for the arrest of his client. In a

A MOSQUE FOR LONDON. posing Structure of Rock and Yellow

A mosque for London's 2,000 Montral London. For years past Motrying to spread a knowledge of Islamic teachings, but their efforts have been handicapped for want of a entral mosque, says The London

Robert Williams, F.R.I.B.A., re-Pasha to prepare the plans, which have been despatched to Constantinople for the approval of a commit

"The mosque," explained the architect to a reporter, J'is intended for all Mohammedan in London-Indian, Egyptian, Afghan and Persian as well as Turkish, for King Edward VII., it must be remembered, rules over It will be an imposing structure in red and yellow stone. The decorative

steps in marble; granite and jasper vill lead to the great central en-A graceful minaret, surrounded by galleries whence the muezzin will call "the faithful" in London to worship, is a notable feature of the design. gularity. His first was published in The minaret is surmounted by a cupola, and the golden crescent will be

and jasper, and a broad flight of

200 feet from the ground

A Hen Rears Kittens. Northern Gazette of Middlesboro' Yorkshire, England, a fine black cat the property of Mr. Percy Dodds, of the Bank, Redcar, gave birth to four Catholic Church. When the kittens were but a day or two old the cat mmediately a white hen flew down from her accustomed perch in a man ger above, and, spreading out her wings, covered the young kittens, and for has been rearing them and looking after them ever since. Strange to rehen flies on. What adds to the syming out thirty in all-then I began to | pathy of the picture is the hen has apose in grim earnest. But I soon only one leg, which she hops about discovered that my method, how- on, the other one having been broken ever good in theory, would not work some time ago. The kittens take out in practice. My chapter head- very kindly to their feathered fosterhave seen them crawling upon her ions, and, worse than all, my and comb. The mother cat generalcharacters became unmanageable; my ly sits near by, and often licks the ed me to erase all I had her paw round the latter's neck. "My principal here, too-I had sev- this happy family, and are greatly ral of them-developed qualities that surprised at the sagacity of the hen, had not foreseen, and finally took | who will not let anyone, except Mr.

The Religious Life of the Home. It would be vain to ignore the warning voices which tell us, on eiof the ordinary home-a falling off, its distinctive inspiration and its dis-

If that be true-and, in spite of all it surely behooves every gathering of from 'a peril whose gravity it is impossible to overestimate, because it affects the very foundation of our

Christian life.

I am not presumpturus enough t try to judge of the degree to which this danger is at present yours. You ther adequate provision is somehow being made in the Canada of to-day for securing that the children shall nowhere grow up ignorant of the fullness and the significance of their Christian heritage.-Archbishop of

The Pelican Made a Mistake, A strange thing happened in St. James' park the other day. A pelican was sitting on the rock which forms its usual roosting place, apparently asleep, and a gull was ming close by in the water. Suddenly the pelican darted out long pouch. The swallowing capacity of the pelican was overtaxthe moving pouch that a life and death struggle was going on inside. Ultimately the bill of the pelican was lowered, the gull tumbled into the water and swam away, shaking its feathers. It then coolly perched from the pelican looking none the worse for its exciting experience.-

clients a few years ago a notorio him to pay taxes to be expended in few hours the man of finance was out providing religious teachings of england, to which country he has which be does not approve not since returned.—London Globe.

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