

### A HEBREW POINTS OUT

WHY IT IS UNFAIR TO HAVE RELIGIOUS TESTS.

In a National University—The Christian Religion, He Says, Will Gain Nothing by the Queen's Test Clause.

Kingston, March 13.—(To the Editor)—I was very much surprised to read in your editorial of to-day's issue of your paper, that you are unable to comprehend why all the fuss about the Queen's bill has been made. The whole question is not so mysterious as that a man of your intelligence and power of penetration should have to despair of solving it. You have, no doubt, read in the papers what Mr. Bickerdike, Mr. Devlin, Dr. Clarke and Mr. Nickle, when the latter gentleman was expressing his own opinion, had to say on the subject in parliament. You have also undoubtedly pursued in your own paper the extracts from the "Canadian Mining Journal" and from the organ of the Canadian Baptists. Surely, after having read all these explanations of the arguments of the opponents of the bill, you cannot be sincere when you say that you are still in the dark as to why the bill was not passed without fight being waged over it in parliament. However, I trust you have not yet given up all hopes of finding out what all the noise was about; and if you will be kind enough to grant me the opportunity, I shall myself, make a humble effort to explain to you what you have thus far failed to comprehend.

The Jews of Canada are basing their grievances against the bill on the assumption that Canada is a free and democratic country. There is not a progressive nation in the world but has long recognized that the principle of the equality of all good men, must ever be strictly observed if national greatness is to be attained. And Canada being second to no nation, in the matter of enlightenment, has also become cognizant of the potency of this principle, and has adopted it and lived up to it in all its phases. Thus, for example, we find that here no distinction is made among people on the ground of racial origin, or religious persuasion; and that every law-abiding citizen, be he English, German or French, Jew, Catholic or Protestant, has the full right to exercise his franchise and to hold office within the gift of the nation. And this is only as it should be.

However, if Canada is to live up to its democratic traditions, the Jews and Catholics and the Baptists, as well as many Christians of other creeds, hold its parliament should refuse to recognize that an institution can be national, which in the performance of its function is practicing religious discrimination. So long as Queen's was the property of the Presbyterian church, and made no pretension to being national, it was perfectly at liberty to enforce any regulations that it pleased. But now, that it has become divorced from the church, and is asking parliament to place the stamp "national" on it, its insistence on a contradiction of and a challenge to an intradition of and a challenge to the Canadian spirit of democracy. For, think of it, the Canadian government, the Canadian people, would never dream of exacting religious tests from its officials. Yet a Canadian college, with all its enlightenment, and with all its learning, and scholarship, is

intolerant enough to exclude people from holding office in it, because of religious differences. The Canadian parliament, they think, therefore, to be true to the principles which form the very basis of its existence, should never countenance any unprogressive and intolerant practices on the part of institutions which style themselves as "national."

It is urged that because the majority of the Canadian people are Christians, the practice of discrimination on the part of Queen's is justifiable. To prove the fallacy of the argument, I shall show how the principle involved in it would work out if applied to other instances. Would it be correct, according to it, to claim that if the majority of the Canadian Christians were found to be, say, Catholics, it would be justifiable to exclude Protestants from holding office in the college? Or again, would not the fact of the numerical superiority of Christians to others, be a plausible reason for the exclusion of non-Christians also from having votes, or from running for office in any of the Canadian legislative bodies? Or still further, by analogy, would there not be warrant for a law being passed to bar all liberals from holding any office or position in the Canadian government or civil service, because at the present time the majority of the Canadian people are avowedly conservative in politics? And lastly, if majorities are justified in ignoring minorities, why should not the Catholics be allowed to enforce the same temperate decree in Quebec province, where they constitute the biggest portion of the population? The argument that the numerical preponderance of one class justifies the suppression of the discordant minority is thus shown to lack validity. When there is a difference of opinion on any subject, it is not fair to take one of the conflicting views and crown it as the universal one, to the total humiliation of the other views. In matters of religion it is, as has been pointed out, to be wisest to let the individuals have their own opinions without interference from the state. The state is supposed to be the common meeting ground of all the component members. Religion is a cause for disharmony. Therefore religion should be kept entirely separate from the state. All modern states recognize that fact. And Canada does too. The claim that because the majority of the Canadian people are of the Christian faith, Canada as a state can be said to be Christian, is, therefore, unfounded.

It is also urged that Queen's does not discriminate against non-Christian students. This is good. But it is not enough. If it treats young Jews fairly, why should it not treat older Jews, and those who have attained distinction in scholarship as well? Why should it not be as free as Oxford or Cambridge, or Columbia or Harvard, or McGill and Varsity? In conclusion let me state that after all, even if the "test clauses" are allowed to remain in the Queen's charter, the Christian religion will gain nothing thereby. What difference does it make to the church who teaches to its students mathematics and chemistry and languages; whether the instructor be Jew or gentile? The best time and the best place to exert a religious influence over the students is not during the lecture hours in the class rooms of an engineering or medical college, but at home and in the church on Sunday. Respectfully yours, A HEBREW CITIZEN.

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#### IS MADE MANAGER

Youth, Who Worked Day and Night Put in Charge.

Pittsfield, Mass., March 15.—George P. Leclair, who is fifteen years old, and wears short trousers, has been appointed manager of the Postal Telegraph office in Lennox and will begin his duties next month.

One year ago young Leclair was appointed head messenger at the Pittsfield office and he has worked all hours of the day and night learning the business. He is now an accurate operator and has shown unusual executive ability.

Following an illness of about ten days, Elijah Sizett, Athens, died on Sunday evening last. Deceased came here from New Brunswick about two years ago and was married shortly after his arrival to Miss A. Whitford, who, with three little children, survives.

### KING GEORGE PROMPTLY CUTS SOME USELESS RED TAPE.

Issues a New Order—Wives of Ambassadors to Rank With Husbands in Future.

London, March 15.—An interesting change in court precedence has been ordered by King George whereby the wives of ambassadors will take rank with their husbands. Hitherto the wives of ambassadors to the court of St. James had no rank of their own. If they attended the courts unattended by their husbands they were obliged to take a low position in the procession, coming after the junior ministers.

The continued indisposition of Witelaw Reid, the American ambassador, as well as the illness of Marquis Imperiali, the Italian ambassador, placed the wives of these two diplomats in an embarrassing position. At the last court Mrs. Reid refrained from attending.

King George immediately cut this red tape, and through the master of ceremonies issued the new order referred to this week, so that Mrs. Reid could be able to personally present her countrywomen at Thursday night's function. It is not expected, however, that she will be present, as she is remaining with her husband at West Park, where the ambassador is confident he will be able to shake off the bronchitis from which he is suffering, and which he has been unable to get rid of in London.



COUNTESS OF WARWICK. The English Socialist peeress, who is now in the United States on a lecturing tour.

#### A BLACK PICTURE PAINTED.

Regarding Education in the Province of Quebec.

Montreal, March 15.—A black outlook for Protestant education in Quebec province was presented at the Montreal presbytery by Rev. J. A. MacFarlane, superintendent of home missions for the Montreal and Ottawa presbyteries. He declared that the Protestant rural schools were being wiped out, and that with them the country congregations and missions must go to ruin. He declared that forty-five of the English-speaking Protestant families who are being driven out of the province were leaving because of the school difficulty, since they had to give up otherwise suitable homes because they could not get proper education for their families. As a result, Rev. Mr. MacFarlane said 1,500 Protestant children were in Catholic schools, while of 700 Protestant rural schools 500 were not open ten months in the year, and many of these were inefficient, and of 800 teachers more than half had no certificates, while at least 300 were not only uncertificated but unqualified. The pay of teachers in Protestant schools was even worse, in Stansfeld averaging \$162 a year, less than a domestic servant. The result was a constant procession of inefficient teachers through the schools, which made the Protestant people of the province thoroughly dissatisfied.

While Rev. Mr. MacFarlane undoubtedly showed a statement of conditions which are driving Protestants from many districts of Quebec, they are the result of small communities of Protestant congregations, amidst French Catholic populations, so that there are not enough Protestant families to support good schools. This is one of the factors driving the Protestant English-speaking population out of the rural districts of Quebec.

#### KUBELIK WORTH MILLION.

Story of Young Bohemian's Life Reads Like Fiction.

Jan Kubelik has become a millionaire at thirty-one years of age, and the story of his life reads like a chapter in fiction.

He was born in the Bohemian village of Mielitz, the son of a gardener and musician. At six little Kubelik commenced to play the violin. At eight he was known as a "wonder-kind" for miles around. At twelve he commenced to study with Sevoik in Prague, and there during a period of seven years his technique was developed.

He came forth as a public entertainer at the age of nineteen, and since then he has performed with his finest feats which have astonished the world. His debut was at Buda-Pesth.

Then he visited all the music centres of the continent. He came to America in 1890 with his cherished Stradivarius, which Emperor Franz Joseph gave him. He has been here many times since, and his first appearance in New York this season was before an audience which paid into the box office \$8,000. He says he must retire after this tour because he wants to enjoy life on his estate in Bohemia.

Watertown may have a public market. The plan is to convert public square into a public market three days a week and permit truck gardeners and butchers to sell their products by paying a small license fee.

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