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Yours Faithfully. J. DUNCAN THOMPSON.

DRENNAN FOR MAYOR



To the Electors of Kingston:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, Being sure that if elected Mayor of this City for 1888, my course in the Council during the year will meet with the approval of the public in general, I respectfully solicit your votes and influence in the coming Mayoralty Election the coming Mayoralty Election. I will spare no efforts in behalf of measures which will be in the interests of Kingston and its people. Nov. 22. W. M. DRENNAN.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1888.

TO GEO. S. FENWICK, ESQ. :

We, the undersigned Electors, request you to offer yourself as a candidate for Alderman for Ontario Ward, and promise you our heartiest support and influence:

J. McNaughton, R. M. Rose, f. McAuley, Jno. Fraser. Wm. Allen, J. M. Machar, J. Smith, Wm. Rigney, J. C. Mitchell, J. B. Murphy. Jno. McKay, John Schroder. Jno. Laidlaw. Jas. Kavanagh, David G. Laidlaw, A. Gunn, . G. Rudd, H. T. Shibley. R. J. Bowes, John Reyner, James B. Johnston, John Mudie. Jno. Ward, A. P. Knight. Jno. C. Innes. R. Stirling, J. Belcher, R. E. Kent, W. C. Martin, Thos. Y. Greet, Thos. Mills, Saml. Dyde, Robert Hendry, Jr., Dan Callaghan, Richard T. Walkem. Thos. Wilson. . B. Walkem, Thos. Peters, R. Vashon Rogers. R. Crawford, Jas. McArthur, W. D. McRae, B. M. Britton, George A. Kirkpatrick, T. M. Parkins, . F. Gildersleeve, Wm. Ford, Jno. L. Whiting. 4. W. Breck, R. M. Ford, E. A. Booth, J. A. Hendry, . B. Carruthers, E. J. B. Pense. B. W. Robertson, W. R. McRae. Patrick Browne. R. W. R. McRae, N. K. Scott. W. Carey, James Yule. .. Clements, Robert Christoe, Jno. Kelly, F. X. Lachance, Robert T. Burns, Fred. Crosby, N. McNeil, W. C. Carruthers, A. LeHeup, M. S. Sutherland, Owen Tierney, And others.

To the Electors of Ontario Ward:

GENTLEMEN, -As requested by the above named electors, I very cordially offer myself as one of the candidates for your suffrage. The honour is one not only unsolicited, but quite unexpected; and if elected my services in your interests shall be discharged conscien-As it is an office of trust and confidence so it

should be tendered and not solicited. I shall, therefore, not canvass a vote, leaving it entirely to your own good judgment who shall represent you in the Council.

GEORGE S. FENWICK.

F. S. REES.

To the Electors of Ontario Ward. IN offering myself for re-election to the posispectfully solicit your votes and influence. JOSEPH F. SWIFT.

To The Electors of Cataragui Ward. f again offer myself for re-election to the position of Alderman for the ensuing year. I wish any voter I cannot see personally to kind ly accept this request for their vote and in-

To the Electors of Frontenac Ward. BEING solicited by a large number of the electors of Frontenae Ward to stand for Alderman for 1888, I now solicit your votes and in-N. WILMOT.

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THE SPOILS ARE GONE. It seems that the minister of customs has decided that all additional sums payable under section 8 of the Customs act, for undervaluation, are in future to be treated as being purely of the nature of increased duty, and not fines or seizure moneys. Consequently no appraisers or other customs officers concerned in the ratings of such valuations will be entitled to participate, as heretofore, by way of award in respect of moneys so collected. The change has been made in order to remove the dissatisfaction which existed to a greater or less degree among importers in reference to a case where the penalty might be held to be con. sequent upon an interested view of the valuation of any class of goods being taken by the appraisers of customs. It remains to be seen whether the officials will be as active in ferreting out irregularities now as they were when they had the spoils in view. The same vigilance should be employed, without the scandal and suspicion which has been attached to it in the past, especially in the eastern cities.

A RELIGIOUS SENSATION.

One of the most remarkable papers read, within our remembrance, before a church convention-indeed, the religious sensation of the day -is the speech made at Wolverhampton, England, by Canon Isaac Taylor, Setterington. That he expressed sentiments which took his hearers by storm, that he said some things that startled them exceedingly, goes without saying. His address has been suggestive of much comment, as it was expected to be, and while some do not concur with him, while they do not desire to abandon any of their most cherished beliefs, they cannot but admire the boldness with which he has attacked them. Canon Taylor unburdened himself before the church convention freely, candidly, and with the confidence of one who | Christianity differs from Islam, but how knew whereof he spoke. At the outset he much it resembles it. Let us try to perfect was interrupted with expressions of surprise. as he proceeded he provoked an occasional "hear, hear;" and when he had finished he was cheered and applauded. And what was | find that in God's scheme Mahommed has the drift of his thought? It was this: that | been preparing the way for Christ." Islam is making great strides in Africa; that it is at present the superior of Christever Christianity is to be a substitute for it

tics of its missionaries. It is not generally supposed, but Canon Taylor declares it to be true, that not only are the Moslem converts from Paganism more numerous than the Christian converts, but that Christianity in some regions is actually receding, and the assaults upon Mohammedanism are positively without success. And it is not the first propagation | taken against what, in view of Canon of Islam that has to be explained, but the permanency with which it retains its hold upon the converts. An African tribe once converted to Islam never reverts to Paganism 'and never embraces Christianity.' Canon Taylor goes into details and explains the grounds upon which he makes this asser. tion. He says that Christianity is "too lofty, too spiritual," and "Islam has done more for civilization than Christianity." To this declaration there was a murmur of disapproval all over the whole assembly o Christian people, and Canon Taylor plunged into preticulars. Said he:

Take the statements of English officials or In travellers as to the practical results Islam When Mahommedanism is embraced by a negro tribe, Paganism, devil worship, fetichism, cannibalism, human sacrifice, infanticide, witchcraft, at once disappear. The natives begin to dress, filth is replaced by cleanliness, and they acquire per. sonal dignity and self respect. Hospitality becomes a religious duty, drunkenness becomes rare, gambling is forbidden, immodest dancing and the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes cease, female chastity is regarded as a virtue, industry replaces idleness, license give place to law, order and sobriety prevail, blood feuds, cruelty to animals and to slaves, are forbidden. A feeling of humanity, of benevolence, and of brotherhood is inculcated. Polygamy and slavery are regulated and their evils are restrained. Islam is, above all, the most powerful total abstinence association in the world, whereas the extension of European trade means the extension of drunkenness and vice and the degradation of the people; and Islam introduces a civilization of no low order, including a knowledge of reading and writing. decent clothing, personal cleanliness, veracity and self-repect. Its restraining and civilizing effects are marvellous."

And what of Christianity? Can it not ac complish all that Islam teaches and add to civilization a religious tone absolutely without a parallel? A good many will say so. Canon Taylor does not. He says Islam has been a revolt against "empty theological polemics." It brought out the fundamental dogma of religion, the unity and greatness of God. It "gave hope to the slave, brother hood to mankind, and recognition to the fundamental facts of human nature." Con-

tinuing he observes: "The higher Christian virtues, humility, purity of heart, forgiveness of injuries, sacrifice of self, are not the virtues of Islam. The Christian ideal is unintelligible to savages, but the lower virtues, which Islam incul cates, are what the lower races can b

brought to understand temperance, cleanliness, chastity, justice, fortitude, courage, benevolence, hospitality, veracity and resignation. They can be brought to cultivate the nine cardinal virtues, and to abjure the four deadly sins. The Christian ideal of the brotherhood of man is the highest, but Islam equality of all Moslems. This is the great bribe which Islam offers. The convert is admitted at once to an exclusive social caste; he becomes a member of a vast confrater-nity of one hundred and fifty millions. A preaches a practical brotherhood—the social Christian convert is not regarded as a social equal, but the Moslem brotherhood is a real ity. We have over much 'dearly beloved brethren' in the reading desk, but over little in daily life."

It is recorded that in the church convention there was laughter at this direct drive at a weakness of the ministry, but it was immediately succeeded by serious meditation. Interest increased as Canon Taylor pointed out that two of the great difficulties in the way of conversion of Africa were polygamy and domestic slavery. Slavery is no part of Islam. In the hands of the Moslem it is a very mild institution, and must ere long, but gradually, become a thing of the past. Polygamy is harder to deal with, but the more intelligent Moslems are of the opinion that the time is coming for its restraint or abolition. The Bishop of Lahore sees the necessity of making some advance towards the conversion of the polygamists, and so urges the admission of them to baptism but not to holy orders. And polygamy has not been altogether fruitful of evil. "Owing to polygamy," says Canon Taylor, "Mahommedan countries are free from professional outcasts, a greater reproach to Christendom than polygamy is to Islam. The strictly regulated polygamy of Moslem lands is infinitely less degrading to women and less injurious to men than the promiscuous polyandry which is the cusre of Christian cities and which is absolutely unknown in Islam. The polyandrous English are not entitled to cast stones at the polygamous Moslems. The four chief evils of Mahommedan lands-polygamy, slavery, servile concubinage and limense of divorce - are not the exclusive reproach to Islam. Within cur memory, if not now, they have all prevailed in aggravated forms in the United States, a land nominally Christian, and peopled by a race of English brotherhood."

But enough of the contrast between religions; it led up to certain conclusions, certain recommendations, in regard to the conduct of the christian missions. What were they? That Africa can never be converted by Europeans, for climatic and social rea sons, that the heathen tribe can only bo reached, religiously, by civilized christian coloured people, from the southern states and in large numbers. More than that: the fortress of Islam cannot be successfully attacked and carried. "Instead of raising antagonisms by denouncing Mahommed as a false prophet, and the Moslems as infidels, let us begin by showing not how much this religion rather than vainly endeavour to destroy it, and we may possibly transform Islam into Christianity. Thus we may

Canon Taylor has set the people a thinking. He has supplied a fund of information like Bishop Taylor, now in Central Africa, who can give light upon the points dealt with by Canon Taylor, and the latter's understanding of African life and its necessities being correct, his suggestions will have an irresistible force. It is only reasonable to suppose that every precaution should be Taylor's statements, appears to be a waste of energy and resource. The missionary en terprises, so far as Africa is concerned, are either wisely or unwisely directed, and which should he decided with all possible

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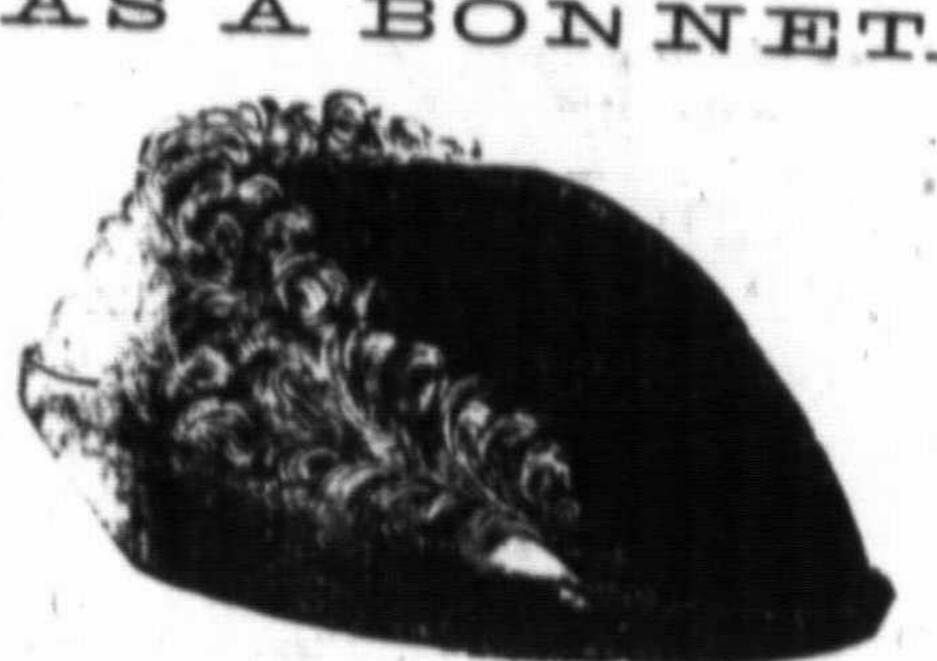
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