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CRITIC OF THE CONFESSION SUSTAINED.

What are the churches coming to? ... Dr. Carter closed by saying: "Do not condemn me; do not cast me out of your ministry; welcome me again to my place in the Presbytery with the beautiful understanding that there shall be greater theological freedom in the Presbyterian Church than has been allowed heretofore."

The surprise is not that one member of this Presbytery should have fallen away but that the Presbytery, after hearing his address, adopted a resolution laying Dr. Carter's letter on the table, upholding him, and requesting "our brother to continue his honored connection with the Presbyterian communion."

There be strange sayings and doings these times in ecclesiastical circles. There is a loosening of ties, a breaking away from the landmarks which the fathers set, and the Church and the world cannot be the better therefor.

A CARD FROM DR. BOYD. Everything comes back on the Observer. In its issue of November 25th it copied from The Central Presbyterian, of Richmond, a paragraph which that paper had copied from The Chicago Record, purporting to be remarks made by Rev. Dr. John H. Boyd, formerly of Charlotte, now of Evanston, Ill., before the Presbytery of Chicago, in favor of the Northern Presbyterians coming into the Southern field and organizing Northern Presbyterian churches.

We allow Col. J. Wiley Shook's communication, which appeared in Wednesday's paper, to pass unchallenged. He always writes so entertainingly that we don't want to say anything that might discourage him.

All is not lost! In the municipal election held Tuesday, the Democrats carried Boston and in harmony therewith the Morally Stunted cleaned up the Pure in Heart.

NO CHILDREN, NO CHRISTMAS. It is the Very Young That Make the Modern Holiday. Metropolitan. It is one of the strong points of children as Christmas makers and as reconcilers of grown-up folks to holidays that they are different every year.

Charlotte is to have a new hotel. So much was decided at a meeting of business men yesterday afternoon; and it will be one worthy of the city and will win instant success. If the rebuilding of one of those already here and the material improvement of the other, result, so much the better—there are room and business for all.

The story that the President is opposed to the bills which have been introduced in Congress to reduce Southern representation is repeated with persistence. It is not to be believed that even if he were passive any one of these bills would pass. If he were outspokenly and actively in favor of say the Platt bill, the matter would take on a different complexion, for he is now undoubtedly more influential in Congress than ever before.

The Washington Post of Wednesday, had the funniest cartoon of the winter. It is labeled "Strenuous Life in the Streets of Washington," and represents a stout lady clinging to a lamp post, while men and women are sprawled upon the pavement and others are describing all sorts of circles in the air in wild efforts to keep on their feet— a small boy meantime sitting astride a barber-pole exclaiming, "Look at de street!" It is better than a play.

MR. PROUTY IS EXACTLY RIGHT.

A dispatch from Chicago to The New York Sun represents Hon. C. A. Prouty, of Vermont, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, as saying in that city: "There will be either government ownership or government regulation of the railroads. Which it will be depends mainly on the managers of the railroads. If they do not want government ownership, they will cease their opposition to the President's plan for preventing the enforcement of rates which are unreasonable."

The Sun treats this utterance in its usual scurrilous vein, saying, among other things, that "doubtless on his return to Washington he (Mr. Prouty) will give the necessary orders to the Congress." But just the same the gentleman in question spoke only God's truth. A greater calamity than government ownership and operation of railroads can scarcely be imagined, and yet it is possible for the people, smarting under the sense of outrageous wrong, to be driven to even this extreme measure.

There is no basis for estimating the strength of this sentiment now but it is certain that it is tremendous. The American people will tolerate just so much of injustice and go more, and to consider the inequality of freight rates, the flagrant discriminations against some communities in favor of others, is enough to make just men cry out their indignation. The grievance against the railroads is not an account of exorbitant freight rates; little complaint is heard on this score; but that some points enjoy so great advantages over others. Reasonable shippers ask no more than that rates be made uniform. Against a system of rate-making which permits one place to ship goods a thousand miles further than another at the same or a less rate, they protest and rebel. To furnish a concrete example of gross discrimination—though the thousand-mile proposition is of course not involved here—why should a shipment from New Orleans to Lynchburg, Va., passing through Charlotte, pay less freight than would be charged on it if it were consigned to a firm here? No living man can say that it is fair.

The railroads would best heed that part of the President's message bearing upon this subject and begin to do the clean thing, otherwise the time will come when they will either pass into the hands of the government or be forced to submit to the making of rates for them by the government. Meanwhile, they and their creatures in Congress would do well to submit to an enlargement of the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission—which now has practically no power at all—as urged by the Democratic national platform and by the President in his recent message.

Mr. W. J. Armfield in company with Dr. J. A. Turner left to-day for Baltimore, where Mr. Armfield will consult with the celebrated physician, who is about to take his departure from this country. Mr. Armfield suffers from a stomach trouble and has once before consulted this physician. The order of Select Knights gave a reception last night to its members in its lodge room, Masonic hall. Dr. John Thomas, vice-commander for State of North Carolina, was present and addressed the legion. Mr. McKay, one of the national officers, who is now in Salisbury, was also present but did not come. A good crowd was present at the reception. Cigars were passed and withal a very pleasant evening was spent.

Miss Blanche Bradshaw, who attended the exhibition in September, and from there went to Decatur, Alabama, and Memphis, Tenn., to visit friends, returned home to-day—Mrs. J. J. Parfiss went to Greensboro yesterday to spend a day or so with friends—Mr. W. J. Parker is in Baltimore on business and will be absent until the holidays. The Ladies' Home Journal bazaar under the management of the ladies of the Baptist church is attracting good crowds and a flattering patronage.

TOBOGGANING IN THE ALPS. Slide Upon Which Record of Almost a Mile a Minute Has Been Made. Electrical Review. St. Moritz is one of the highest villages in the Engadine, having an altitude of about 6,000 feet, and it is a great center of winter sports. It is consequently much frequented by English and other nationalities, who enjoy the sports of skating, curling, tobogganing and skiing, which can here be obtained under the best conditions. Good tobogganing may be had in other places, but at St. Moritz it is carried to its highest point, and an expert can expect to compete successfully on the renowned "Cresta" toboggan run, with its wonderful curves and banks. The name "Cresta" is derived from a small village of that name near the finish of the course.

The course is a little over three-quarters of a mile in length, with a difference of elevation from the start to the finish, of about 900 feet; the gradient varies at different points, being most steep at the start. As only one toboggan can occupy the track at a time, the races are all decided by the time taken to complete the course. The record time from the start to the finish is at present 61-1/2 seconds, this enabling a speed of sixty miles an hour or more on the steepest parts. The toboggans are built up with high banks, accurately shaped to allow the tobogganer to go around them at the greatest speed. The highest bank is about twenty-five feet in height. These different banks have well known names, such as the Battedore and the Buck, Sycle and Charybde and the Bishop's Corner. The toboggan track is practically ice, and after passing the first it has for a short distance a steep upward gradient. The tobogganer is usually carrying the toboggan up a hill. The toboggans used are of the "skelton" pattern, with steel runners, the tobogganer sits in the middle and steers with his feet by means of spikes attached to the toes of his boots. The principal race run on the Cresta is the Grand National, which started on Monday of February or beginning of March, and might be called the derby of tobogganing, competitors coming from Davos and other places to take part in this contest.

THE HUMILIATION OF THE DRUG. Due to Increasing Knowledge of the Causes of Disease. World's Work. Never did a public so be-drug itself as to-day. The invaluable method of hypodermic injection, greatly facilitating the use of drugs by the medical man, has performed like a charm, usually in this case a grave dis-service—for the public, so that homes for the treatment of drug-habits spring up and flourish everywhere. Morphine, cocaine, heroin, paralytic, and many more, claim what appears to be a constantly increasing number of victims. These these things are not new, so far from being disease, is in full claim. And yet, in sober scientific medicine, the drug is decalant. The discovery and use of active principles instead of the plants that contain them, and the employment of hypodermic injection, though greatly facilitating the abuse of drugs, have led to a better recognition of their legitimate uses—and that is chiefly a recognition of their limitations.

The shot-gun prescription, containing a dozen different things, of which some two or three might hit the mark, were numbered when scientific study was directed to the normal action of each constituent of every drug. And with the direction of individual study to individual drugs came the discovery that drugs, except in a very few and unmistakable instances, are and can be no more than mere auxiliaries, usually of not more than doubtful utility in the treatment of disease. When you have morphine, atropine, iron, iron in anemia and sodium salicylate in rheumatism, you have a very busy exhausted list of drugs which have a specific action in disease. One bottle of Burnett's Vanilla Extract is better than a dozen bottles of other vanilla extracts. Though costing a few cents more per bottle, its purity and great strength make it the most economical brand.

TROLLEY LINE FOR HIGH POINT.

A New Yorker Said to be Projecting the "Cape Fear and Queen" was informed that the stock of ivory then shown represented, on an average, the annual slaughter of some 20,000 African elephants. This statement has been contradicted in two letters in the daily papers. In one of these, Messrs. Hale, of 10 Fenchurch avenue, state that at least 85 per cent. of the supply in "dead ivory," mainly obtained from hoarded stores of African chiefs, who are shrewd enough to put their commodities on the market only in dire straits. The most interesting part of the letter is, however, the statement that the great bulk of this hoarded ivory is obtained from "elephant cemeteries"—spots met with here and there in the jungle where elephants have resorted for centuries to die. Much of the ivory that comes to the market may, therefore, according to this letter, be several hundred years old. The marvel is why it is not devoured in the jungles by porcupines, as certainly happens with tusks of the Indian elephants which are left in the jungle.

IF I COULD GLIMPSE HIM. John Charles McNeill in The Century. When in the Scorpion circles low, The sun, with fainter, dreamier light, And at a far-off hint of snow, The giddy swallows take to flight, And drone insects sadly knock That cooler falls the autumn night; When all breathe drowsily and sweet, Charming the woods to colors gay; And distant pastures send the bleat Of full-grown lambs at dawn of day, Old Hermes' wings grow on my feet, And good-by, home! I'm called away!

There, on the hills, should I behold, Lying in some hazel copse, Where lazily he turns about, And munches each nut as it drops, Well pleased to see me swamped in doubt At sound of his much-changing stop; If I glimpse him by a vine Where purple fox-grapes hang their store, I'd tell him, in his leafy shrine, How poets say he lives no more. He'd laugh, and pluck a muscadine, And fall to piping as of yore.

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