

Sayings of the Week.

Cloud-scenery.

THE scenery of cloud and sky belongs to the same category as the vast scenery of dreams—to that which is phantasmal, protean, infinitely fine; capable of interpreting the gentlest moods of the soul, as well as her great terrors. Cloud-scenery, especially when sketched against big mountains, has the two qualities of expressing immense power and exceeding delicacy, power, by means of sheer size, depth, and grandeur of form; delicacy, by the silken tracery of the torn edges that float away into the viewless air. Cloud-scenery touches all notes in the scale, runs through the entire gamut of the soul's emotions.—*Mr Algernon Blackwood.*

Under Two Flags.

Surrounded by place-seekers, Ministers resembled a party of Russian travellers attacked by hungry wolves. Asked to go out to propitiate them, he readily did so, but the wolves had fled. The Premier had made a dramatic exit from New Zealand to arrange regarding Dreadnoughts and future loans. He (Mr. Hogg) had made a dramatic exit from the Cabinet to awaken the people to a sense of their danger. The Premier's danger signal was the Jingo flag; his was the flag of freedom from land-grabbers and usurers.—*Mr. A. W. Hogg, M.P.*

Why Does a Chinaman Take Less Than a European?

My basis of fairness is that wages should be according to the value of the work, and what is done in the hours of work. Wages are not paid out of capital; but are paid out of the product of labour. Why does a Chinaman take less than a European? Because his standard of life is lower. And it proves that if the workers decide they want a higher standard they can, if they organise, demand a higher wage than is determined by competition in the labour market.—*The Bishop of Tasmania.*

Nothing Like It in History.

The South African Union was a wonderful issue out of all the divisions, controversies, battles, bloodshed, devastation and horrors of war. He did not believe the world had shown anything like it in its whole history.—*Mr. A. J. Halfour.*

A Friend of the Young.

His Excellency Lord Plunket would be remembered as the Governor who took a keen and lively interest in the young people of this country, and in their proper training and upbringing.—*Mr. O. J. Parr, Chairman Auckland Board of Education.*

The Sight of a Lifetime.

There would in May be a total eclipse of the sun, visible, at the edge of Tasmania, and if it turned out that this and Halley's comet could be seen in conjunction, they would be the sight of a lifetime. Owing to the fact that the sun's light would be hidden the comet would be seen at its best. The shipping companies should give people facilities for making the trip to Tasmania to witness this remarkable sight.—*Professor Segar.*

A New Autocracy.

It will be recognised that we have in New Zealand created a form of industrial-legal autocracy which may prove to be as inimical to the masses as a political or any other form of autocracy, and I think the Unions must be advised to rely less on the present established legal powers and more on their powers of organised control.—*Mr D. McLaren, Waterside Workers' Federation.*

Why Women Are Underpaid.

The women in some of the English unions get the same wage as men for the same work, but only because they are in the unions. As a rule, women are underpaid only because they demand a lower standard of life than a man. But it is monstrously unfair. Why should a widow be compelled to manage with less than a widower?—*The Bishop of Tasmania.*

A National Observatory.

It was worth considering whether the time had not arrived for the foundation of a national observatory in this country. New Zealand stood easily third amongst the Australasian States in population and wealth. New South Wales had long possessed a fine observatory and Victoria one of the greatest telescopes in the world, and these great observatories had been founded when these States had not the population and wealth of the New Zealand of to-day. We inherited the scientific knowledge that had been gained by our ancestors, and it was both our duty and privilege to do all that was

A Reduced Domesticity.

He thought there was noticeable among our women a reduced domesticity. He did not point this out to condemn it, but merely as a fact. In the days of our mothers it was thought scarcely respectable for a woman to be too much out of her own house, but women were now taking an increasing part in wider activities, and though this might have its drawbacks, he thought it was ennobling and elevating them. There was an enormous amount of good that a woman could do outside her own home. Women had more active sentiments than men, and were more disposed to respond in action to a social stimulus. While men were thinking, women liked to find a solution in conduct.—*Hon. Dr. Findlay.*

Imperial Unity.

The full self-government which the great dominions enjoy is recognised by Great Britain, as much as by you, as one

concerning the common defence of the Empire, and each part thereof, will be welcomed by us, not only as a help towards securing the safety of each territory—and in this there is no sort of kind of aggression, for our relations with all the great nations are friendly—but also as evidence of a feeling of common patriotism and devotion for the purpose animating us all.—*Mr James Bryce.*

What Preference Does.

The value of preference had been already proved. It had been proved in the case of Canada, to which colony, before preference was granted, our exports were steadily diminishing, while those of our competitors were increasing; and since the granting of preference Great Britain's exports had steadily and rapidly increased. It had been proved also quite as conclusively by the short experience which Great Britain had had of the pre-



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possible to extend its boundaries.—*Professor Segar.*

The Preference Clause.

You may talk about the curse of drink, but the curse of casual labour is far worse than the curse of drink. Many a good man had been driven to drink by the curse of casual labour. You might talk about preference as much as you liked. What had preference done here? The union had swelled its membership, swelled its finances, and largely helped to bring about the curse of casual labour. Owing to the existence of this very curse, men were driven to commit crime. They could see men charged in the criminal courts with offences. "What is your occupation?" the magistrate would ask. "Wharf labourer" would perhaps be the answer. That was why the wharf labourer was looked down upon.—*Mr A. J. Jones, at the Waterside Workers' Conference.*

of the most effective weapons for securing both your own welfare and the sense of Imperial unity binding us together. Any and every effort you and the other great dominions are disposed to make

ference with New Zealand—a preference which had had a most wonderful effect in increasing the trade to New Zealand.—*Mr A. Bonar Law, of the English Board of Trade.*

HEALTH FOR THE CHILDREN

Every parent notes with anxious eye the first symptoms of the children's failing health; the pale cheek, listless manner and capricious appetite speak more plainly than any words, for the well child is a veritable storage battery of animal spirits.

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