

Sayings of the Week.

Damping Their Ardour.

DOWNWARDS the modern church-goers were inclined to get up early on Sundays, and if they saw clouds in the sky would go back to bed again, thanking God it was going to be too wet to go to church.—*Rev. Dr. Gibb, Wellington.*

A Sheet Anchor.

They needed church work more now than ever, for they were inclined to be flabby, and wanted moral grit. It was well to have the Church as a great sheet anchor in times of trouble and danger.—*Mr. C. J. Parr, Mayor of Auckland.*

Our Territorials.

You have a feeling of pride and pleasure that, individually and collectively, you are by your personal work as territorials, rendering true and valued service to your country and Empire by preparing yourselves on practical and efficient lines to protect your people and the interests of your country.—*Lord Islington.*

The Bonds of Custom.

Praying and preaching have their place, but we must bind up the wounds, assuage the aching smart of society. We must seek to destroy all those conditions that bring wounds and bruises and putrefying sores in the body politic, and declare that not for the sake of wealth, property, or monopoly shall we forbear. Too long have we been bound by the bonds of customs, bigotry, and prejudice, but to-day women everywhere are throwing off these ligatures which have cramped and bound them, for they have heard a voice saying, "Loose the bonds of iniquity and let the oppressed go free."—*Mrs. Cole, of the W.C.T.U.*

Benevolent Instruction.

The nurses are, to all intents and purposes, students for a professional career, and the training of these, first undertaken voluntarily by the honorary staff, ought not now to be accepted gratuitously. The benevolent system of giving instruction must allow a certain amount of latitude on account of private professional duties, which must of necessity occasionally obtrude themselves. This would be obviated entirely by adequate payments, which would demand the efficiency and regularity of a university course.—*Mr. P. M. Mackay, chairman Auckland Hospital Board.*

A Sober Country.

Compared with the United Kingdom, New Zealand is a sober country, consuming only half the quantity of liquor per head.—*Mr. H. B. Irving.*

A Profitable Holiday.

Contingent on the absence of dangers elsewhere, supposing both Britain and Germany took a year's holiday. Three German ships would not be built. Germany would save nearly £7,000,000, and would automatically wipe out five potential British super-Dreadnoughts.—*Mr. Winston Churchill.*

Ministerial Angels.

I feel I want superhuman eloquence to express even dimly the great admiration I have for hospital nurses, for to voluntarily face the sad and distressing in life and to try and mitigate it is surely the most Christian and angelic instinct of human kind.—*Lady Islington.*

Good Settlers.

Good settlers should be encouraged in every way. Give them the land for nothing, if you will, and help them financially because we want to see men settled and prosperous, and keeping their heads well above water.—*Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M.*

Our Pundits.

At present there are no learned men in New Zealand except those who are teachers in the four rival colleges.—*Professor Sale.*

Lunatic Nationalisation.

As regards the national ownership of the mines, one might as well talk of nationalisation of the moon.—*Hon. W. F. Reeves.*

A Good Blind.

Colonisation was having a great influence on politics and the social advancement of the world. Fortunately for South Australia they had not had people of other nationalities thrust upon them in large masses. Practically only two nationalities had settled in South Australia, British and Germans, and a splendid blend they made. Out in the agricultural districts one could see the result of the blend, for British and Germans had intermarried extensively.—*Mr. Rounsell, Adelaide.*

A Harder Task.

Many said that they would lay down their lives for Ireland, but give him the man who would lay down his glass for Ireland. Anyone who would do this for the sake of Irish prosperity would be a credit, and better than those who went about saying they would sacrifice their lives.—*Archbishop Kelly.*

Bush Fire Laws.

I tried to get the laws dealing with bush fires amended some 20 years ago, but nothing has been done, with the result that actions are continually coming before the Court.—*Sir Robert Stout.*

To Lead or to Reflect?

It was sometimes said that one of the missions of the Press was to lead public opinion, but public opinion had not yet become so degenerate in this country as to leave all their thinking to the Press. The Press was really more to reflect public opinion and he believed that the Press of New Zealand and Australia did capably and properly express the public sentiments of the day.—*Mr. C. J. Parr, Mayor of Auckland.*

The Root of all Evil.

The opium traffic was morally indefensible, but there was something to be fought that was deeper than the opium traffic or the drink traffic. Love of money was the root of all evil, and love of money accounted for the existence of harmful traffic.—*Miss B. Webster, of the China Inland Mission.*

The Corner-stone of Finance.

Money spent upon education, upon housing, upon uplifting the lot of the people, is a better and more assured investment than any which could be produced; and I, in conclusion, would like to say this one word. The corner-stone—the corner-stone of sound finance—is peace on earth and goodwill amongst men.—*Mr. Lloyd George.*

Wasting Time.

I have been watching the clock, and for half an hour the Council has been indulging in a discussion that has nothing whatever to do with the clause under consideration. The Council has been talking about matters already decided on, and I have been wondering whether or not we were going to talk here all night and still leave the question actually before us untouched.—*Mr. Lester, Lyttelton Borough Council.*

The Y.M.C.A.

In the home life there came a time when the younger members of the family brood were naturally disposed to "live off" and leave the old firesides, and make new ones for themselves. It was in this transition stage that the influence for good of the Young Men's Christian Association showed itself beneficial, for it largely bridged the gap between the old life and the new; it filled the place of an elder brother to the boys, and necessarily tended towards the ennobling of the race generally.—*Mr. W. T. Mills.*



AFTER THE AGREEMENT.

Germany: "Friends?"
John Bull: "Friends!"

Lost Trade.

But for labour troubles in Australia, nearly the whole of the coal supplies for the Philippines would be controlled from New South Wales. Important Inroads have been made by Japan, and even America and India, supplies from those countries being more certain. It will take a long period of settled conditions in New South Wales, before confidence is restored.—*Mr. Nutton, commercial agent for New South Wales in the East.*

The Land of Tea.

I was in China for ten years and during the whole period only saw one man the worse for drink. On my first day in Sydney I saw a man taking up the whole of the footpath, and I had an exactly similar experience in Wellington.—*Mr. T. W. Webster, China Inland Mission.*

Hasty Marriages.

Too many hasty marriages are made these days; far too many. The old adage, marry in haste, and repent at leisure, seems to have been forgotten.—*Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M.*

Self Reliance.

There was too great a tendency in this land for men to lean not upon themselves, but upon others. When he was a young man, if they wanted a football or a cricket club, they earned the money themselves to get it started; but nowadays the young men went round with a subscription list to get the money they had not the grit to earn.—*Rev. Dr. Gibb, Wellington.*

Crusaders' Church.

Important archaeological discoveries are being made in Nazareth, where the foundations of an ancient church of the Crusaders has been brought to light. During the excavations there were found in this place many wonderful mosaics, coins of the early Roman period, admirable Ionian and Corinthian capitals, very old well-preserved stone doors, a variety of house utensils, exquisite objects of ornament, and quite a large number of jewels, all of the eleventh century. These objects are now preserved in a specially constructed museum. It is intended to restore the church to its original state. The work is very difficult, as above the foundations there stands at present a Franciscan convent. Another important discovery is what is asserted to be the carpenter's workshop of Joseph, the father of Jesus. In 1858 the Franciscan monks established a small chapel here. Now the excavations have brought to light the foundations of a church with three apses from the time of the first Crusaders. Thorough research and investigation seem to establish the fact that this is the place where the workshop of Joseph stood. The Franciscans have bought up all the adjoining buildings and intend erecting here a magnificent temple.

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