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Religious Freedom in Nicaragua.

President Estrada has done a few things since his elevation to the chief magistracy of Nicaragua which augurs well for the future of that Republic. He has granted unconditional amnesty to all political exiles. A number of these were in Costa Rica, and they have now been able to return to the homes from which the tyrannical rule of Zelaya had driven them. It is always a bold stroke for a ruler to make, and it shows that the new President is a man who can be trusted to keep his own end up. Another act of his has been the granting of religious liberty throughout the Republic. It will be remembered that eight years ago Zelaya closed the schools operated by the Moravians who have been labouring along the Mosquito Coast for over 50 years, on a trumped-up charge that the missionaries were disseminating ideas subversive to the government and revolutionary in character. The schools were closed for a time, but were soon reopened under circumstances which kept the knowledge of their existence from the tyrannical chief Magistrate. Now his successor in that high office has published a decree in Bluefields which authorises the re-opening of the schools; and this in spite of the fact that he is personally an adherent of the clerical party which is diametrically opposed to the dissemination of Protestant doctrines in a Catholic country. The Moravians are naturally delighted at this new token of the strength of the new ruler, and we can sympathise with them in their joy. We also join in the many expressions of appreciation which General Estrada has received at the result of this master-stroke of his. It is without a doubt an evidence of the dawn of a new era in Nicaragua. The agricultural development of all these countries depends to a great extent on the introduction of foreign capital and foreign labour. There are thousands of foreigners scattered throughout the Atlantic seaboard of the country. It is not to be expected that these should leave their religion and their moral and social training in the hands of teachers who are out of sympathy with their habits and modes of thought. We have never yet heard of a country where religious thought was restrained by legal enactments that did not suffer by it. The action of Zelaya in suppressing the Moravian seminaries and other institutions of a similar kind was but of a piece with his general attitude towards the stranger within his gates. He played the game "plenty and good"; but the day of retribution came at last, and today he is what he delighted in making others.—a fugitive from his native land. Of course, we do not expect this action on the part of President Estrada to meet with unqualified approval. There will be thousands, not only in Nicaragua but in other places, who will raise a howl of protest against such a liberal measure. Zelaya could never, with all his magnetic force, have carried things as he did without the moral support of a vast number of adherents. There will now rise in arms against a decree which hits out at the foun-

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dations of one of their oldest and most cherished prejudices, that of considering their national religion the sole arbiter of the destinies of the human race. We think, however, that General Estrada need fear nothing at their hands. The weight of thoughtful opinion will be on his side, and we believe that it was not without due consideration and free discussion with the responsible advisers at his side that he took that step. May such a wise and broad-minded ruler long guide the destinies of a nation which has deserved a better fate than has been her lot for the past twenty years!

Bishop Bury in Kingston

At the consecration of the Kingston Parish Church, the Bishop of Honduras made the following speech:—

He said his position was rather a peculiar one. He was in Jamaica as one of the Bishops of the Province, but while he was a visitor in the sense that he had been invited by the Archbishop, he felt that he was a Jamaica Bishop himself. He did not know if they understood—he thought not—the constitution of the diocese over which he was Bishop. He was supposed to be the Bishop of Honduras, but only one-fifteenth of his territory lay in that country, the other fourteen-fifteenths being Spanish Republics where great numbers of Jamaicans were employed in banana fields and other offices. He felt he would be neglecting a very great opportunity if he did not tell them of their loyalty to the training they had been given in their native land. This was one of the most touching, inspiring impressive things that had come to him in his experience. But now that he had been here with the hardworking Bishops and earnest Clergy whose that affability and loyalty came from. His Lordship expressed his thankfulness to Almighty God that he was an Englishman and an Anglican when he saw the fruits of the training of being born and brought up, an Englishman in those republican countries, and of being a member of the Anglican communion. They were there that day to appreciate those blessings, the blessings of liberty and equality in social life, and equality in the Church of Christ—it was those things which has made the West Indies one of the brightest jewels in the British Crown.

(From the Gleaner 18-1-11.)

CIRCULAR FROM U. T. RUDD

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Daily Chit-Chat Some talk of the day

When a certain kind of white grapes were served at our breakfast table the other day and some one related them, another member of the family looked at him in astonishment. "Why don't you eat them?" he queried. "They those are the best kind of grapes there are."

Do you know, I think that remark was typical of a wrong attitude very many of us hold toward other things besides grapes. What he meant was, I CONSIDER those grapes the best grapes there are, or, "Those are the grapes I LIKE the best." The mistaken attitude toward life is this—We forget to realize how very much depends upon there is in our judgments and decisions.

We attempt to make our standards the standards of everybody. We try to foist our "best" and "worst" upon other people as their "best" and "worst," and can't understand it when they refuse to accept our point of view.

A learned English judge recently promulgated his idea of the fourteen common mistakes in life. Three of them, I believe I have quoted these before, but I think they are worth innumerable quotations—were.

We try to measure the enjoyment of others by our own.

"To expect uniformity of opinion in this world."

"To endeavor to mold the opinions of everybody alike."

Evidently he had met many people who left out the "I consider". There are people who say there is no such thing as absolute good and bad. "Goodness" and "badness," they say, are fluctuating quantities depending entirely upon environment, bringing up, habit, point of view, etc. What is bad in one person may be good in another person and what is good in one may be merely natural in another.

I can't quite see it as strongly as that. It seems to me that there are some few things which are always bad and some which are always good. Seldom, and its manifestations, for instance, are always bad.

But I do think that in all definition, in all judgment there is a tremendous personal equation, and that those who attempt to speak or think without reckoning with it are making one of the most foolish of all the fourteen—being the judge's pardon, seems to me four hundred times fourteen would be nearer the reckoning—common mistakes in life.

When you have learned to say and think and feel "I consider these the best grapes," instead of "These are the best grapes," then you have learned one of the big lessons of life.

RUTH CAMERON

Legislative Council of Jamaica

The following are the names of the new elected Members of the Legislative Council of Jamaica:

- Kingston, Hon. H. A. L. Simpson.
- St. Andrew, Hon. E. A. H. Haggart.
- Portland, Hon. Dr. Fred. G. R. Grossett.
- St. Thomas, Hon. S. A. G. Cox.
- St. Catherine, Hon. A. A. Fleming.
- Clarendon, Hon. H. T. Ronaldson.
- Manchester, Hon. Arthur Levy.
- St. Elizabeth, Hon. J. M. Farquharson.
- Westmoreland, Hon. F. R. E. vans.
- Hanover, Hon. C. W. Hewitt.
- St. James, Hon. D. A. Cornall.
- Trelawny, Hon. Dr. S. T. Vine.
- St. Ann, Hon. J. H. Allwood.
- St. Mary, Hon. R. P. Simmonds.
- Messrs. Simpson, Cox, Fleming, Levy, and Allwood are lawyers, Mr. Haggart is a merchant, Messrs. Farquharson and Simmonds are planters, as are also the new Members for Clarendon and Hanover. Mr. Cornall is a journalist, while Mr. Evans is a druggist.

A report has been placed in circulation to the effect that the engineers in charge of the work of raising the battleship Maine in Havana harbor are privately expressing the opinion that the vessel was destroyed by an internal explosion, their alleged belief to this effect being based upon the discovery of coal and bones of sailors buried in the silt outside of the hull. It is rumored that the engineers regard these evidences as proving that the ship was disrupted from the inside, as otherwise these remains could not well have been carried beyond the hull of the vessel. It is urgent that no premature conclusions be reached in this matter. The United States has waited for nearly three years for an opportunity investigating the condition of the ship by exhaustive methods. Obviously the engineers working in Havana harbor have not progressed far enough to warrant the formation of any judgment, and if they have given expression to the views just outlined they are necessarily derelict and deserve a sharp reprimand from the government. There is nothing conclusive in the fact that the contents of the ship are, after the lapse of time, found in the silt of the hull. Great storms have raged in those waters since the Maine was destroyed. No one can confidently assert that the debris is normally in the depths of Havana harbor in the course of the thirteen years. Only one line of testimony can be regarded as reliable, and that is furnished by the condition of the hull itself. No action of the winds or waves could have changed the shape of the hull, or the location of the armor. If she was sent to the bottom by an external explosion, she still bears the marks of that blow, which will tell story as plain as that all the world must believe. If, on the other hand, she suffered from an internal explosion, the accidental ignition of one of her magazines or the deliberate setting off of an internal machine plant within her, that fact will be so clearly demonstrated by the shape of the steel plates and the frame when they have been recovered from the bottom of the harbor that the verdict they render must be accepted. At least, no more are required to carry the work forward to the state of raising the hull and in that time all speculation regarding the cause of the disaster is demonstrated by the walk in the harbor, but be dismissed as valueless and possibly misleading. It is to be borne in mind that a tremendous interest is at stake. The situation is that of a lawsuit and to the spreading of unfounded reports. It is inadvisable the story that the engineers are privately expressing is published without foundation.

Apaches see Taft

A Delegation of Mesalero Apaches Indians, speaking for seven of the chiefs of the Apaches who were captured with Geronimo in 1886 and who have been confined at Fort Sill ever since, to-day asked President Taft to allow these chiefs to leave that post and become residents of the Mesalero reservation in New Mexico. Chief Magoosh, another of those captured with the famous Geronimo, was one of the delegation which called to see the Great White Father.

The children of the chiefs are also in captivity, a fact which the delegation thought was an unusually severe penalty to impose upon innocent persons. The President will take up the matter with the bureau of Indian affairs. The White House afterward made public the following New Year's greetings from the Apaches, which will be added to the permanent literature of the White House, enhanced yesterday by a rare gem from the Sultan of Sulu. The greeting reads: *Hon. William H. Taft, Excellency, President of the United States:* DEAR GREAT WHITE FATHER: We, the delegation of full blooded Indians, representing 2,400 of our people in the State of Oklahoma, wish you a Happy New Year, happiness and long life. Let us have justice and happy homes, and all shout together as one nation.

EFPAULA HALO
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JAMES L. GRAY

Arrival

Yesterday the Prinz August Wilhelm arrived from Jamaica, via Colon, with the usual large number of passengers. Among these was the Ven. Archbishop Ryan, who, we understand, came here to settle the St. Mark's difficulty.

An accident

A serious accident happened aboard the Leyland line steamer "Louisianian" yesterday. A fire was while removing an iron rod from one of the engines slipped and fell the iron rod coming down with full force on his hand severing completely the fore finger of his right hand, he was taken to the hospital, where we learn he is improving favourably.

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