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MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1902.

### IS PROSPERITY BAD FOR RELIGION.

The New York Tribune recently stated, and the Financial Review approvingly repeated, the statement that "the old saying that prosperity is bad for religion seems to be borne out in the year just closed." It would be interesting to know upon what facts or figures these two papers base this remarkable statement.

It is doubtful whether any more persons than usual are reading the Bible as literature, or that the large sales of other books have in any way influenced the sale of Bibles. If, therefore, the sale of Bibles has increased during the last year it would indicate increased interest in religion and the churches. What are the facts? Since July 1, on which date the largest edition of Bibles on record was printed by a Chicago Bible publishing house, that house has been unable to fill its orders, and is to-day over 20,000 copies behind its sales. Another edition of like number with the first, now on the presses, will be consumed by the trade by Dec. 1. Never before has a Chicago publisher sold over 15,000 copies of the Bible in a year, while the sales of this one house have been three times that number in six months. There is no reason to suppose that what is true in one city as to Bible

sales is not true of all others, for while Chicago is always a righteous city, it is not any more so than other cities. This does not look as if "prosperity were bad for religion."

If "prosperity is bad for religion," how comes it that the Chicago Tribune during the last twelve months in the United States, Canada and England has raised \$23,850,000; the Canadian Presbyterians, \$1,430,000; the English Congregationalists, \$3,312,000; and the English Baptists, \$1,250,000? There are several other denominations yet to be heard from, for at the beginning of the twentieth century various denominations resolved to make a vigorous effort to establish what they called a "jubilee fund." It is now expected that by the close of this year the aggregate fund will reach \$75,000,000. It is to be remembered also that the collection of this great fund has not in any way interfered with the regular church collections for running expenses. This does not look as if "prosperity is bad for religion." On the other hand, it looks as if it was an excellent thing for religion. Religion is not only good for adversity, but thrives well in prosperity.

Goldwin Smith, in the Weekly Sun, says: The party system has sprung another leak. Nothing is more essential to its operation than the solidarity of the Cabinet. Ministers may differ, and of course they often do differ, from each other in council but they must present a solid front to Parliament and people. Mr. Tarte is showing first-rate sport, but in a manner totally fatal to the administration of which he is a member. It is ludicrous to pretend that a Cabinet Minister, and one supposed to have a powerful following, can, without destruction of the solidarity of the Cabinet, take the stump against his chief or his colleagues on the most important question of the day. Mr. Tarte must be laughing at us when he affects to regard such a proceeding as an ordinary exercise of the privilege of free discussion. His ultimate aim is known only to himself. But it is clear that the immediate effect of his escapade must be either his own elimination from the ministry or the elimination of the ministry from existence.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, at the annual meeting of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Montreal on Wednesday, gave definite information as to the offer which his company had made to the Canadian government in regard to a fast line. "Subject to certain tariff arrangements" the C. P. R. proposed to give a weekly service of twenty-knot steamers from Liverpool to the St. Lawrence in summer and Halifax in winter. They asked \$265,000 sterling a year—say \$1,325,000—for ten years, after which there would be a graduated reduction. In addition they agreed to put on freight steamers of ten thousand tons and a speed of twelve or thirteen knots an hour, these to serve Canadian ports. This offer presumably stands for consideration, for with some of the members of the government in Europe and some in Canada not very much could be done with it. The amount asked pretty nearly doubles the amount which Canada has heretofore expressed a willingness to give for a fast line, for the very fastest line which it was supposed to be possible to get. Twenty knots an hour is considerably slower than twenty-four knots.

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