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PREROGATIVES OF
PULPIT AND PEOPLE.

Rev. F. W. Kerr in a letter in today's issue makes an attempt to justify certain methods which he adopted in his sermon on Sunday night and which were the subject of criticism in these columns on Monday. The most careful analysis of his letter fails to reveal the faintest justification. Not only has he failed utterly to demonstrate the necessity of personal attacks from the pulpit, but he does not even attempt to show any good that can result.

That no one knew to whom he referred is the most far reaching source of evil in the whole affair. The reverend gentleman does not deny that suspicion is likely to fall on others and he intimates that he does not care what injury he thus causes. Surely that is not the kind of Christian spirit which should be exemplified in members of the cloth.

Rev. Mr. Kerr says in his letter that "excellent families have left here because they say they are unwilling to bring their children up in this atmosphere." Such a charge against the fair name of Prince Rupert is not only injudicious but undeserved. It is on a par with the reverend gentleman's methods under consideration. An innocent girl is safer from molestation and less liable to be led astray on the streets of Prince Rupert, day or night, than in most of the larger cities in the older parts of Canada.

That the reverend gentleman himself realizes that he has failed in his attempt at justification of his methods is evident in the fact that at least half of his letter is devoted to some sarcastic references to the source of the criticism. The insinuations that the "News" has adopted the "role of moral censor" and would become "spiritual adviser to one in the pulpit" are absolutely unfounded and misleading. Nevertheless so long as

the churches extend open arms to the public the "News" shall not shirk its duty to defend the "prerogatives" of the people against injudicious personal attacks from the pulpit that are likely to injure the reputations of respectable people.

ROOSEVELT ON THE
WHITE SLAVE LAW

In a recent number of The New York Outlook, of which he is one of the editors, ex-President Roosevelt couples some stern denunciation of the "white slave" traffic with some vigorously expressed approbation of the bill lately enacted by the British Parliament to suppress it. The measure was carried through both Houses with almost unprecedented rapidity, and among modern penal laws it is almost unprecedentedly drastic. The penalty of flogging is permitted if not prescribed, and this innovation is unreservedly justified by Mr. Roosevelt, who calls attention to the significant fact that on the very day the bill became law there began a hurried exodus from London of men and women who had been practising their vile calling almost with impunity.

It is not likely that floggings under the authority of this law will be at all numerous; it is quite certain that they will do the convicted traffickers no harm. The utter debased wretches who have woven a network of co-operation in a traffic that has become widely international in its scope, are incapable of being made more hardened than they are now, and perhaps the infliction may help to humanize them. Every civilized nation on the face of the earth should enact prohibitions as drastic and penalties as deterrent as those contained in the British statute, and then no long interval would elapse until the most abominable traffic that ever disgraced any kind of civilization would be speedily exterminated.—Toronto Globe.

ENGLISH PUGS
START AN INVASION

Boxers from Britain Will Cross to Try and Capture American Laurels

New York, March 3.—English boxers are again casting covetous eyes in this direction, and promoters are planning a series of international contests. The invasion of the United States of America has already started with Bombardier Wells in the van, and Jem Driscoll booked to follow within the next week or ten days; Freddy Welch, the "two-time" champion lightweight of Great Britain, will also honor this country with his presence on the 10th of March. Bombardier Wells is here to do business with any of the leading white heavies. Luther McCarthy preferred. Driscoll will try to arrange a match for the international featherweight championship with Johnny Kilbane, the American title-holder and Welsh wants Willie Ritchie's scalp.

When Freddie was last in this country the demand for his services was not very brisk. It was then thought that the fast little Briton had shot his bolt as a boxer of the highest class. He spent several weeks in Gotham in a futile attempt to get a match and finally sailed away in disgust at the turn things had taken. But now it is very much different; Freddy lingered long enough at home to win back the lightweight title, and his services are eagerly sought by American promoters.

Welsh writes that his main object in making the trip is to get the match with Ritchie. He advances claims to the best right to first battle our new champion and it must be admitted his case is a good one. Freddy has a decision over Willie, and it is up to the latter to wipe that stain from his scutcheon. Welsh also calls attention to his own achievements of the last few months, during which time he defeated Matt Wells and Hughy Mehegan, champions of England and Australia, respectively, and points out that precedent and ring etiquette demand Ritchie should be the challenger.

I believe Willie would welcome a return match with Freddy. It was only by the narrowest of margins that Welsh scored on the other occasions, and Ritchie was hardly more than a begin-

ner at the time. Now that he has won his spurs and gained the experience and confidence that goes with a title, he is entirely a different proposition, as the clever Welsh may learn to his sorrow.

BIG AMATEUR HOCKEY
SERIES IN TORONTO

Proposal to Hold Annual Tournament with All Champion Teams Taking Part.

Toronto, March 4.—If present plans materialize Toronto will in two weeks' time have a hockey competition that will settle the oft-disputed question as to which team is to be classed as the champions of Canada.

The Allan cup competition has been more or less of a farcical nature. The cup is now held in Winnipeg, and none of the eastern champion clubs is likely to go west to play for it. However, a project is on foot that will pave the way for a great annual competition that will be really and truly a championship tournament. The plan includes the formation of a Canadian Amateur Hockey Association on much the same lines as the Canadian Rugby Football Union, with an automatic system of movable annual games for the championship.

At present, however, it is the intention to hold the competition in Toronto this year, and invitations have been extended to the following teams to compete:

Champions of the Ontario Hockey Association, probably St. Michael's.

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Champions of the Manitoba Hockey Union—The Winnipeg Hockey Club, present holders of the Allan cup.

Champions of the Interprovincial Union—Either New Edinburghs of Ottawa or Grand Mere, Que.

His Anxiety.

She—You must see papa, dear, about our marriage. But don't be anxious about the outcome.

He—What I'm anxious about is the income.—Boston Transcript.

Neil McIver arrived home last Saturday night, after spending a couple or three weeks with Vancouver and Seattle friends.—Omineca Herald.

CHINESE MAY BUY
ALASKA JADE MINE

Canton Firm Will Send Representative to Examine Property Near Nome.

Valdez, Alaska, March 4.—Chinese capitalists are negotiating for the purchase of a jade mine at Kobuk, according to advices received by Walter Koen, owner of the property.

Koen says he took a ton of the jade from the mine last summer and shipped it to San Francisco, where it was bought by a jade cutting firm of Canton and sent to China.

Finding it to be of the finest quality the Chinese firm has notified Mr. Koen that they will send a representative to Nome this summer to inspect the property with a view to buying the claims.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Humphrey of Chicago, Ill., have arrived in Prince Rupert to take up permanent residence here. Mr. Humphrey will be connected with the office of C. E. Bainter, real estate dealer.

F. K. Wishart, who has been spending a few days in the city on business, returned to his home at Terrace to-day.

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