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Note and Comment.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is now wrestling over a new name to be selected by the dioceses. One diocese, that of Illinois, has chosen the name "The American Catholic Church in the United States."

The drought has driven Australian pastoralists to all sorts of expedients to keep their stock alive. In Queensland one squatter has chopped bulrushes into chaff, mixed them with molasses and water, and used them for food for his sheep with very satisfactory results.

The Chicago Theological seminary has conferred the degree of D. D. on the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan. Dr Morgan is Dwight L. Moody's successor in the Northfield extension work and he is being spoken of as successor to Dr. Parker in the pastorate of the City Temple, London, Eng.

The Bank of Montreal has just issued for 1903 a new \$100 bank bill, which is probably the largest bill in America of this denomination. It is twice the size of the ordinary hundred dollar bill, and it will be impossible for clever counterfeiters to raise a \$10 to a \$100 bill of the new issue, as often as has been done in the case of the old bills.

Says the Presbyterian Witness: The Rev. Dr. Fotheringham of St. John, N.B., has been elected a member of the Aberdeen Ecclesiological Society. As is well known, this Society has rendered great service in throwing light on the history of the Celtic and Medieval Scottish Church. It issues a Journal which is a mine of curious information.

Marshall Field & Co. allow no work whatever to be done in their great Chicago stores on Sunday, they publish no advertisements in Sunday newspapers, and all the window shades are kept down on Sunday. Thus the greatest retail business in the world honorably "remembers the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." In all three particulars, the example is worthy of universal imitation, and it generally followed, would be productive of great good.

Figures recently issued by the Dominion Government show that the arrivals in Canada of settlers from outside countries for the eleven months of the present year, ending November 30th, were 81,479, or an average of 7,316 per month. If this average is maintained for December, it will make a total of 87,795 arrivals for the whole year. Of the present arrivals, about 56,000 settled in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. Furthermore, there was a movement of the population from Eastern Canada to the West, aggregating 14,300, thus making a total of 70,300 persons who located in Manitoba and the Territories during the eleven months.

The new licensing act, which went into effect on the 2nd inst, and which aims to

diminish drunkenness, is being enforced by the London judges. The magistrates immediately applied the clause which calls for the publication of a blacklist of habitual drunkards, whose convictions must be made known to the police authorities. These habitual drunkards are debarred from buying intoxicants for a term of three years. Another clause in the act provides for a fine of \$10, or a month's imprisonment, for a woman found intoxicated while she is accompanied by any child under 7 years. Such an Act in this country might prove useful as regards old toppers; but something quite different is required if we are to prevent our young men becoming "habitual drunkards." Prevention is much better than cure.

Owing to the rapidly increasing dimensions of vessels, it has become imperative for the River Clyde to be straightened, deepened, and widened in the vicinity of the various shipbuilding yards, in order to facilitate the launching of large vessels. The project has been contemplated for some time past, but it will have to be undertaken immediately, as the two new Cunard liners, which are to be the largest vessels afloat, are to be built upon the Clyde, if possible. Construction in the Clyde yards, however, can only be carried out by improving the river, to obtain the necessary launching accommodation.

Nobody knows how much Kipling's *Jungle Books* had to do with whetting the children's appetites for nature and animal stories, but certain it is that the youngsters are demanding books of this kind, and the book market—as sensitive to the public requirements as any market in the world—has responded. Among the many nature books for children, Robert W. Chamber's *Outdoorland* has made such a record for popularity that it is certain Mr. Chambers will do other books along the same lines. It is not every novelist who can write successfully for children, but those who can, find great pleasure and no inconsiderable profit in the work.

The second of the unique series of Imperial Competitions inaugurated by the publishers of *Good Words* has just been concluded. The first competition was for the best Coronation Ode, and the number of odes received from all corners of the empire was 1084. In July last cash prizes to the value of £75 were offered to any subject of the King, at home and in the colonies, for the three best "Songs of the Empire." Again the poets in every corner of the empire sat them down to write, with the result that 321 songs were received. Of these, 191 came from within the British Isles, and the others were sent from all the Australian States, New Zealand, Canada, Newfoundland, India, Ceylon, Cape Colony, Natal, Jamaica, Bermuda, Mauritius, Trinidad, Bahamas, The Leeward Isles, Straits Settlements, and the Malay Straits. The £75 were divided into nine prizes, three of which were won by residents in England, two in Scotland, two in Australia, one in Bermuda, and one in Ireland.

Queen's Alumni Conference Programme.

Feb. 9-13, 1903.

Monday 4 p.m. Preacher's use of Hebrew Literature. Prof. Jordan D. D., Rev. W. H. Cramm B. D., Rev. W. W. Peck L. L. B. (Read Prof. McFadyen's Prophetic and Priestly Historians. Kyle's Early Narratives of Genesis.)

8 p.m. Lecture on Forestry. Prof. Fernow.

Tuesday, 10 a.m. Epistle to the Hebrews. Rev. G. M. Milligan, D. D. (Read Bruce, Davidson, Westcott)

11 a.m. Deuteronomy (1) The Book, Rev. M. Macgillivray M. A., (2) The Movement. Rev. Eber Crammy B. Sc. (Read Driver's Deuteronomy.)

3 p.m. The Fourth Gospel. Present Position of the Critical Problem. Prof. McNaughton M. A., Rev. J. R. Fraser M. A., (Read Vends Gospel of John, Glog's Introduction to the Johannine writings. Stevens' Theology of the New Testament)

7:30 p.m. Chancellors Lectureship. Ancient Records, from standpoint of Science. Prof. Dupuis M. A.

8:45 p.m. Thomas Carlyle, Sarter Re-sartus. Prof. Alexander Ph. D.

Wednesday 10 a.m. Meeting of Alumni, next Conference Programme, and other business.

11 a.m.—1 p.m. Jeremiah. Rev. Neil MacPherson B. D., Rev. James Anthony, M. A. (Read Cheyne's Jeremiah, Men of the Bible Series, Prof. Jordan's Prophetic Ideas and Ideals.)

3 p.m. Interpretation of Modern Life by Modern Poets. William Morris. Mr. A. W. Playfair M. A.

4 p.m. Modern Poetry. Prof. Cappon M. A.

8 p.m. Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. Dupuis M. A.

Thursday 10 a.m. The Fourth Gospel, Logos Doctrine. Rev. S. G. Bland, B. A., Rev. M. Mackinnon M. A.

11 a.m.—1 p.m. Ezekiel; His Place. (1) in Hebrew Theology by Rev. R. Laird M. A., (2) in Hebrew Ritual, Rev. D. Strachan B. A. (Read Davidson's Ezekiel, Cornhill's Prophets of Israel.)

3 p.m. Reading of Chancellors Prize Essay on Journalism.

4 p.m. Fourth Gospel. Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Rev. Earnest Thomas B. A., (1) Logos Doctrine, consult books above referred to; also Godeh, Westcott, Revile. (2) Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, consult G. Smeaton. On all matters connected with Fourth Gospel see recent Bible Dictionaries.)

8 p.m. Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. Dupuis M. A.

Friday 1 p.m. Deutero—Isaiah. (1) Plan and Purpose of the Section. Rev. C. E. Bland B. A. (2) Universalism, Prof. Jordan D. D. (3) The Servant Conception. Rev. G. F. Johnston M. A. (Read Driver's and George Adams Smith's Isaiah.)

3 p.m. Meeting of the Programme Committee.

8 p.m. The Chancellor's Lectureship. Prof. Dupuis M. A.