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The Quiet Hour.

The quiet of a shadow-haunted pool
Where light breaks through in glorious tenderness,
Where the hushed pilgrim in the shadow cool
Forgets the way's distress.

Such is this hour, this silent hour with Thee!
The trouble of the restless heart is still;
And every awaying wish breathes reverently
The whisper of Thy will.

OVER LAND AND SEA.

Prof. William Sloane, in his recent "Life of Dr. McCosh," gives these words as the last which came from the pen of the venerable ex-president of Princeton College: "Farewell, hill and dale, mountain and valley, river and brook, lake and outflow, forest and shady dell, sun and moon, earth and sky. . . Welcome what immeasurably exceeds all these—Heaven with its glory! Heaven with its angels that excel in strength! Heaven with the spirits of just men made perfect! Heaven with Jesus Himself, so full of tenderness! Heaven with the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

The present visit of the Czar of Russia to Scotland has forced upon the people of Great Britain an instructive contrast between monarchy in Russia and England. As the "Spectator" says, "The spectacle of an armored train traversing pacific and highly civilized Scotland, through deserted and guarded stations, over viaducts and bridges policed as if they were jewelers' windows, is a strange and unpleasant one to people whose princes come and go in hansom cabs, but it is the logical outcome of a system of which Nicholas is the victim, not the author." Every foot of every road traversed by the Czar has been guarded by Russian and English detectives and police.

It is announced that Mr. D. L. Moody will lead an evangelistic campaign in New York and Jersey City during November. We understand that it has been decided to ask all the pastors of Brooklyn, New York, and Jersey City to unite in an invitation asking Mr. Moody to spend the entire month of November, and as much longer as possible, in the evangelistic work in this vicinity.

Commander Ballington Booth was ordained "a prebyter of the evangelical Churches," by Bishop Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, it is reported, in the presence and with the approbation of Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist ministers. The reason given for this act on the part of the bishop and the approbation of the other ministers present, is that it is the aim of the Volunteers, of whom Ballington Booth is the commander, to be an auxiliary of the Church. It is alleged that this marks with greater definiteness the difference between the organization of which he is the head, and the Salvation Army.

A writer in the Paris *Revue* has just made a study of the Protestant and Roman Catholic religious in the German Empire, and finds the Protestants to number

31,000,000 to 17,000,000 Catholics. Catholics are more numerous in Bavaria than elsewhere, but apparently not so robust in the faith. They are easily aroused by attacks on the Church; but, on the other hand, they are intolerant of clerical dictation and discipline.

The king of Korea has issued an edict bewailing the amount of money annually squandered upon the worship of idols. His Majesty has already destroyed thirty temples in and about Seoul.

Orders have been sent to London for 5,000 hymn-books, and 5,000 catechisms, to be sold in the Fiji Islands. The Fiji Islanders gave nearly \$25,000 to foreign missions last year.

According to the *Belfast Witness* the evangelical work of the Irish Presbyterian Church among Roman Catholics at home is becoming at once more aggressive and more hopeful. We are glad to see, it says in a recent number, that the Irish Mission is showing signs of enlargement. Soon we trust the day will come when a band of preachers will be sent into the field. During the summer a good start has been made by sending theological students, two and two, through the markets and fairs of the South, and they met with nothing but friendly welcome. Testimonies in abundance are forthcoming as to the efficacy and excellence of their work. The common people heard them gladly, and many copies of the Word of God have been sold. Colporteurs are also diligent. The access to the people is, generally speaking, easy. They have found, that a great change has come over the people. The people are thinking for themselves. They are not the slaves of the priests that they were a few years ago.

The Protestant Truth Society of Pittsburgh Pa., has arranged for a series of public meetings during the winter to discuss the claims and dogmas of Romanism. The first meeting was held in the lecture hall of the new Carnegie Library when both floors and gallery were crowded with an attentive audience, including not a few Roman Catholics. This is the practical reply to the Mission of the Paulist Fathers a few months ago in the same city. These last gave out that every question sent in would be answered by them. It is claimed that scores of respectful and pertinent questions had been sent them of which no notice was taken whatever. Some of these will be dealt with to show that they are fatal to Romanist positions.

Thousands of young men have gone from home, during the past few days, to college and university. They will be missed at home, and they will miss home and its influences and restraints. Many hopes centre in them, and many prayers will arise for them that they may be preserved from harm, and especially that they may be kept from sin. Christian influences thrown around them will tell mightily upon them and their future life. May God bless and keep them for usefulness and happiness and the best success.