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## NOTE AND COMMENT

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt is very much in evidence in these passing days, but the chief thing evidenced is that he is no longer the President of the United States, and is therefore not feared by the politicians.

The Canton Christian College, with a faculty of fourteen American college and university men, nine Chinese teachers, and ten assistant Chinese teachers, is doing a educational work of great value. This institution is interdenominational.

The British Weekly has the following in regard to the Passion Play at Oberammergau: "We have just seen the Passion Play, and, if one can forget the buying and selling in the village, which is inevitable where so vast a company of people are gathered together for so brief a time, it is a most uplifting experience. The great spectacle itself inspires the utmost reverence in the participants, and profound awe on the part of the spectators. It is a marvellous experience to be one of 4,000 sitting for eight hours of the day in perfect stillness while the vivid scenes are portrayed. Anton Lang, the Christus, enters into his part with intense sympathy and restraint."

The speech delivered by Emperor William at Goenigsburg, in which he again expressed and emphasized his belief that he rules by divine right and not by the will of the people, is calling forth many comments in Germany and elsewhere. The "Tageliche Rundschau" is a strong monarchist paper, but it says: "The speech means a storm. Several times before has Emperor William set into such clear relief his romantic, medieval ideas of his non-responsibility to man's judgment, of his not being bound by the constitutional co-operation of the people and of ruling by God's grace, against all those convictions and feelings which to-day determine our existence as a State."

In the course of his speech the emperor alluded to Emperor William I, in terms indicating the identity of his convictions with those of his grandfather. "My grandfather," he said, "by his own right placed the Prussian crown upon his head and again proclaimed it to be bestowed upon him by God's grace alone and not by parliaments, assemblies of the people or resolutions of the people, and that he saw in himself the chosen instrument of heaven and as such he regarded his duty as regent and ruler."

There is another passage in his speech that from some quarters calls forth even more violent criticism. He said that German women should learn from Queen Louise that their chief duty does not lie in participating in public meetings and societies nor in attaining supposed rights which they may be able to do the same things as men, "but in quiet work at home and in the family."

Of the whole speech and not of this paragraph alone the London "Times" is speaking when it finds an interesting coincidence too close to be accidental, in the Kaiser's declamations and the recent utterances of Mr. Roosevelt. The "Times" says: "History is not likely to regard it as an accident that the two figures whose eloquence has reached furthest in the Western world of their day should have insisted in language so similar in its direction and force on simple human obligations which men and women are seeking to escape. The German Emperor and Roosevelt do not preach from the same text, but the moral of their preaching is the same."

Principal George Adam Smith, of Aberdeen University, has announced that Lord Strathcona, Chancellor of the University, had given £10,000 for the founding of a Chair of Agriculture in the university.

King George has notified the treasurer of the King Edward Hospital Fund that His Majesty wishes to augment the King's annual subscription to this institution to £1,000. A cheque for 500 accompanied the announcement.

An anonymous donor has given £1,500 for the endowment of a bed in Leith Hospital in memory of King Edward. There were 400 competitors from all parts of the Highlands at the Inverness competitions for school children in Gaelic singing, reading and writing, and the playing of Highland music.

The ravages of cholera in Italy and Russia are appalling, and stir the heart of the world to a deep, true sympathy. The King and Queen of Italy are giving new evidence of their love for the people over whom they are placed as sovereign. Nobility does not rest in titles, but in acts. The Pope, too, is aroused and anxious. The beautiful thing about both King, Queen and Pope is their utter unselfishness.

It is noted that the man who attempted to kill Mayor Gaynor was a reader of a daily paper of New York City which had been for several weeks abusing and misrepresenting the mayor. The man's prejudices and passion were aroused and fed by the denunciations which he read, and it was an easy matter to come to the conclusion that it was no crime to put the mayor out of the way. The indiscriminate and unfair denunciation of public men and semi-public corporations is all too common.

Mexico's celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of her independence, begun this week, will continue until the end of the month. The Japanese exposition will be opened by President Diaz. The inauguration of the exposition of hygiene will also be a feature of this week's programme. The attitude of Spain and Portugal toward the Pope does not argue that either of those countries is liable to become Protestant for many years, but it does suggest a spirit that no good Catholic can entertain without incurring the displeasure of his Church. The Pope, according to the teaching of Catholicism, is simply the representative of God on earth. What he says is the same as if God Himself had spoken. That is Catholicism, hence to question one is to question the other.

A delegation of over three hundred of the English Labor party recently visited France and Belgium bearing banners which declared, "We represent 500,000 English workpeople. One for all and all for one. We proclaim the Fatherhood of God and human brotherhood. Jesus Christ, the social reformer, leads and inspires us." One of the delegation is quoted as saying, "We have made a special study of the life of Jesus and have discovered that he taught that all are brethren. For this cause we have written his name on our banners."

It is the old experience of the working man—as well as every other man—learning that the Christ has a message for him when he is willing to listen to it. We are all working men and all brethren, and Christ, if we will only hear him, has taught us how to live together in peace and fellowship.

Dr. W. T. Grenfell, the Labrador medical missionary, confirms the report of the probable total failure of the Labrador fisheries this season. This news portends serious consequences for the twenty thousand fisher folk of Newfoundland, who depend upon the Labrador fishing for their living.

In 158 United States cities in the year 1908 no less a sum than \$1,288,655,496 was collected for municipal purposes, the liquor licenses and taxes of 151 of those cities amounted to \$41,950,188. Three years before it was \$30,810,833. That would indicate that while prohibition makes gains, the revenue from liquor increases.

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago graduated a class of 23 young men and 22 young women, the largest in its history, at the close of the August term of 1910. This class extends the number of graduates for the year, having completed the full two years of Bible study to 91. The total enrolment of the institute for the year was greater than ever before.

Official announcement of the annexation of Corea by Japan was made at Seoul, on Thursday, the Korean newspapers being permitted to publish the news of the meeting between Lieutenant-General Terauchi, the Japanese resident-general, and the Korean Emperor and Cabinet at the palace here Aug. 22, at which the terms of annexation were discussed and accepted by the Emperor and his Cabinet.

N. Y. Christian Advocate: The test of church membership in the Wesleyan body is membership in class and attendance upon class meeting. Customs have grown up of continuing persons on the rolls who do not attend class-meeting, but whose names are carried as members of the pastor's class. Of several proposals for change the committee brought in one which legalized these practices. The class-meeting was recognized as the "basis" of membership, but a way was provided for communicants to gain membership by nomination of the pastor and the approval of the leaders' meeting, "provided they are willing to place themselves under the pastoral care of a minister whose duty it shall be to enter their names on a class book, and to meet them at stated times for purposes of mutual counsel and spiritual oversight." They must also attend society meeting and submit to the discipline.

The Church of England will, in September next celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the beginning of its ministry in Canada. In 1710 there were no Anglicans in the regions now comprising Ontario and Quebec. But Acadia was ceded to Britain in that year. The British had taken possession more than once before but had given the country back to France. The cession of 1710 was final so far as Nova Scotia proper was concerned, and that year regular services of the Church of England began at Port Royal, now Annapolis.

Mr. J. Campbell White, the noted leader in the Laymen's Missionary Movement, has been secured for the western conventions which the Canadian Council is planning to hold soon. Sir Andrew Fraser, of Bengal, has also agreed to come to Canada if wanted, in November, 1911, but cannot come this year.

The aim of all ages has been to know about God. The universal craving is for the unseen. That craving the Bible meets. It tells all we need to know about God in order to please him, to serve him, to live with him, and to be like him.