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NOTE AND COMMENT

California is now the only American state that does not officially recognize Sunday.

Some of the Newfoundland fishermen hope to make whole leather a commercial product. A whole hide covers about 1,500 square feet.

After deliberating for 21 hours, the jury in the case of Wm. D. Haywood, accused of conspiracy in connection with the murder of Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The very latest discovery by Egyptologists is that Rameses II, the Pharaoh of the oppression, and commonly known as Rameses the Great, was a fraud, and that the monuments, buildings and colossi so plentifully carved with his name really existed a thousand years before his time.

The Southern Churchman of Richmond, the able representative of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia and the South, is vigorously advocating the opening of Episcopal pulpits to the ministers of other denominations. It is supported by a good number of its correspondents.

Strawberry Mousse: Whip a pint of thick cream very stiff and stir into it a cupful of crushed berries which have been sweetened abundantly and from which all of the juice has been drained. Mould and pack in ice and salt for hours. When ready to serve, garnish with whole strawberries.

The Advance, of Chicago, affirms that the remarkable progress of Christianity in Korea during the past year has given rise to the opinion among missionaries that it will be the first country in Asia to become Christianized. The increase among believers during the year is said to be forty per cent., and the work shows no signs of halting.

Julia Ward Howe once wrote to an eminent Senator of the United States in behalf of a man who was suffering great injustice. He replied, "I am so much taken up with the plans for the benefit of the race that I have no time for individuals." She pasted this into her album with this comment, "When last heard from, our Maker had not reached this altitude."

"Christ's Mission," New York, was founded some 25 years ago by the Rev. James A. O'Connor. It has gradually increased in influence and usefulness so that a new building is in course of erection to accommodate its operations. The buildings will be completed before November. Father O'Connor tells of 125 priests of Rome who have been assisted in their passing to the one or other of the Protestant churches.

The Baptists of Canada have taken a highly important step to increase the strength and the usefulness of the denomination. They propose to unite the Baptists of the Dominion in one organization for purposes of Home and Foreign missions and education. The independence of the different sections will not be curtailed in the least, and their usefulness, jointly and severally, will be increased. The Baptists are relatively stronger in the sea provinces of Canada than in any other section of the Empire.

A Cincinnati congregation has set an example to the rest of the world by voting a salary to its minister's wife. Like a great many other women of her class, she was doing half the work of the parish—work for which deaconesses and other pastoral assistants not married to the pastor are commonly paid, and the congregation did not see why it should have her services for nothing.

At The Hague, Great Britain and Germany are urging the establishment of an international supreme prize court, before which ships captured in war must be brought for adjudication of the question of whether they were properly seized, and whether the ship and cargo shall be confiscated. Great Britain has presented the question of limitation of armaments. The United States favors the English view. Russia strenuously objects, and France regards the question as academic, and limitation of armaments by agreement as practically impossible.

There was applause at Shanghai when Mr. Mann, an English missionary, left the conference hall as a volunteer for famine relief, and again when, having been stricken down, a woman physician and a nurse also rose and left all to care for Mr. Mann. Here is another phase. The wife of an American missionary took Mr. Mann into her spare room, and, the next day, he developed small-pox—in her best blankets and pillows, and she with three little children. So the involuntary, unappreciated sacrifice fell where it often falls, abroad or at home, upon the wife and mother.

The London Christian World describes a very valuable manuscript which was recently discovered in the library of the Church of the Mother of God, at Erivan, in the Trans-Caucasia. It is an Armenian translation of a treatise by Ireneus, bishop of Lyons in the latter half of the second century of the Christian era. It was probably written A. D. 190. It contains a definition of Christian doctrine, a sketch of the history of revelation from the beginning to the age of the prophets, an outline of the scheme of redemption as foretold in the Old Testament, with an examination of passages held to refer to Christ, and a brief summing up, with a warning against heresies. Great stress is laid on the Virgin Birth of Jesus.

In an article in the New York Observer on the "Canadian General Assembly," the writer seems to think that the movement toward church union is making steady progress. He says: "A vote was taken on church union. It was in no way indicative of the feeling of the membership in the demonization, and yet it is plain that the union sentiment is growing. Episcopalians and Baptists are still among the negotiating bodies, although the activities belong to the Methodists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians, who have been longest fraternizing. Strong things were said pro and con. New voices and new arguments are heard against the kind of union which some speak of as a denominational merger. Whilst over against these, there is a cry that an opportunity is now offered in Canada which has not presented itself since the time of the Reformation. And some have a vision that beholds a consummation that is to give the place of honor for Christian union to Canada among the constituent parts of the British Empire."

One of the most talked-of articles in the July Blackwoods (Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York) is Andrew Sang's "New Light on Mary Queen of Scots." Someone has discovered inaccuracies in some of the statements and considerable discussion has been caused thereby. Charles Whibley's criticism of "The American Millionaire" is also most interesting reading. "Indomitable," the story of the endurance of a young Dutchman in Africa, is excellently told, and would appear to be a sketch from life. Book V. of Alfred Noyes' Apic on Drake is welcome, as is also an instalment of that very interesting serial, "A Subaltern of Horse."

Before forty catechists of the Church of England left their native land to labor in our North-West, they were addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and by Bishop Montgomery. With the following advice, given by Bishop Montgomery, we heartily concur, and pass the same along to our own young preachers: "(1) You go to a young nation, expect the faults of youth. Have a strong sense of humor, not because you don't care, but because behind all else you have hope in God and can await results. (2) Refuse to be ticketed as belonging to any party or society. (3) Beware of the time on board ship. Don't talk of what you are going to do. Be reticent. Listen much, but keep your own counsel. (4) Don't pretend to be theologians, for you are not. It is easy for men to ask you questions to which there is no full answer. Many questions contain untrue assumptions though unknown to you. Refer such questions to those who know. You are a humble catechist and a scholar of Christ. (5) Don't talk of England or compare Canada with it, then Canada will take you to her heart. (6) We shall think of you entering for the first time a bar of a hotel to get a congregation. You will feel a coward, but remember who enters with you and overhears all. (7) Be real, not sanctimonious. (8) Let us often hear from you. Letters are kept for ever. Your letters will be of intense interest a century hence."

It is sad to read the following in a contemporary: "Notwithstanding its bitter war with Romanism at home, France is doing everything possible to crush out Protestant missions, the first and most successful of all missions, in Madagascar. It will be remembered that when France seized that island, imprisoned and exiled its intelligent, educated, and devoutly Christian Queen, the Paris Evangelical Society assumed responsibility for the missions which the English had established and supported for many years. It was thought this self-sacrificing move on the part of French Protestants would deprive the Government of all pretext for proscription. But those who so believed did not know the bitterness with which the priests could pursue Protestant converts. To this day every obstacle is thrown in the way of Protestant schools in Madagascar, and lately the Government has gone so far as to break up the Malagasy Young Men's Christian Association, which had just purchased for itself a home in Antanarivo, the capital. Two thousand Protestant schools have recently been closed under the pretext that the State must assume the entire education of the youth of the colony. But the decree is, in each case, so worded that while effective against Protestant schools, they permit the continuance of Romanist schools, the very ones which are ruthlessly crushed out in Paris."