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## Note and Comment.

Four Mormon Missionaries have landed in Japan and are actively at work.

In the recent biography of Dr. Benson is an entry from the Archbishop's diary to the effect that "the Free Kirk of the North of Scotland antidisestablishmentarians"—twenty-six letters.

In Europe the movement for Sabbath rest is making progress. On this continent there is, unhappily, an increasing disposition to adopt the secularized Sunday, of which Europe is growing weary.

The British and Foreign Bible Society is preparing a special copy of the Bible to be used by King Edward at the coronation in June next, when he will take the oath to maintain and defend the Protestant faith.

Bread riots are reported from eastern Russia. Starving peasants stormed the municipal buildings and the residences of wealthy persons, setting fire to some. Troops were summoned, and fourteen peasants were killed.

Mr. Geo. Forbes, a member of the firm of Messrs. Forbes Bros., of McGill street, Montreal, has offered to erect a library in his native village of Newington, near Cornwall. A gymnasium and smoking room will be adjuncts of the library.

A syndicate of tradesmen and others who would lose largely in the event of the coronation's not occurring, have effected insurance upon the life of King Edward for a year for a very large sum at Lloyd's, at the high rate of tenegeas per centum.

Lord Mountstephen has increased the number of £16 pensions to old people in the Scotch parishes of Mortlach and Glenrines from 30 to 50, and these have now been allocated for the first time. The ages of the pensioners vary among the females from 59 to 84, and the males from 62 to 88.

... The Congregationalist calls attention to this very important fact: "Dartmouth College has seventy or eighty students who are Roman Catholics. The way in which Roman Catholic youth are seeking non-Roman Catholic institutions of learning gives concern to the Roman Catholic officials."

The Eightieth Birthday of Virchow, the great scientist, was grandly celebrated at Berlin on October 12 and 13. Addresses were presented by representatives of learned societies from all over the world, and in many languages. Some were in classic Latin. Emperor William conferred on him a gold medal rarely given.

When a man is spiritually weak and bewildered as Newman was, he is not apt to give expression to any very helpful Christian sentiment. The Catholic Telegraph says that "Kindly Light" led its author into the Catholic Church. We suppose that he believed himself led. We do not think, however, that the Lord led him.

Pastors may be helped by a judicious word of appreciation. Some people refrain from saying the word of encouragement for fear the pastor might be puffed up. They are willing to let him carry a burden of depression. They need not fear that pastors, if sensible men, will be inflated. Let them know when they have spoken a word of help, or done some helpful thing.

The tour of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York around the British Empire was originally planned by the late Queen Victoria, and was sanctioned by King Edward, then Prince of Wales. It is now generally regarded as the best stroke of imperial politics of the year, and the King is receiving full credit for persisting in carrying it out at a time (immediately after the Queen's death) when his son's absence involved a royal sacrifice.

Germany is making a strong effort to raise cotton in her African possessions. Four American negroes, three of them graduates of Tuskegee Institute, and one a graduate of Fisk University, have been in Togoland (West Africa) since last spring, directing the experiments in cotton-raising. They report a reasonable degree of success. The natives, they say, like to work, but cannot keep it up long. If this attempt is successful, cotton-raising will be tried in all the other German possessions in Africa.

The Editor of the "New English Dictionary," says a writer in the Temple Magazine, points out in his note to "In-fer" that those who are interested in the length of words will observe that incircumscriptibleness has as many letters as honorificabilitudinity, viz., twenty two. The authority quoted for the former word is one Byfield, a divine, who, in a treatise on Colossians, published in 1615 wrote: "The immensity of Christ's divine nature hath \* \* \* incircumscriptibleness in respect of place."

Can no one suggest an improvement upon present methods of choosing ministers? A northern charge is at present vacant, with the usual rush of candidates anxious to be heard. Last week, very late on Saturday night a candidate who had travelled all day, alighted from the stage coach at the wayside inn, preached on Sabbath, and before nine o'clock on Monday morning had again mounted the coach on his homeward journey. Does the congregation consider such a trial sufficient grounds on which to call one who shall "care for their souls?"

The Imperial Protestant Federation has issued for free circulation a new leaflet entitled "The King's Mutilated Declaration," which has been especially written for it by Walter Walsh (author of the "Secret History of the Oxford Movement"). The federation is receiving the active and united support of nearly one hundred Protestant Societies in the United Kingdom and the Colonies. A series of Protestant demonstrations is now being organized by several of the societies associated with the federation, and petitions are being sent all over the Empire for signatures.

Some are trying to rise in Christian experience and life and every effort fails. They have not yet learned that the road up leads downward. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

In North India a few Mohammedans were discussing the affairs of a certain Christian school. They declared, "If we had our way, we would come in a body and pull down these buildings, and take them away, brick by brick, until not one remained." A young Hindu, who had happened to overhear their remarks, answered promptly: "You might do that; you might tear them down, so that not one brick was left standing upon another. But there is a power behind the bricks that you cannot destroy, however much you may wish to do so.—Missionary Review of the World.

The death has taken place at Edinburgh of Mr. Robert Anderson, J. P., of the well known publishing firm of Oliphant, Anderson, and Ferrer. The deceased, who was a native of Edinburgh, was in his seventy-third year. He entered the old publishing firm of William Oliphant and Co. in 1844, and eventually rose to be senior partner of the present firm. He was the oldest representative of the Edinburgh publishing trade, and had held a number of local public appointments. Mr. Anderson was a life-long member of Bristo United Presbyterian Church, of which he was elected an elder in 1862, and of which at his death he was "preses."

The Evangelical movement within the Austrian Empire shows no signs of abatement. According to the statistics published in "The Christian World" 3,035 Roman Catholics have joined the Protestant Church during the past six months; a number far surpassing the figures for the corresponding period last year. Newspapers in Austria publish weekly lists of fresh conversions. In one place, Turee, where three years ago Evangelicals numbered 50, there are now 1,110, and a new church is being built to accommodate that great number. In Graz a thanksgiving service was held for the thousandth conversion from Romanism in that district. In Bohemia alone 7,000 conversions have taken place in less than three years. Truly this appears to be the greatest Evangelical movement since the Reformation.

A strange minister was asked to speak at a Sunday-school soiree in Auchtremuchty. After he had spoken for some time, picturing the beauties of heaven, and contrasting them with the very ordinary landscape of a coal-producing district, he asked all who wished to go to a better world to stand up. All the children rose except one small boy at the end of one of the seats. The minister was pained, and he looked in a very reproachful way at the little fellow. "My child," he said, very gently and solemnly, as befitted the occasion, "why don't you rise with the others?" "Because Auchtremuchty's guid enough for me," sang out the youngster, and the platform shed tears—but they were of laughter.