

BRITAIN'S GREATNESS.—It is meet that the wealth and beauty of London should hold high festival at the opening of the Imperial Institute. It is also meet that those outside of the patriotic glamour should warn the worshippers against the superstition that the Throne, the Parliament, the Army, and the Navy are the sources of Britain's greatness. These, after all, are but the symbols. The source of Britain's greatness is to be found in the indomitable pluck, the restless energy, and the colossal ambitions of a people born in independence, and cradled in liberty.—*Ex.*

W. S. CAINE, M.P.—There was a time when the Church of Christ consisted entirely of the working classes—its minister was a carpenter and its deacons fishermen. But the Church had got a little way from its original intention. Some time ago he was invited to attend a Church congress at which the question was to be discussed: "Why do not working-men go to church?" He wrote to the secretary and suggested that the subject should be altered into "Why do not the churches go to working-men?" That was the gist of the matter.

ENGLISH CONGREGATIONAL UNION.—At the annual meeting of the Union, Rev. George S. Barrett, M.A., of Norwich, was elected Chairman for 1894. Mr. Barrett's services were sought some months ago, as Secretary, to succeed Dr. Hannay; but he declined. Mr. Barrett's name is best known to us as editor of the new Congregational Hymnal. Albert Spicer, M.P., the chairman for this year, presided in an admirable manner at all the meetings. The union is heartily in accord with the Welsh brethren in the disestablishment of the Episcopal church in Wales.

"WOMEN'S RIGHTS."—The conversation turned, the other morning at the breakfast table, on the Notable Housewife of the S. S. lesson in the last chapter of Proverbs. A guest said, "That would be a wife worth having!" "Yes," said a little girl, "She spun—and made clothes, and sold them for a living—while her husband was sitting by the gate, doing nothing!" Two suggestions to the readers of the INDEPENDENT: (1) There must be no "loafing round" on the part of able-bodied husbands; and (2) S. S. teachers must take care to explain the real meaning of the passages before them.

ON THE PACIFIC.—They are a progressive people about Vancouver. In a recent issue of the *People's Journal* of that place, we have the following "Church Notices," in juxtaposition:

First Congregational Church, Pastor, Rev. J. W. Padley, will preach to-morrow morning on "All Men Liars," and in the evening on "Fighting Parsons."

First Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening Rev. Mr. Maxwell will preach on the subject of "Political Parsons." Service commences at 7.30. (Probably there will be a fair comparison of "Political Parsons" with "Political Editors." Go early if you want a seat.)

A GOOD "BOYCOTT."—The Jewish financiers, who to a great extent control the money-market of the world, are deliberating about "boycotting" Russian loans, and financiering of every kind connected with that country. The brutal and unjust treatment of their race, so unworthy any civilized government, amply justifies this action: for if Russia cannot borrow money, that government will begin to behave better, and be compelled to act more justly toward the men who have the money to lend.

A SOCIETY, called "The United Christian Mission," has been lately started on the Continent, in Europe. Its object is to send at least one clear Gospel message into every home. This Society is in a sense an outcome of the Evangelical Alliance Conference in Florence. During the past year it has carried on its work in twelve different languages, has sent through the newspapers and in other ways clear and distinct Gospel messages into more than 2,750,000 Roman Catholic homes.

DR. RAINSFORD'S SALOONS.—The New York *Independent* says: The idea of fighting intemperance with church saloons makes no progress. Dr. Rainsford gets no converts from the ranks of the ministers at least. They are denouncing it. Dr. John A. B. Wilson, of the Eighteenth Methodist church, this city, said of it on a recent Sunday that inoculation will never answer as a reform method, and of course he is right. If you sow cockles you will have cockles. If you plant church saloons you will have drunkenness of the plain, old-fashioned kind; and drunkenness would not be mitigated by the fact that it came from church saloons.

THE KIND OF PREACHING NEEDED.—It may