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OVER LAND AND SEA.

The Chairman of the Board of Management of Knox College has just issued a circular to the ministers of the Church, calling attention to the fact that at this date the Ordinary Fund is in debt to the alarming extent of \$8000.00. He asks ministers and sessions to take up a special collection, on behalf of the Fund, on Sabbath, the 26th, inst., so that the amount may be forwarded to the Agent of the Church, before the 30th April, when the year terminates. Under any circumstances, it is important that the year should be ended free from debt. It is especially of importance this year, in view of the action of the Board in nominating two new Professors, and asking the Assembly to elect these. We trust that every minister will respond to the appeal of the Chairman. The College has countless friends throughout the whole country. Now is a fitting time to show their practical interest in the work and welfare of the institution, by liberal and hearty contributions, towards the removal of this indebtedness. Will not many of those, without waiting for a special Sabbath collection, in their respective Churches, forward a liberal offering directly to Rev. Dr. Warden, Toronto?

We learn that the Protestant Church has been in Korea for just ten years. During that time it has laboured to some purpose, as the following statistics will show:—

Regular congregations....	42
Out-stations.....	20
Communicants.....	523
Catechumens.....	567
Sabbath-schools.....	9
Sabbath-scholars.....	455

Six of the churches are ministered to by native pastors; and during the past year contributions have been made to the amount of over one thousand dollars. The oldest Presbyterian church, organized in 1887, has a membership of 156.

During the week in June given up to entertainment of the Presbyterian visitors in Glasgow, the university and the city authorities will be engaged in doing honor to Lord Kelvin, whose jubilee as professor of natural philosophy will then be celebrated. There are few professors who live to attain their jubilee, and still fewer who attain the eminence of Sir William Thomson, now Lord Kelvin. His part in laying the cable between Britain and America is well known. His practical services to science, and more especially his numerous electrical inventions, have justly extended his fame.

More and more there is growing up a disposition among parents, says Bishop Potter, to permit all matters of religious observance to be with their offspring mere matters of choice or preference. Your child must learn French or German and drawing; but he shall learn his catechism and his Bible lesson and a reverent observance of God's holy day if he chooses, and not otherwise. A more dismal and irrational folly it is not easy to conceive of. I do not say that there may not have been folly in another and in an opposite direction. But surely we can correct the excess without straightway flying to

an opposite and worse one. And so I plead with you who are parents to train your children to ways of reverent familiarity with God's word, God's house and God's day.

One of the features of the Glasgow pulpit, this last season, has been the program of lectures to young men delivered by Dr. Stalker in Free St. Matthew's. There are preachers who pander to the love of the sensational, but Dr. Stalker, like Principal Caird, delights in appealing to the religious intellect of his hearers. The course is entitled Religious Psychology, or the Religious Use of the Powers of the Human Mind. The Body, Soul and Spirit, the Temperaments, the Five Senses, the Memory, Imagination have been separately dealt with, and the interest awakened has justified Dr. Stalker's belief that congregations relish good hard thinking when the results of it are stated clearly and intelligently.

Dr. Dawson Burns, in his annual letter to the *Times*, states the Drink Bill of England for 1895 as £142,414,812, more than four millions sterling higher than last year. In significant contrast to this enormous expenditure on drink is the amount spent by this Christian country in spreading the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Including the contributions of Roman Catholics to their foreign missions, it is less than £1,400,000, or not one-hundredth part of the expenditure on intoxicating liquors. In other words, every family of five persons in the United Kingdom spends, on an average, £18, 3s. 10d. annually on intoxicating drink, and only 3s. 6d. on foreign missions.

Tuesday, 7th January, says the Jamaica *Presbyterian* was a day never to be forgotten in the annals of the East Indian Church. There have been services held in other parts of the island conducted in the Hindi language, but the high honour of having the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed for the first time to a company of East Indians who profess faith in Jesus Christ belongs to the Church at Paul Island. The Rev. William F. Martin, M. A., late of Rajputana, who was welcomed on the spot by five ministerial members of the Presbytery, conducted the entire service in the language of the people. It was a memorable sight. The earnestness with which they listened to everything said, the eagerness with which they regarded everything done, and the reverence with which they partook of the elements was very marked. As the large audience separated, the uppermost feeling in every breast must have been thankfulness that this work had been so manifestly owned of God.

By the last census of India the total population is 287,223,431, or about one sixth the world's population. Of these, seventy-two per cent., or 207,000,000, are classified as Hindus, 57,000,000 are Mussulmans, 7,000,000 are Buddhists, and 2,000,000 Christians. Of the 15,000,000 who are returned as "literate" and "learned," approximately three quarters of a million only are females.