THE KINGDOM.

—The stanchest of Protestants will agree with this noble utterance of Archbishop Ryan, at the recent Catholic Congress in Chicago: "Jesus is the great capitalist, for is He not the King of kings and Lord of lords, and is not all wealth His? And is He not the carpenter of Nazareth, and did not He labor in the sweat of his brow? Who, then, better than He, can settle the problem of capital and labor? Who? The world waits for a personality that is equal to the task, and all the time He stands at the door and knocks."

—Says Sir Monier Williams in his "Buddhism": "Christianity demands the suppression of selfishness; Buddha demands the suppression of self. In the one the true self is elevated; in the other it is annihilated."

—This is the way a bright young Celestial expounded the doctrine of original sin when on examination for baptism: "Sin is like garlic. You may keep the seed going for five thousand years, one plant after another, but garlic seeds will always produce garlic stock. They will never turn into something sweet. You may cut all the top off, but if a bit of the root is there, up will come garlic again, and it is garlic for everlasting, and nothing but garlic, and the same kind of garlic."

—At the recent Northfield Conference President Gates, of Amherst, said that he once asked Dr. Jacob Chamberlain, the missionary, "How did you find the consciousness of sin in India?" "I never but once heard a man deny the consciousness of sin. I took it for granted that they were sinners, and that they knew it: but once, as I was preaching, a Brahman interrupted me, 'I deny your premises. I am not a sinner. I do not need to be better.' For a moment I was abashed. Then I said, 'But what do your neighbors say?' Thereupon one cried out, 'He cheated me in trading horses;' another, 'He defrauded a widow of her inheritance.' The Brahman went out of the house, and I never saw him again."

—Truly, heathenism hath its drawbacks and positive inconveniences. Thus one of the delegates to the World's Congress, a Jain of India, was compelled during his entire stay in this country to cook and serve his own food, and this under pain of apostasy from his religion. No person of any other faith might even touch a dish from which he ate. While on railway trains and elsewhere he was often sadly put to it for culinary facilities.

—A missionary in Alaska saw a Bible tied at the top of a stick three feet long, and placed near the sick-bed of an old man. When asked the reason for this arrangement, the man said, "I cannot read, but I know that the word of my Lord is there, and I look to heaven and say, 'Father, that is your book. There is nobody to teach me to read. Very good; you help me.' Then my heart grows stronger, and the bad goes away."

—According to Rev. R. Steel, of Sydney, New South Wales, missions are not so very expensive after all, considering the abundant harvest in souls which they bring. For his estimate is that in one hundred years, at a cost of $10,000,000, some 350 islands have been evangelized, with 500,000 now in the churches. This would be at the rate of 5000 converts a year, and at an expenditure of only $20 for each soul redeemed. No economical unbeliever ought to call this extravagance and waste.

—The people of the Samoan Islands have not only supported the churches and ministers in their own islands, but last year they sent $9000 to London to help to send the Gospel to other lands.

—The contributions of the Malagasy Christians to the London Missionary Society amounts to $31,240. Now the average wages of a Malagasy laborer is about 6 cents a day, which makes the amount given astonishingly large.