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NOTE AND COMMENT.

A. E. Henderson, secretary of the Henderson Roller Bearing company, has been expelled from the Methodist Ministerial association of the Toronto district. His name was taken off the list unconditional-ly and his ordination papers and credentials were handed over.

There are 138 Congregational churches in the United States, each of which is supporting its own foreign missionary under the American Board, and the number is growing. In our own church this plan is growing in favor. It is the coming method of missionary operation.

"It is proved," says the N. Y. Independent, "by the special Grand Jury that the three men lynched at Springfield, Mo., for assault were innocent. The woman was not assaulted at all, and the whole story was a hoax. And we are protesting against atrocities in Russia on innocent Jews."

The poem, "My Own Canadian Girl" which appeared in last week's DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN, should have been credited to the Montreal Witness. It was written by Rev. W. M. Mackeradcher, M.A., one of our own ministers, now settled at Casselman, and a son of the manse. Mr. Mackeradcher writes good prose as well as good poetry.

If we take away the saloon, what shall we put in its place? was the question asked by Rev. R. B. Cochran on a recent Sunday in Knox church, Woodstock. The Hamilton Times says: "If we could answer that question, the drink question would be as good as settled. Nobody has yet answered it satisfactorily."

Canada's foreign trade for the fiscal year ending with June 30 next, will be about \$350,000,000. This will be an increase of \$80,000,000 over the previous year. Up to the end of Mar last the foreign trade of the Dominion was \$483,000,000, an increase of \$74,000,000 over the same period last year. Last year's total trade was \$470,000,000.

Up to the present the Salvation Army has been shut out of Spain, but General Booth has announced his intention of applying to King Alfonso, through his new-made queen, for permission to begin work there. The royal wedding, therefore, that Englishmen in general did not feel at all favorable to may have its side of blessing after all.

Dr. Hunter Corbett, the missionary moderator of the Northern Presbyterian General Assembly, has baptized over three thousand Chinese, organized fourteen churches, educated Chinese students, and erected buildings for church and educational purposes. He spends many months each year in itinerating about China, preaching to thousands in the market places and villages. Mrs. Corbett is a daughter of the late Mr. Sutherland, of Cobourg.

"Father" Clark has recently been visiting the Endeavorers in Smyrna and Constantinople. In Smyrna he was received by the Armenian bishop, who is the most learned man in the old Gregorian church, and who expressed much interest in the Christian Endeavor cause. Some societies will undoubtedly be formed in this church, and thus the society will become still more emphatically world-wide in its scope and sympathies.

An epoch-making conference of missionaries, representing twenty different societies at work in China, was recently held at Peking, the far-reaching results of which it would be impossible to estimate. The purpose of the meeting was the promotion of Christian unity and the formulation of plans for complete co-operation in missionary work and effort throughout the empire.

Preparations for the World's Christian Endeavor Convention at Geneva, Switzerland, are proceeding rapidly, and the convention promises to be one of the most important in the history of the movement. One afternoon will be devoted to a "World's Christian Endeavor Demonstration," when representatives of about twenty five different nationalities will speak, each in his own language, for three minutes each; the national anthem of each country will be sung, and the national flag presented.

General Stoessel, the Russian general who surrendered Port Arthur to the Japanese forces, has been sentenced to death by court martial. It is almost inconceivable that the sentence should be carried out, but they do things in Russia that would be inconceivable elsewhere. General Nogi, leader of the Japanese attacking forces, has defended Stoessel in his surrender, stating that insubordination among the Russian officers made any other course impossible.

The city of Edinburgh is to lose two notable preachers in one year. The Rev. George Jackson, of the Wesleyan Forward Movement work, is coming to Toronto next month, and a little later the Rev. Hugh Black, for some years the associate of the Rev. Alexander Whyte in St. George's Free church, will leave to take up his work as professor of practical theology in Union Theological Seminary, New York. This will make quite a break in the ranks of the religious leaders of the Scotch capital.

Mr. Bryce, the British Secretary for Ireland, has introduced in the House of Commons a bill authorizing a loan of \$22,500,000 to provide cottages and small land holdings for laborers in Ireland. The loan, he explained, would be raised on the same terms as the land loan. Money would also be available from various Irish funds, the salaries of two suspended Irish judgeships, and the reducing of the salary of the lord chancellor of Ireland from \$40,000 to \$30,000. Mr. Bryce estimated the cost of a cottage and land at about \$850, so that between 25,000 and 30,000 cottages could be erected. John E. Redmond, Irish Nationalist, said he accepted the measure as an honest effort to deal with grievances of great magnitude.

"That the congregation of the First Baptist church, Montreal, is becoming quite cosmopolitan," says the "Witness," "is clearly shown by the fact that after a recent service the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Gordon, D.D., shook hands with people of seventeen different nationalities who had been listening to his sermon. No less interesting is the information given as to the parts of the world these auditors came from. It was found, on inquiry, that they claimed the following countries and states as their birthplaces: England, Scotland, Wales, and Australia; California, Illinois, Michigan, Maine, New Hampshire, and other states. Evidently some of the states furnished representatives of more than one nationality. Dr. Gordon considers that this record has seldom, if ever, been beaten at an ordinary Sunday service."

'Jan Maclaren' declares that we must not be too much shocked if revivals have their drawbacks and even scandals. We should be prepared for mixed results. Much of the spring blossoming is trodden under foot. Every output of a literary renaissance is not fit for our bookshelves. High tides of business usually leave some wreckage on the shore. We must take broad views, and we must look at the outcome in the main.

Press reports give the cost of the Torrey-Alexander mission in Atlanta, Ga., as \$6,000, of which one-third had not been raised when the meetings closed. Owing to the caste spirit which prevails in the South, the black people were not allowed to attend the meetings. Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander did address some meetings of negroes in what would otherwise have been their rest time, and there were some conversions.

Mr. Henry Watters, of Ottawa, one of the most experienced chemists and druggists in Canada, in his evidence before the patent medicines committee of the Commons this morning, said that from 75 to 90 per cent. of the proprietary medicines in the market are harmless and useless. He thought the formulae of all proprietary medicines should be submitted to the Inland Revenue Department in confidence. Dr. Roddick, one of Montreal's ablest physicians, endorsed the latter opinion. He also advocated the suppression of all soothing syrups, as they contained opium in some form and were extremely dangerous.

Pandita Ramabai, who has over 1,500 young widows under her care, writes that the Lord has laid it on her heart to open twenty mission stations in different villages, to which she may send her Christian girls to preach the Gospel where it is most needed. Ramabai asks for experienced Christian workers from America and England, who will be willing to bear the hardships of village life in order to be leaders in this work for India's women. A branch of the Mukti Mission was started last year in Bangalore, and has been greatly blessed.

There are signs, says the Morning Star, that when it comes to choosing between the Russian Douma and the Cabinet the Czar will uphold the former. This shows that the Douma, which represents the people, is more likely to shape things in Russia than the Cabinet, which represents the aristocracy. The belief is expressed that the Czar himself, with this force behind him, finding at each instance that he gained on the reactionaries, might be aided in force and stability as a ruler. It is hopeless to expect an end to the plots of the grand duval group, but each new defeat of their schemes makes it easier to progress to a stronger position.

The latest estimate of national wealth by a competent authority was recently given before the British income tax committee by Mr. Mallet, one of the commissioners of inland revenue. Mr. Mallet placed the national income at \$9,000,000,000, against the \$3,500,000,000 of Prussia. The capital of the United Kingdom he estimated at \$42,500,000,000, which was double that of France and four times that of Italy. According to his estimate, the number of persons possessed of fortunes over \$200,000 was in the United Kingdom 30,000, in France 15,000, in Prussia 11,000, and in Italy 1,500. An Englishman with an income of \$5,000 pays \$250 income tax; a Prussian pays \$12.50 on \$5,000 of unearned income and \$150 in the case of earned income.