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SHORT SERMONS.—The Archbishop of Canterbury and several other Bishops are going to contribute short sermons to *Lloyd's News*. It has an enormous circulation amongst a class where it is most important to gain access for religious views. Christian people ought to be cheered and encouraged by the great increase in the demand for religious news and religious literature.

THE DANGEROUS CUSTOM of burying people in churches has been again exposed in connection with St. Mary Woolchurch Haw, Lombard street, London, Eng. Even the leaden coffins, which were to preserve from peril, have contributed to the danger. It is ghastly to read that the clergy have heard shocking sounds of falling coffins in the vaults underneath whilst they have been conducting service in the church. The sooner earth is returned to earth, the better every way. As population accumulates the disposal of the dead becomes an increasingly serious problem.

ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENTS.—A great railway engineering achievement was recently accomplished in England. This was the piercing of the Totley tunnel on the Dore and Chinley Railway, the new line on the Midland system connecting Sheffield with Manchester. The tunnel, with the exception of that which runs under the Severn, is the largest in England, being a little more than three and one-half miles in length. Over 1,000 men have been engaged on the undertaking for the past four years, and considerable difficulties, caused by the presence of immense quantities of water, have been surmounted.

WORKING ON CHURCH LINES.—Major Malet says that Ardeley, in Essex, where his father was rector for many years, is a typical agricultural parish being successfully worked on Catholic lines. When his father first went there he found in one portion of the parish no less than 850 Dissenters, and when he died, some six or seven years ago, there were not half-a-dozen. One reason for the success of his work was his power of thoroughly identifying himself with those among whom he lived.

THE SCOTCH REVIVAL.—The movement in the Presbyterian Establishment of Scotland has just found expression in the formation of "The Scottish Church Society." The general purpose of the society is thus stated:—"To defend and advance Catholic doctrine, as set forth in the ancient Creeds and embodied in the Standards of the Church of Scotland, and generally to assert Scrip-

tural principles in all matters relating to Church order and policy, Christian work, and spiritual life throughout Scotland."

FAITH AND REASON.—The school of God and nature require two contrary manners of proceedings. In the school of nature, we must conceive, and then believe; in the school of God, we must first believe, and then we shall conceive. He that believes no more than he conceives, can never be a Christian; nor he a philosopher that assents without reason. In nature's school, we are taught to elicit the truth by logical discourse; but God cannot endure a logician. In His school, he is the best scholar that reasons least, and assents most. In divine things I will conceive what I can; the rest I will believe and admire. Not a curious head, but a believing and plain heart is accepted with God.

BRITISH COMMERCE.—Mr. Parkin, in his address on Imperial Federation last week in Toronto, said it amounted to 1,200 millions of pounds sterling a year, which was floating upon the open sea. How was this divided? Seven hundred and forty million pounds sterling belonged to the mother land, £460,000,000 belonged to the outlying parts of the empire. The trade of the motherland had increased in the last 50 years five times while the trade of the outlying parts of the empire had increased in that time nine times.

EXPENSES OF THE NAVY.—The Parliament votes £14,500,000 sterling. In what proportion was this cost divided? Of that vast sum the taxpayers of the United Kingdom paid 19 shillings, 5 pence 8 farthings on the pound. India, which was entirely under the control of the British Parliament, paid 5½ pence, and Australia, which has a commerce equal to that of the mother country when the Queen came to the throne, pays a small fraction of a halfpenny in the pound. Canada does not pay the smallest fraction of a farthing.

ANNEXATION.—Mr. Parkin said he did not look upon it as an open question in the minds of the Canadian people to-day. Attorney-General Longley, Premier Blair and Sir Oliver Mowat were with him in this belief. Canadians had no desire to become mixed up with the negro question which was causing great apprehension in the United States. Another point was that annexation, as Principal Grant had put it, was a fighting question. There was the passion of the minority to cope with when the question of annexation was carried in any country.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—At the opening of the new headquarters in Westminster, the Bishop of London said a man might respect other people's opinions without giving up his own; he himself might be called an extreme man in the matter of total abstinence, but that did not prevent him from recognizing the fact that there are very good Christian people who are not total abstainers, and do not mean to be. You must acknowledge it, he added, because it is a plain fact which stares you in the face.

THE LOWER MIDDLE CLASS, Bishop Mitchinson says, has been neglected by the Church, and as a result the Dissenting bodies had taken them in hand. It was one of the best things the Dissenters had done, and he said all honour to them for