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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We venture to call attention to the first of a series of papers by one of our oldest and most respected **Reminiscences of a Scottish Parish** ministers, giving his reminiscences of church life and work in a Scottish County Parish from fifty to seventy five years ago. They will revive the early memories of the patriarchs among us and ought to awaken no little interest on the part of those who are younger by comparing with the experiences of the present. We have several more of the papers already in hand and we can assure our readers that they only grow in interest as they proceed.

The committee of Ladies who so heartily are arranging to send nurses to the Klondike, in connection with the **Nurses for the Klondike** Presbyterian Church, are maturing their plans with commendable energy and despatch. They have just issued a statement of their case, reciting the various steps which have been taken and what measures are contemplated. We commend the statement to the ministers of the church as worthy of their very best consideration. A collection is suggested either this or next month, and as no other stated collections fall due then this suggestion, we should think, ought to be very generally acted upon. The Presbyterian ladies have entered upon this work in a public-spirited manner and in the faith that the church will stand by them. They will have no cause for regret or disappointment. The work of the Klondike nurses will be in concurrence with that of the missionaries there and the church may rest assured that the best will be made of every dollar subscribed.

On this score there is no question; nor is there as to the expediency of the project; therefore there ought to be no doubt as to the generous response that will be made.

The daily papers announce that the caucus of members belonging to the Liberal party has advised the Government to present the Plebiscite on the Prohibition question without any rider as to the mode of raising the revenue of \$8,000,000 that would be lost by the passage of such an act. This will be good news for the friends of Prohibition and it is to be hoped that the Government will allow itself to be guided by this advice, notwithstanding any pressure that may be brought to bear on it by the Liquor party. The Temperance people never asked for the Plebiscite, but if it is fairly presented to the country they will endeavor to take advantage of the opportunity to elicit the full strength of the vote in favor of Prohibition, relying on the good faith of the Government to follow a majority in its favor with corresponding legislation. The agitation may now go forward with reasonable hope of success and it ought to be pushed vigorously without delay.

The effort made last Sabbath by Chalmers' church, Toronto, to reduce the church debt is worthy of all **Reduction of Church Debt.** praise. Only the other day we urged that the present time, on account of the short financial year, was opportune for special efforts being made to place congregations burdened with debt on an easier footing by liberal contributions. In making large collections Chalmers' church has been able to set an excellent example to others similarly situated which it were well if generally followed. It ought to be the ambition of every congregation to be free of debt altogether, not only to be able to meet current obligations, but to wipe out the mortgages as well. No congregation should rest at peace under a load of debt, no matter how lightly it may bear for the time being, the true policy being to be unhampered and free from the cares and worries which such debts are sure to entail. The question of congregational debt is a large one deserving of the attention of Presbyteries and Superior Church Courts, for could a system be devised whereby a gradual discharge of these debts was made feasible, an obstacle of magnitude would be removed from the path of progress.

The Rev. Dr. J. A. Worden, Superintendent of S. S. work in the Northern Presbyterian Church of the **The Twentieth Century Movement.** United States, has projected a movement for increasing the attendance of scholars in the Sunday Schools of that Church by 50 per cent before the beginning of the new century. He believes that by a little systematic effort it can be done, and the scheme has been endorsed by not a few Presbyteries already. The margin of possible increase on this side the line is probably not so great as on the other side owing to the fact that our population has