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The next Lambeth Conference of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion will be held in the year 1867.

Pitt, the great Earl of Chatham, said in a noteworthy speech: "The Presbyterians cling more closely to the college of fishermen than to the College of Cardinals; they contend for a scriptural faith and for a scriptural worship."

There is but one newspaper in the world that is published in the interests of the blind people, the *Weekly Summary*, of London, England. It was started in the spring of 1892, and now, after three and one-half years' experience in its unique field, claims subscribers in every quarter of the globe. It is printed in "raised," or Braille letters, and is considered a literary curiosity. It has been twice enlarged since the fall of 1892.

Sometimes it is said that Moses could not write the Pentateuch, and if he could the Israelites of his time could not have read it nor understood it; but Professor Sayce, of Oxford, told the recent Church Congress at Norwich, England, that "the age of the Exodus was as literary as that of the Renaissance in Europe. Babylonian cities had libraries then, some of them six thousand years old, and when Abraham was born a Chaldee poet was ending a long period of verse by writing a poem in twelve books."

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the American Tract Society shows some excellent work on the foreign field. The address of Dr. George W. Kime of Japan gives an interesting account of it, and of the value of the Society's work in that country as "a practical demonstration of that Christian union which we all desire." When so much of the infidel literature of Europe is being industriously translated and circulated in Eastern countries, it is a very important matter that the Tract Society is actively engaged in circulating a pure religious literature.

The income of the American Board during its past fiscal year was \$716,837.17. Half a million of this was received in donations. Legacies and interest account for the balance. The sum of \$661,885.99 was expended on the missions, \$13,964.24 on agencies, \$10,947.17 on publications, and \$28,454.59 on administration. The debt was \$116,237.56 on Aug. 31st, 1894, and had fallen to \$114,632.38 by August 31st, 1895. We do not believe that the severest microscopical investigation could reveal a wasted penny. A high order of efficiency marks the administration of the American Board.

The Netherlands' Bible Society held its 80th general meeting in Amsterdam, last September. We learned from its annual report that since the Society was established in 1814, about two and a half million Bibles and Testaments have been distributed; 96,000 were printed last year, whereof 4,635 were in the Indian languages. The agents have been very active. About 30,000 guilders were received from sales at the head and branch

offices; 472 copies were sent to the soldiers at Lombok, Dutch East India, and 3,440 were presented or sold at lower rates to other soldiers on their departure to the same colony. Several translations are now in preparation. Among others in the Macassar and Boeginese languages, also in Sangenese and Dajakshis, and in Soeudanese. Dr. N. Adriani was stationed at Posso, Middle Celebes, to study the Baree language for the like purpose.

The sweeping of the streets of Paris costs that city £268,000 a year. Landlords are bound to sweep the footway before their houses clear, unless when snow is too deep to be easily got rid of. The town council employs as sweepers three thousand men, six hundred women, and according to the weather, large extra gangs. The road menders also form a large brigade, and are paid four francs a day each. The sweepers get three and a half pence an hour. The street watering, with hydrants, the cheapest and best method, costs £80,000 a year.

The record-breaking train on the Lackawanna road, which left East Buffalo at 8.47 a.m., arrived in Corning, 130 miles distant, at 10.49, Oct. 5th. From Corning to Big Flats, a distance of 6½ miles, the run was in exactly four minutes, or at the rate of 99½ miles per hour. The distance from Corning to Elmira, 16 miles, was made in 11 minutes. The 199 miles from Buffalo to Binghamton were covered in 175 minutes. This train, which consisted only of the engine, a hotel car and a common coach, arrived in Hoboken at 4.19 o'clock, Oct. 5th, making the run of 407 miles from East Buffalo in 452 minutes, including all stops and slow-ups.

The ruins of a large city have been discovered at the bottom of the sea a little south of the peninsula of Istria, in the Adriatic. It had long been noticed that nets were occasionally entangled in masonry, and it was decided to investigate. A diver, at the depth of eighty feet, found himself surrounded by ruined walls, the line of which he traced. He was able to distinguish the plan of the streets, but did not see any doors or windows, as they were covered with seaweed and incrustations. He traced the masonry a distance of 100 feet and then had to stop, as his diving cord would not allow him to go further. It is thought the ruins are those of Cissa.

The place of all others where good manners should appear is in church. *Good Manners* is a phrase synonymous with control of one's self. The mind cannot be set very firmly on devotion when the restless movements of a little child can move it, or it wanders so far as to allow of such acts as trimming the nails. It is not complimentary to a preacher, who has taken the greater part of a week to work out his instruction, to read even a prayer book, or hymn book, or to turn over leaves of a book, or to fidget and whisper while he is preaching. Nothing of the kind would be thought of in a friend's house while he was speaking, or the friendship would be wounded or broken off altogether.