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## NOTE AND COMMENT.

Japan's loss of men in the war against Russia is reported to total 72,450. Of these, 46,180 were killed, 10,970 died of wounds, and 15,300 died from sickness.

Dr. C. H. Patton, in the missionary Herald, says: "Never before in our 95 years has the hand of God been more manifest in preparing the nations for Christ."—Herald.

Dr. Orry and Mr. Alexander have commenced their campaign in Sheffield, England, a city of 400,000 inhabitants. The opening meetings were large and gave promise of good results. They expect to begin a series of meetings in Toronto in January; and from there will probably go to Philadelphia for a three months' campaign.

The Presbyterian Standard, of Charlotte, N. C., claims that, with one possible exception—the Moravian Church—the Southern Presbyterian Church is the banner foreign mission church of the world, having during the past year contributed more than a dollar a member to the mission cause. What is to hinder the Canadian Presbyterian Church taking first place.

Objection has sometimes been taken to the use of John Henry Newman's hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," because the latter years of his life were spent in the Roman Catholic Church. As a matter of fact, when he wrote that hymn he was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was received into the Roman Catholic Church twelve years after the hymn was written.

The Caucasus is still in a state of grave unrest. Although no fresh outbreaks have been reported for a day or two the Tartars are distributing arms among the villagers in the Province of Elisabethopol, and this operation, it is feared, is the prelude to the further massacre of Armenians, who cannot obtain arms for their own defence. The immediate loss by the destruction of property at Baku and district is placed at 8,000,000 pounds sterling.

Rev. W. J. Dawson the English evangelist is now conducting revival services in the United States. Speaking at Seattle, he said: "To those who scoff at evangelism I bring the proof that since the great revival in Wales crime has disappeared there. A great revival takes place whenever men are ready for it; and the coming five or six years will be great psychologic years of the development of this nation, for the people are gradually turning away from materialism. This country is to be the bearer of the great truth of brotherhood of men; then create the conditions and you shall have the power."

Says the Christian World: May we not cherish the hope that from the peace now achieved between Japan and Russia shall date a new world era, and that the year just ended shall be known as the last amongst the civilized Powers? Every year the forces that work for peace gain greater headway. One of the most striking features of contemporary Europe is the popular destination of war. It is the note of literature and opinion in France, in Italy, and throughout large classes in Germany. The triumph of that opinion amongst the Governments cannot long be delayed. We have just witnessed the conclusion of peace between two nations. We may see ere long the setting up of machinery which will secure a final peace amongst them all.

It is now understood that the Russian evacuation of Manchuria will be partial only. Several army corps will remain along the Chinese frontier, and military depots will be established along the Amur river.

The newly-created Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Gore) has directed his surrogates not to issue marriage licences to couples one or both of whom have had a previous marriage annulled by the Divorce Court.

The New York Federation of Churches has been gathering statistics about the city's population. It declares that one person in every four in the Borough of Manhattan is a Hebrew. It says that if the decline of Protestantism on the East Side continues at the same rate as last year, Protestantism will be extinct there in less than twenty years.

The English language according to a German statistician who has made a study of the comparative wealth of languages, heads the list with the enormous vocabulary of 260,000 words, German next with 80,000, Italian with 75,000, French with 30,000, Turkish with 22,500 and Spanish with 20,000.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The revival among the Khassi Hill people connected with the Welsh mission in Assam has taken the form of the most intense joy in knowing Jesus Christ and His work. Rev. J. Penzance Jones writes from Assam to the Madras Patriot of July 15: "The revival in its present form cannot last, but the effect of it will never be effaced, never."

General Booth has stated in the 'War Cry' that next spring he will charter three vessels, sailing from London, Liverpool and Glasgow, for emigration to Canada. He adds that the difficulty of funds will be met by the Unemployed Workmen Act. The freedom of the city of London is to be conferred upon the General for his services in the public weal.

Dispatches from the famine districts of Andalusia say that entire trains of emigrants are leaving Spain to embark for South America. Many families are abandoning their homes and farms. Some villages in Galicia have been deserted through despair of receiving the promised relief. The steamship companies announce that fifteen steamers loaded with emigrants will leave Andalusia ports in October. The news is urging the Government to adopt energetic measures against wholesale emigration to America.

The generous concessions which are made to the Bible Society by the Government and private railways in Russia can show no equal in any other country. The number of railway miles put at the society's disposal in the Empire of the Czar, without charge for travelling or freight, amounts to not less than a quarter of a million a year. As an instance of Bible traffic in Russia, on August 14th consignments of Scripture were despatched from the Bible Society's depot in St. Petersburg to be carried 1,500 miles, while the week before the consignment despatched were to be carried 5,200 miles; and this represents the output from St. Petersburg alone, without taking into consideration the society's other depots in various parts of Russia and Siberia. Concessions such as these are a valuable contribution to the society's working expenses.

Hon. Frank Oliver, speaking of the gold of the Yukon, says while the yield last year was not as large as previous seasons, it was nevertheless very great, and in proportion to the population greater than that of any other gold field in the world and that there is every reason to believe that the yield of gold will be permanent.

The number of "passive resisters" who are being sent to jail in England for not paying the education rate is constantly increasing, while hundreds are being summoned to appear before the magistrates. The summonses heard up to July 28 reached 22,800, and 1,021 sales have been held. An extraordinary state of affairs in the opening years of the twentieth century.

The document that separates Sweden and Norway has been signed by the Norwegian-Swedish delegates at Karlstad, subject to the ratification of the Storting and Riksdag. The historic document, which will become a treaty when ratified by the two parliaments, consists of five main articles and thirty-five sub-clauses. The first article deals with arbitration; the second with the neutral zone and the demolition of the fortifications; the third with reindeer pastures, etc.; the fourth with intertraffic and the fifth with common waters. The agreement provides for the compulsory arbitration before The Hague court of all disputes, except matters of vital interest, for the period of a decade, with extensions for other year periods of ten years, unless two years previous notice is given of the intention to abrogate it. The treaty provides for a zone on either side of the frontier which shall forever be neutral; for the demolition of the fortresses within that zone with the exception of the old portions of the fortifications of Frederiksten, Gyldenloewe and Oerboerget which may remain, but which are not to be used as fortifications.

The record of the work of Dr. Barnardo for the waifs of England during the thirty-nine years since its inception shows marvelous results. It was started by the doctor taking one poor little outcast to his home. Gradually the purpose of his life took shape, and with nothing but an unflinching faith in God and prayer, and in the mission which he had undertaken, the great institution of today was built up. In the thirty-nine years nearly 57,000 boys and girls have been rescued from the slums of crowded cities. Over 16,500 have been sent to Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere, and the most glorious fact of all is that of these, 98 per cent. have attained the highest success. In the home-to-day there are 8,430, requiring \$1,200 daily for food alone. When the meaning of this work is understood, and the origin of these children remembered, the story of this man's work becomes an inspiration to the Christian world. Like the work of George Muller with the orphans, it shows not only the power of prayer, but what one man can do when he takes God for his partner wholly. More than that, it proves that man is not bound by his birth and environment, but is superior to both. The lowest is worth saving, and can be saved. It is not only that in each child is a human soul, but that in each there are possibilities of good and of great things. Dr. Barnardo's work of rescue is one of the glorious features of the world's work today—one that is full of promise and hope and encouragement.