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If a minister has a bad boy or an unruly girl, people will know it, talk about it, make harsh criticisms, and say, "How strange it is that ministers' children are always bad!" We believe that a larger proportion of ministers' children are in the Church and living consistent Christian lives, than the children of any other class or calling. Statistics show it

"Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." As Richard Baxter would say, "We thank God for that 'whatsoever.'" It reminds us that when we act as Church boards, college, or theological seminary boards, we should act for the glory of God. When we sit in the session, in the presbytery, and in the synod, we should deliberate and vote to the glory of God. When we take appeals, if we do, we take them for the glory of God. Let us pursue our studies to the glory of God. And knowing that we cannot glorify God by any course of conduct that is inconsistent with the golden rule, let us always "do to others as we would have others do to us."

The liberal church member, who is interested in all the missionary operations of his denomination, has the happy privilege of being a helper everywhere. He is a shareholder in every blessed and profitable enterprise of the Church. Multitudes of souls in India and Egypt are being brought into the kingdom of Jesus. The great cities of our own land are being leavened with the gospel. The children of the slaves of a generation ago are being fitted for lives of usefulness, and are being fed with the bread of life. To the poor the gospel is preached. What a privilege to have a share in all this! Shares of stock may still be obtained

After the recent coronation of the Sultan of Johore, Dr. D. J. Galloway, an Edinburgh graduate, was invested by His Highness with the jewel of the Order of the Crown of Johore, and made D.P.M.I. in recognition of his services to the late Sultan prior to and during his illness. The investiture took place in the presence of the Dato of the Order, and raises the recipient to the dignity of a Dato. The Order is the highest outside the Royal family of Johore.

We notice that a speech made some two months ago by Rev. Prof. Calderwood, Edinburgh, has been receiving considerable attention from the English provincial press. The gist of the speech is as follows, the subject being "The Solution of the Disestablishment Controversy by a Plan for Reunion of Scottish Presbyterians." He pointed out that the great ends of the historic conflict in the Scottish Church were seen in a series of singular gains—the triumph of the Evangel all over the land, the complete ending of patronage in the Churches, the security for spiritual independence. These, he pointed out, were great things to have won, and they owed them to the movements which parted the Presbyterians in the land. Now that these were so wonderfully gained, should it not be the common effort to secure reunion? There was need for a new move-

ment leading to the reunion of the divided forces. By many signs there was reason to hope for a steady advance if such a movement were cordially attempted in the spirit of brotherhood and in devotion to our Lord. The new movement, he held, must be one which honored the convictions which were conscientiously held, even when they were at the opposite extreme from our own; and our effort must be to foster the brotherhood which would bring out in due time days of reunion.

The Japanese Government have given orders in Switzerland for 18,000 watches, the cost of which is not to exceed 10s. 6d. each. The watches are to be given to officers and men of the army and navy who distinguished themselves in the late war with China, and to take the place of the medals always awarded at the close of national hostilities. It is possible that the Japanese example may be followed by European countries.

It is said that Rev. Peter M'Kenzie, the eccentric Methodist preacher, that on one occasion he prayed: "Lord, save the Methodists, for they are running after the Independents; Lord, save the Independents, for they are running after the Church of England; Lord, save the Church of England, for she is running after the Church of Rome; Lord, save the Church of Rome, for she is running after the devil."

An infidel preacher in one of the London parks was asked: "Why are you always attacking the Bible, and not any other book? Why can't you let it alone?" "I will tell you," he replied; "I won't let the Bible alone because it won't let me alone."

A Chinese doctor is employed by families by the year, at a rate, according to their means and his reputation, of one cent to five cents a day as long as every member of the family is well. When one falls ill the doctor's pay stops until health is fully restored.

Some weeks ago Don Carlos, the young King of Portugal, desired to visit Rome. The King of Italy is his uncle. But, lo, from the Vatican came the thunderbolt of the Pope that if Don Carlos should visit King Humbert on the Quirinal, he would not be received by Pope Leo XIII. at the Vatican. In his dilemma, the King of Portugal abandoned his visit to his uncle and to Rome. Thereupon King Humbert withdrew the envoy of Italy from Lisbon, thus suspending diplomatic relations.—To the same influence must be attributed the failure of the Emperor of Austria to receive the visit of King Humbert and Queen Marguerite (years ago) to the court at Vienna, a breach of courtesy that has provoked much bad feeling on the part of Italy against Austria.—In this does not the Pope mark himself as claiming the right to control in the purely civil relations of the nations? And while claiming to control the action of kings and nations, how can the Roman Church pose in the United States as being solely a spiritual power?—*Christian Observer.*