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Note and Comment.

The Citizen: The unequalled splendor of the prevailing autumnal foliage extorts the admiring refrain: The Maple Leaf Forever!

The foundation stone of a new church, to be called "The Scots Church," was laid by the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, in Wellington on Aug. 11th.

A monument to commemorate the siege of the Legations was unveiled on Sept. 15th, in front of the British Legation in the presence of the British community at Peking.

It is given as an evidence that China is becoming civilized, that the Chinese governor submitted to an interview and criticised the missionaries instead of having their heads chopped off.

When Principal Grant was taken to the Kingston hospital lately the first person to call to see him was Archbishop Gauthier, and since then he has called every day to see him and left his card.

Rev. Frederick B. Meyer, for the last nine years minister of Christ church, Westminster road, London, Eng., has resigned his pastorate. Mr. Meyer is to start on a prolonged mission of energetic evangelism, addressed chiefly to the Anglo-Saxon peoples.

The royal library at Windsor Castle is about to be enlarged by the inclusion of a room adjoining, hitherto used by the Lord-in-Waiting. This will enable many thousands more volumes to be added to the hundred thousand valuable works now on the shelves.

Ontario won all the medals at the Pan-American Exhibition, offered by the American Pomological Society for the best exhibit of fruits, open to all America. Forty entries were made, and the display was considered first-class. Ontario also took sixty per cent of the prizes for cattle.

No secular paper, however good, says the Religious Intelligencer, can fill the place of a religious paper in a family; and no religious paper of the so-called, non-denominational sort can fill the place of the paper which represents the branch of the church to which the family belongs.

Czolgocz, the assassin, has collapsed and is now suffering all the tortures incident to a full realization that he will never again see the bright light of day, and that when he next leaves his cell it will be to proceed to the electrical chair, there to pay the penalty for the vilest crime committed in the United States in twenty years.

The Christian Leader says: Long ago Norway set this country, (Great Britain), an example in the control of the national liquor traffic. Now, two of Britain's own children—places so far sun-drenched, geographically as Sydney and Pretoria—have added two ex-

amples more. In the case of the former, it was chiefly the evil effects of drink upon the maritime community which led to the regulation of the wharveside trade in bad liquor. In the case of Pretoria, it was the poor untutored Kaffir, getting his living on the Rand, who required to be kept from poisoning a naturally robust interior with inferior "Cape smoke."

A curious fashion, which is said to be spreading, was lately introduced into a cemetery in Ohio—namely, carving on a gravestone an enlarged facsimile of the signature of the deceased. Already folks are said to be leaving testamentary instructions that their memorials should be so adorned.

Bystander, in Weekly Sun: "Desperate as Boer resistance is, there can hardly be a doubt that the end is near. The sources of supply have held out astonishingly long, but they must by this time be running low. It is probably by the fund carried off by Kruger that they have been furnished. Of intervention by foreign powers there is no fear."

The Ameer of Afghanistan, a royal pensioner of England, is dead, and his possible successor is said to be pro-British. But in Afghanistan succession to the crown is never undisputed. Russia will use her influence to settle the question of succession, so as if possible to derive some benefit from. England will do the same.

The Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, who has just celebrated the eighth anniversary of his pastorate of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, has also entered upon his forty-sixth year. It is just a twelvemonth since the new Tabernacle was opened free of debt. The services are attended by large congregations, and the membership still numbers over 3,000.

Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, writing about the lateness of Thanksgiving Day, said that it was done at the request of marine men, who did not want the holiday in October. He added: "You are aware that the 9th of November will now be a holiday, and, therefore, it was considered reasonable to postpone Thanksgiving Day until after the closing of the canals."

An English exchange thinks it startling that the British postoffice has only issued insurance policies for £1,250,000 to something under 20,000 policy-holders. It adds: "We do not think the postoffice is likely to be successful in this branch of finance. Life assurance can only be effectively expanded by personal influence, and this is what a state department is unable to provide."

Queen's University has just been the recipient of a valuable and highly interesting set of portraits from Gilbert Parker, M.P. The portraits comprise the governors of Canada from its discovery to recent dates, and is one of the richest gifts the college has yet received of this class. Mr. Parker in early days was a lecturer of Queen's, and he still recalls his happy associations here. The gift is valued at £1,000.

The Toronto World: A good many newspapers are advancing the proposal to make the King's birthday, Nov. 9, Thanksgiving Day. As that day is a government holiday anyway, it might be a good thing to make the combination, seeing that the date was set late in the interests of business. I would be killing two birds with one stone and we could all give thanks for a good King.

The Ontario Prohibition Alliance is getting ready for the Provincial elections. A call has been issued urging temperance voters to support only such men as can be depended on to press for advanced legislation concerning the liquor traffic. The liquor traffic men are already well organized, and, putting party politics aside, will vote for those who will protect and foster their traffic.

At a representative public meeting of Dundee, Scotland, citizens, it was resolved to take steps to present the Rev. Dr. Peter Grant, of St. John's Established Church, with his portrait on the occasion of his jubilee, in recognition of his public life and work in the city during the last fifty years. A committee was appointed to carry out the resolution. Dr. Grant is a brother of Principal Grant, of Queen's University.

Mr. Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, addressed a public meeting in Clare last Sunday, and the Irish Branch of the Evangelical Alliance has passed a resolution of "astonishment and regret." The resolution says that "the contempt thus shown for a great principle . . . must cause the gravest concern among all truly Christian and patriotic people." We share, remarks the London Presbyterian, in the regret expressed by the Alliance.

At the recent meeting of the Waldensian Synod at Torrie Pellice, near Turin, the Rev. J. Christie, Carlisle, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of England, was the only representative of the Presbyterian Churches of Great Britain. His address as a deputy was received with great enthusiasm, and at a social function, after replying to a toast in his honour, the assembly insisted upon his giving a speech in English, that they might be able to form some idea of the way in which he expressed himself in his native tongue.

The second part of Siam's first state railroad, which has been under construction for eight years, has now been opened for business. The income of the country has been growing; and, but for an unexpected payment required on this Korat railroad, there would have been a surplus at the close of the year. The financial condition will improve as a consequence of negotiations with Great Britain with reference to the manner of assessing land revenues. Great Britain has agreed to waive certain regulations in regard to this which formed a part of an old treaty of hers with Siam.