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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Union fever has struck Korea, and negotiations are now on between the Methodist and Presbyterian missionaries in that country to establish a Korean national church.

The Rev. Hugh Black's prayers are described by an American paper as "the simple utterance of a child communing with its father, albeit Scriptural in terminology, yet not overmuch so."

The Presbyterians of Woodstock, Ont., have captured a Nova Scotia for their pastor, Rev. Henry Dickie, formerly of Windsor, N. S., to succeed Rev. W. A. Mackay, D.D., for so many years minister in Woodstock. The "Bluenoses" seem to be popular in Western Ontario.

Since the saloons were abolished in Lebanon, Tenn., the merchants of the place claim that trade has increased from 25 to 47 1/2 per cent., and real estate has increased in value 20 per cent., while the mayor reports that only one-third as many cases are tried before him as before the closing. Will the people of Ottawa take note?

It has been arranged that the next moderator-elect of the Church of Scotland will be Dr. Niven, of Pollokshields, while Principal Hutton, of Paisley, will succeed Principal Rainy, moderator of the United Free church. Prof. Bannatyne will probably be elected moderator of the Free church.

A correspondent of the Christian Advocate laments that the older people are not able to unite freely in the singing of hymns because too often the new musical setting of many hymns is suited only to the young—the high notes and rapid time are almost beyond the reach of untrained voice and middle age.

In recognition of England's sympathy with Norway during the formation of her new kingdom, the largest firm of Norwegian shipbuilders are naming one of their new steamers Trafalgar. Another is being named "The Times" in honor of that paper's attitude towards the political struggle. Both boats are at present being built at Sunderland.

Lottie Davis, colored, died at Weelder, Tex., Dec. 18, at the age of 107. She was born in Jones County, Ga., in 1798, and consequently had lived in three centuries. Her first illness was also her last, and was due solely to old age. Her husband, James Davis, and a son, Joseph, survive her. Her husband is 115 years old, and until a year ago he was robust. They had lived together over eighty years.

Nearly one man in five in New York City is a Jew. There are a hundred and fifty thousand more Jews than there are in all Germany, and about half a million more than in the whole British Empire. If the Jew were true to his national and religious ideals, New York ought to be better governed. The Irish saloon-keeper is a poor law-maker and a worse law-keeper.

Dr. John G. Paton is still hard at work. Although aged and infirm, he does not seem to know how to quit. He thus speaks of what is supposed to be his furloin in Australia: "I am occupied almost every day traveling by railways or rail coaches or buggies to meetings every night and three every Sabbath, with frequently long distances between, that I have very little spare time for any other work."

Local option won scores of victories in Ontario at the recent municipal elections, and the "bars" will have to close. That will be joyful news to many a father and mother and to scores of unfortunate children who are too often the chief victims of the work of the saloon "bar." Let the good work go on. Now let the temperance people see to it that the "proper authorities" strictly enforce the law in response to the well-understood wishes of the people.

Reports of extraordinary religious revivals come from France, Scotland, England, Wales, Jamaica and numerous places in far off India. They come in answer to prayer, followed by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and not infrequently at ordinary mid-week prayer meeting services, demonstrating beyond all question that God is still the hearer and the answerer of prayer. "He will be enquired of by the house of Israel to do this for them."

A British advocate of the shortening of the time between sentence and execution of murderers has arisen in the person of the recent commissioner of police of London, Sir Henry Smith. He bases this action upon the well known fact that the time which is supposed to be spent by the condemned murderer in making his peace with heaven is more often spent in vain appeals for a commutation of his sentence. He lies and twists and turns and is encouraged in his delusions by pettifogging attorneys.

The Christian World, of London, thus refers to Evan Roberts, who is again holding revival services in Wales, where the recent great movement has not by any means spent its force: "He delivers longer addresses, basing them on what has just been sung or said. On Thursday he spoke for an hour, rising immediately, with smiling face, as soon as he had entered the pulpit. His quickly changing moods were reflected in the meeting. Sometimes the people were joyously laughing with him, at others they were moved to tears as the evangelist, moved to agony by the thought of the sin and misery in the world, clenched his hands and sobbed and swayed."

Rev. W. Meikle, B.A., Knox Church, Glace Bay, recently held a ten days Mission in St. James' Church, Antigonish, N. S., which has resulted in much blessing. It is worthy of note that it was in Antigonish that the great revival in Eastern Nova Scotia in 1875 began, spreading to Pictou and Gresham and other localities. Mr. Meikle, then a lusty young man in New Glasgow, was one of the fruits of that revival. The amount of good he has been instrumental in accomplishing since then can hardly be over-estimated. The pastor of St. James' Church, Antigonish at that time was Rev. P. Goodfellow, a native of Ontario, who has many years since gone to his reward. The revival was the direct outcome of the services of the week of prayer.

Professor Adolph Harnack has resigned his position in the University of Berlin, and has accepted the post of librarian in the Royal Library of the same city. Professor Harnack began his career as a lecturer in the University of Marburg, and gained popularity which continued in Berlin. This step on the part of Professor Harnack at the height of his popularity is looked upon as a confession of defeat in maintaining his extremely liberal views, and a willingness to abandon his radical positions. Professor Koening, of Bonn, says that the most devoted followers of modern theories of Biblical criticism are now anxious "to see them decently buried." The resignation of Professor Harnack has caused astonishment and much comment.

The recently elected district attorney of Boston, Mass., John B. Moran, was the candidate of no party, and each party had its own nominee. Mr. Moran practically nominated himself and conducted his own campaign and was elected by a safe majority. He is now showing the stuff he is made of. A few weeks ago he compelled the police commissioners to close nine saloons which had been allowed to run in violation of a law that forbids a saloon within 400 feet of a schoolhouse. One of the places that was thus compelled to close its bar was the Hotel Touraine, one of the swellest hotels in the city. By the way are there not some places in this city where saloons and hotel bars are nearer to schools and churches than they should be?

When speaking of the Jewish exclusiveness it is well to bear in mind that there are 120,000 Hebrew Christians in the Protestant church, and 700 pulpits are occupied by Hebrew Christian ministers. It is scarcely a hundred years since work began among the Jews, but it is estimated that nearly a quarter of a million Jews have left the synagogue for the church. But this does not mean that the great mass of the Jews have been evangelized. The way is open, says the Presbyterian, for the church to do more for these ancient people of God. There are more than a million and a quarter in the United States. There are fifteen Jewish colonies in Palestine, and it is estimated that there are 100,000 in that country, with 45,000 in the city of Jerusalem. Between 70,000 and 80,000 have gone there during the last few years.

Writing on conditions in Egypt, Rev. H. A. Johnston, D.D., a Presbyterian minister from the United States, says: "In every part of Egypt the marvelous progress made since the British occupation is constantly in evidence along commercial and political lines, and this is distinctly true in Cairo." His letter concludes with the following paragraph: "Progress is being steadily noted all along the line, however, in spite of an empty nominal Christianity. The Church of England has sent many faithful representatives to this and other countries about the Mediterranean Sea. A new day has dawned upon Egypt, and its most blessed light is that which shines from the cross of Christ. Africa is stretching forth her hands unto God. The God of nations suddenly opened the way, and he will continue to lead his people as they strive to be faithful witnesses of the world's only Saviour. There is an increasing expectation from God for Egypt in the prayers of believers, and it will not be long before the Pentecostal blessings will come."

The London Presbyterian says that the names of the new British Cabinet, when announced, were received with general approval, all parties feeling that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had succeeded in forming a strong Ministry in a wonderfully short time. That paper says: "The elevation of Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. John Burns at once to Cabinet rank is splendid frank recognition both of service past and of promise for the future, and has given the greatest satisfaction. The selection of Mr. Birrell as Minister for Education is no less excellent. Most of the other appointments, including those of Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, and Lord Elgin were generally anticipated, and the whole list promises well. Lord Elgin's new duties will necessarily interfere with his chairmanship of the Scottish Churches Commission, but this matter is understood to have been satisfactorily arranged by the Prime Minister. Mr. Haldane at the War Office has an arduous and thankless task assigned him. His friends, however, confidently expect him to prove as great a War Minister as Mr. Cardwell."