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Here's a very good story from the pen of the Right Rev. Sir David Hunter Blair. A man's death was wrongly announced in the papers.

The next morning his friend was surprised to hear his voice over the telephone.

"Did you see the announcement of my death?" asked the voice.

"Yes," said the friend, nervously.

"Where are you speaking from?"

### Venezuela's Pearls.

The island of Margarita, off the coast of Venezuela, is one of the most celebrated centres of pearl fishery. The Spaniards, in the days of Columbus, found the natives of Margarita and the neighboring mainland decked out with pearls, and the pearl-producing oysters of that locality have never since failed in their productivity.

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### Archbishop of Sweden Ascribes War to Fear.

Stockholm.—Nathan Soederblom, Archbishop of Sweden, who is going to the United States next year, in an address before the assembly at the World Congress of Churches which has just been held in Copenhagen, made an appeal to all creeds and congregations to unite in restoring peace throughout the world. Representatives of nearly every Christian church and creed were present. "The world is infested with the two microbes of hate and fear," the Bishop said, "but we are grossly ignorant of how to turn our inherited curse into a blessing." He denounced those servants of Christianity who pause to ask about party or creed when there is a question of saving perishing humanity. The churches must stop theorizing and are going about trifles, and must unite in definite action in the cause of peace.

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