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## Note and Comment.

"General" Booth is to visit the North of Ireland this spring. Coleraine, where "Sweet Kitty" of the song enslaved her charmers, will get the first shaking up.

Lady Henry Somerset, in a speech recently, said that ten years ago one woman was arrested to every three men, but now only one man was arrested to every three women.

Hudda Mullah, the fanatic who has been endeavouring to embroil Great Britain and Afghanistan, has started for Cabul, the capital of Afghanistan, with 5,000 armed followers.

Mr. George Mackay, who was last week wounded in South Africa, is the second son of Senator Robert Mackay, of Montreal. Lieut. Carruthers, who was in the same engagement, is a son of the late Mr. John Carruthers, of Kingston, Ont.

A bellringer who has just died at Dorking had a remarkable record. Born in the same year as the late Queen Victoria, he rang on her accession, her coronation, her wedding, her two jubilees, on the occasion of her death, and on the accession of King Edward.

A silver medal has been struck to commemorate King Edward's Coronation. The obverse has the heads of the King and Queen in high relief. The reverse represents Britannia, seated, and surrounded by various emblems, with Westminster Abbey in the background.

In a drunken brawl between soldiers in Peking, China, French and Germans bayoneted four English soldiers, severely wounding them. Many murders have occurred at Tientsin and the Provincial Government is severely criticised, as the guard, except English and Americans, are allowed to wear their side-arms when off duty.

The Christian Register makes a suggestive remark about the tempers of men it has known. "The wisest and best of them, and the safest to deal with, were men who had quick tempers, and who, when angry, said things, but who also knew when they were wrong, and were just as quick to apologize and make atonement. The dangerous men," it says, "are those who feel slights, resent injuries, hold grudges and bide their time."

Dr. F. W. Hutchinson, the well-known English scientist, is at present making a series of balloon ascents from London and vicinity with a view to determine the nature of the bacilli inhabiting the upper regions of the atmosphere. The microbes are collected by means of sterilized gelatine plates, prepared from seaweed by a Japanese process, and exposed at different altitudes. So far the results have been satisfactory, and

many hitherto unknown germs have been discovered.

At the late Zionist Congress in Basle it was announced that the Sultan of Turkey had expressed his sympathy with the movement to colonize Palestine with the Jews, and on the strength of the announcement the Council at once voted a million of dollars for the work. What the Sultan will say after the money has been spent for Turkish land and has gone into Turkish coffers is a different question.

The Nova Scotia Government has definitely decided to defer the introduction of prohibitory legislation. Hon. J. W. Longley, the Attorney General, replying to a deputation that asked for a prohibitory law said that while the matter had received the most careful and earnest consideration of the Government, they had concluded, for various reasons, that it would not be expedient to introduce a Provincial Prohibitory Act at the present time. It remains for us in Ontario to set the pace which other Provinces may fall in with. Our action will have a determining influence far beyond our own limits.

A woman is reported as trying her healing powers as a Christian Scientist on a sick panther in Chicago. She stays outside the bars of the cage and gazes on the sick beast. Really we do not see any special harm she can do. It seems a peculiarly appropriate field for business of this sort. Of course the panther is receiving such medical treatment as the superintendent is able to secure. In this case the woman can not hurt it much. But when it comes to neglecting sick children and other human beings, and leaving them without medical treatment and skillful nursing, intelligent people should draw the line very sharply. Mrs. Eddy's treatment is all right for panthers, especially when the panthers are already being doctor-ed and cared for.

A concrete example of wedding religion to business is furnished from England. "As a rule," says The London News, "religious matters find no place in the great business houses of the metropolis. But there are exceptions. For instance, one large wholesale and retail drapery establishment has a recognized chaplain, and family prayers are held every morning from 7:30 to 7:55, at which all members of the establishment are expected to attend. This is placed first on the list of 'Bedroom and House Rules,' a copy of which is presented to every newly engaged assistant. Rule No. 2 says 'That all the assistants be expected to attend a place of worship on the Lord's Day.' There are other salutary rules respecting the house to be kept, smoking on the premises, general cleanliness, etc. The twenty-five minutes devoted collectively to devotional exercises in the quiet of the morning is regarded by many as a splendid equipment for the day's work. At a dinner given to the hundreds of assistants some time ago, one of the most active partners of the firm counselled the members of the establishment under no circumstances whatever to over-

state anything respecting an article they might be trying to sell to a customer."

The "Missionary Record" of the United Free Church contains an article by Dr. Wells, of Glasgow, emphasising the encouraging fact that there are roads from Rome as well as "Roads to Rome." He suggests that the book recently published under the latter title might will be answered by another book from the Reformed point of view, and not to be outdone in illiterative aptness, he is ready with a title for the new book—"Pathways to Protestantism." From his own rich store of experience Dr. Wells illustrates and enforces his contention. He tells, among others, the story of Mick, an Irishman employed on a farm near Edinburgh. There he was taught to read, introduced to the study of the Douay Bible, attracted to the family worship of the farmhouse, and finally enabled to turn from Romanism. "Mick confessed his faith to me," writes Dr. Wells, "in some such words as these. 'I'm after thinking that if the Lord Jesus takes us in hand for the soul's salvation, He won't need the priest, and the Virgin, and the rest of them, and all their manoeuvrings, to help Him out with the work, I am thinking that He is well able to do the whole business Himself. The Lord Jesus Christ is priest enough for me.' He was in the infirmary for some time. His Romanist ward-fellows discovered that he was a convert, and taunted him with being a Judas and a turn-coat. He replied as the chaplain told me, 'Sure, but it is the best turn my coat ever got yet; it was wrong side out before, and it's right side out now.'

A Mr. Anson A. Gard, formerly of New York and now of Montreal, has been calling on President Roosevelt at Washington and informing him that in a tour of schools in this country and in Canada he (Mr. Gard) found that United States scholars had not such a full and correct knowledge of the Dominion as the scholars there had of the United States. He said:—"I examined a large school in Montreal of nearly 1,000 children. I asked fifty questions, covering many points pertaining to our country (the United States), and was more than surprised to have them answered almost as fast as I could propound them. Some of those questions were intricate, and their answers showed a general knowledge of the States. I also examined a much smaller school in Quebec, with almost as good results as at Montreal." Mr. Gard finds, however, that there is much less knowledge of Canada in this country. He said that Hackensack, N. J., had made the best showing, and Baltimore had done well. "What city was most lacking?" asked the President. "You must excuse me if I don't answer this," said Mr. Gard, "for New York City has long been my home, and you know it would never do not to be loyal to one's own city. No, I am silent on that point. If the newspapers of the country will take up this subject, much good may be done in getting the children to study and know more of a country which I have found to be brimming over with interest. Our people go to Europe to find far less of beauty and interest than is to be found just across the line."