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OVER LAND AND SEA.

Wealthy American syndicates have sent two noted mining engineers to Korea to inspect the gold regions there, which are reported to be full of the yellow metal.

Dr. Campbell, the principal of the Royal College for the blind at Norwood, says he has known remarkable cases of blind men falling in love at first "sight," and marrying the ladies with whom they fell so quickly in love.

A blind man was arrested last week at Muncie, Ind., for stealing chickens, and now a telegram says in the same town a man who could not write has been arrested for forgery. He asked a saloon-keeper to fill out the check and sign his name. He then presented the check and got the money.

At the recent laying of the corner-stone of the new Roman Catholic cathedral of Westminster, the band took it upon itself to play a selection from Meyerbeer's "Huguenots," which contained Luther's immortal hymn "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," to the surprise and chagrin of the Roman Catholic prelates.

A Danish lady, Countess Schimmelmann, is conducting a seaman's mission along the Danish coasts, on board a yacht called the *Dove*. Services are held on deck under an awning in fair weather. The yacht possesses a library, and it is proposed to add a small printing establishment, so that tracts, etc., can be printed on board.

The ninth annual convention of Christian Workers in the United States and Canada will be held in New Haven, Conn., for eight days, beginning Thursday, November 7th. Convention is held under the direction of the International Christian Workers Association, of which Rev. R. A. Torrey, of Chicago, superintendent of the Bible Institute and pastor of the Chicago Avenue Church, is president.

The *Western Watchman*, a Roman Catholic paper, says:—"No complaint comes from the Catholic missionaries in China; not that they have not suffered, but because they regard suffering and death for Christ as their portion." This has a very pious sound, but the *Independent* calls attention to the fact that the first complaint entered with the Chinese Government was by the French Government, on behalf of the Catholic missionaries, and they have received the first indemnity paid.

Rev. Dr. M. D. Kneeland, who has resigned from the pastorate of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church to devote his whole time to the work of the New England Sabbath Protective League, has been for some time its Secretary, but its promoters feel that it requires more vigorous service than can be given by those whose time is mainly demanded in other lines. The organization

has now a list of eminent and able men as directors and executive committee, and the work it has undertaken is of great importance, not only to the churches but to the integrity and moral strength of the New England States. It is earnestly to be hoped that the league to which he will now bring a new impetus may secure a greater regard for the Sabbath as a day of rest and a deeper reverence for it as a day of worship.

The death of Rev. James A. Johnson of Springburn United Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, is the removal of a most notable Scottish temperance reformer. One of the originators of the Scottish Temperance league, he was at his death its President, and presented to it, a fortnight ago, a unique and valuable collection of temperance literature. He was also connected with the Good Templar order, holding at one time the office of Chief Templar.

The Russian government has determined to assume a complete monopoly of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, in this way abolishing the private saloon. The system will not be in universal operation until Jan. 1st 1898. This new Russian law, unlike the French law, which aims at revenue, aims to rid the Russian people from the demoralization of the liquor traffic as conducted by private enterprise. But the government would use its autocratic power to better advantage by enforcing prohibition.

The National Purity Congress will meet in Baltimore, Md., October 14-16, in the Friends' meeting-house. This meeting is called by the American Purity Alliance to consider questions of profound interest to all friends of social purity. The programme gives forty-five addresses for the seven sessions, by the most distinguished reformers in the country, with several from Europe. The subjects cover every phase of vice, and its regulation, with suggestions of remedies for suppression. The meeting will be a notable one, and should have a representation from every large city in the land. Extensive arrangements are being made for entertaining delegates from churches, societies and cities.

Mr. W. S. Caine, presiding at the 27th anniversary of Good Templary in England, remarked that there now existed in the United Kingdom about 4000 adult and junior branches of the Order, with about 200,000 members; and the Order existed in 100 countries and states, having a total of over half a million members in 12,000 branches meeting weekly. At a special thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Cathedral, to which the members went in procession from the Thames Embankment Canon Hull, of Northampton, preached the temperance sermon and the first and second lessons were read by Rev. Septimus Buss and Rev. A. Ward-ropper, who wore their Good Templar regalia over their surplices.