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PEOPLE AND THINGS THE WORLD OVER

Dr. William Wilfrid Campbell, the Canadian poet, who has for years held a position in the Canadian Privy Council Office, has been transferred to an appointment in the Dominion Archives, for which he is particularly well fitted by reason of the study he has made of Canadian history. Dr. Campbell's new position carries with it a promotion to a higher grade than he has heretofore held in the Civil Service.

The lifting of the curtain on the new Barrie play has the importance of an historic event for the English stage. J. M. Barrie's latest production, "What Every Woman Knows," was produced under Charles Frohman's management at the Duke of York Theatre last night, and it proved the equal of its predecessors. Perhaps it will be considered the best that he has done.

Japan has decided that she has neither time nor money to get ready for her World's Fair proposed for 1912, and has officially announced that the date has been postponed to 1917. Japan has recently located two battleships sunk in the Battle of the Sea of Japan, the 'Yashima' and the Russian warship 'Sebastopol.' The approximate place of the cruiser 'Takasago' has also been found, and search is going on for the battleship 'Hatsuse.' All news of the sinking of the 'Yashima' was suppressed for six months after the disaster.

Prof. Bier, the distinguished surgeon of Berlin, is using cocaine for operations on arms and legs, by bandaging the limb above the wound and then filling the veins with a weak solution. This prevents all pain, while leaving the patient still conscious. Before the bandages are removed all trace of the cocaine is washed from the veins.

Prof. Adam Shortt, whose appointment to the Civil Service Commission has been announced, will retire from Queen's University, where he has been professor of political science since that chair was founded. Besides being a scholar, Prof. Shortt takes an interest in athletics, and at present is one of the board of reference of the Canadian Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union.

More than \$4,000,000 is left to charitable institutions, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Yale University by the will of Frederick Cooper Hewitt, one of the wealthiest men in Tioga county, who died at his home in Oswego, N. Y., last Sunday. To relatives and friends less than half a million dollars is left. The estate is estimated to be worth from \$5,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

The supposed Leprechaun, or greencoated fairy, who has terrified the children of parishes near Killough, Ireland, for the past two months, has been captured by two policemen in a wood near Killough and taken to the Mullingar workhouse. This modern specimen of the ancient little people of Ireland proves to be a dwarfish man, who eats greedily, but does not talk, answering questions put to him with grunts and squeals.

No two things differ more than hurry and dispatch. Hurry is the mark of a weak mind, dispatch of a strong one. A weak man in an office is like a squirrel in a cage—is laboring eternally, but to no purpose; like a turnstile, he is in everybody's way, but stops nobody; he talks a great deal, but says very little; looks into everything, but sees into nothing; and has a hundred irons in the fire, but very few of them are hot, and with the few that are he burns his fingers.—COLTON.

Admirers of Count Leo Tolstoy, the world over had hoped in some way to express their love and respect for him on the eightieth anniversary of his birth, but when the day came, August 28th by our calendar, he was dangerously ill and his condition this week is reported to be very grave. Count Tolstoy has long been talked of as a prodigy of vigor, in spite of his great age, but a recent writer draws attention to the fact that he is really five years younger than Goldwin Smith, six years younger than Edward Everett Hale, and eleven years younger than John Bigelow, who scarcely a year ago was publishing vigorous comments on the condition of Russia since the peace of Portsmouth.

Outside "Elizabeth's House," Brixton Hill, England, a notice-board has been placed intimating that flats are to be erected upon the site.

Not only is this doomed structure the oldest house in the district, but it is stated that in its garden the first potatoes in Britain were grown. Sir Walter Raleigh, who introduced the potato to Britain, lived at Brixton, near to the house in question, which Queen Elizabeth used as a country seat. The Effra was at that time a real tributary of the Thames, and Queen Elizabeth was in the habit of making the journey to Brixton and back by means of her state barge.

THE HUSHING OF A CONSECRATED VOICE

It isn't extravagant to say that in half the houses in North America you will find a copy of what is best known as the Moody and Sankey hymn book. "Gospel Hymns" has reached a total now of fifty million copies, a record not reached by many books outside the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress. This book of sacred songs was compiled by Ira D. Sankey, who died at his home in Brooklyn, New York, on the 13th of August. Many of the hymns contained in this volume are set to tunes of his own composition. Among these are, "There'll be no Dark Valley," "When the Mists Have Rolled Away," "A Shelter in the Time of Storm" and "The Ninety and Nine." The words of the last named song were written by Elizabeth Clephane and found by Sankey in a newspaper. He clipped the poem and learned the verses, struck by the thought expressed so fervently in them. A large meeting with Moody was just beginning in Edinburgh. The opening service failed to arouse the interest and attention for which the evangelists had hoped, and just before the dismissal, Mr. Moody asked Sankey to sing. On his way to the organ the remembrance of the verses he had clipped on the train occurred to him. He laid the verses on the desk and began to sing:

"There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold."

He had no idea what note would come after the one he was just sounding, and no thought that the second stanza would be anything like the first, but he sang on to the end, and left the audience in tears.

The story of his meeting with Mr. Moody and of the work they jointly carried on is told by the New York Sun:

"As the story goes, Mr. Moody, who was as devoid apparently of all musical sense as was Dean Swift, heard him render a revival hymn at the International Y. M. C. A. Convention in Indianapolis in 1870. Turning to his neighbor, Mr. Moody asked with some excitement, 'Who is that man over there that sings so?'

"The neighbor was H. K. Porter, president of the Y. M. C. A. in Pittsburgh. He knew Sankey very well, and told Mr. Moody all about him and his fine voice.

"Well," Mr. Moody rejoined, 'I don't know anything about his fine voice, but I do know that he feels every word he sings, and believes every word he feels. I want to meet that man. Bring him over to the hotel.'

"Six months later Sankey was assisting Moody at the latter's church in Illinois Street in Chicago. They never separated afterward except twice—once, for three months when the Chicago fire burnt them out, and again when Mr. Moody left Mr. Sankey in charge of his new church, the new Tabernacle, while he went to England on his first foreign tour. It was during Mr. Moody's absence that Mr. Sankey composed many of his gospel tunes.

"All the songs he made up during this time he put in a scrap book, which was the only book he carried abroad with him save the Bible, when Mr. Moody called him over to assist in the revival. From the time of the great English tour, in 1873-75, till the time of Mr. Moody's death in 1899, the two evangelists were never separated. They had addressed some of the biggest audiences of modern times. Agricultural Hall, London, which seats twenty thousand, was the scene of many of their meetings, and it was always full. In New York their meetings were held for the most part in the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church; the Rink, Brooklyn; the Brooklyn Tabernacle; or in Carnegie Hall. In these New York meetings Mr. Sankey sometimes had a choir of as many as five hundred voices under his leadership."

THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE MISSIONARY

It is popular among certain classes of men, who assert that business and religion should be as separate as church and state, to sniff at foreign missions, and contend that the money and effort should be kept at home. Apart from the fact that the most strenuous objectors to the outgo are those who spend no time and very little money on worthy objects at home, there are some facts recently compiled by Miss Loveridge concerning the value of the missionary to commerce that might profitably engage these gentlemen's attention for a few moments.

For one thing Christianizing means civilizing, and civilization means a demand for the costumes, goods and chattels in use among other civilized nations. The manufacturer of clothing, furniture, and machinery finds new business when he follows the missionary. The industrial result of a mission in Natal was the ordering of five hundred American plows. Saw-mill machinery has been installed in Rangoon by a missionary who wanted to give employment to his converts. In other than strictly manufacturing lines the missionary has proved his value in the business of the world. Here are a few of them:

China, which is now being opened up to world trade, owes her written, printable language to a missionary, and the same profession brought into China the first metal type. A missionary made type-writers possible for the Japanese language, and they are not all manufactured in Japan.

There are in existence a hundred and a half of important dictionaries. A missionary made the original of each one of them.

The missionary explorer, from the days of Livingstone until now, has done good service. In China, Africa and South America, he had travelled and made correct maps and observations for the use of the commercial powers that prepare to follow him. The English Academy of Sciences has accepted the report of Redmond and Craft, foreign missionaries, for a million square miles in Africa.

The only reliable and thorough botany of Assyria was compiled by a missionary to that country, and that valuable drug, quinine, was discovered by another.

Missionaries discovered the Moabite and Nestorian tablets in Egypt, and for years a missionary in Luxor, Egypt, has been the buyer of Egyptian antiquities for the British museum.