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## NOTE AND COMMENT

According to the most reliable reports there are 262,000 Sunday schools in the world, with a total enrollment of 25,000,000 pupils.

The Germans think they have discovered old King Nestor's palace in Pylos. Before the discovery of Troy the critics doubted the whole Homeric story. Now they are finding the very houses of the Momeric heroes.

There are seventeen Chinese Sundayschools in Chicago with an attendance of about 400 pupils. Since the San Francisco fire the number of Chinese in the city has greatly increased. It is thought that at least 4,000 are now there.

The National Missionary Society of India, composed of native Christians, has selected as its first field of work a large and neglected district of the Punjab, lying between Lahore and Multan, covering an area of 4,600 square miles, with a population of nearly half a million.

The Lutheran Synod, U. S., has passed a resolution prohibiting ministers from financial speculation. The action seems soarcely worth while. In the first place, few ministers have the wherewithal to speculate with; and in the second place, those who have and do, are seldom inclined to repeat the offense.

The reformed churches of France have nearly 100,000 members, with 700,000 adherents. Equally with the Catholio adherents were affected by the law of separation, for the Protestant ministry, like the Catholic, had been supported by the French Government, and the churches have now to support themselves.

Poor St. Pierre-Miquelon! The little remnant of the French empire in North America has fallen upon evil days. Since Newfoundland passed her batt act the imports have fallen from \$1,700,000 worth in 1902 to only \$1,000,000 last year, and the fishing fleet have fallen from over two hundred vessels to seventy-five.

The French have passed laws re quiring automobilists to prevent their cars from emitting obnoxious odors. So successful have anti-smell statutes been, that automobiles will be admitted to the Fete of Flowers in the Bois de Boulonge this year. We are convinced that automobiles, even in this country, do not leave such long trails of odor behind them as they used to. No doubt our descendants will smile at the savagery of the days when the gasoline odors of motor cars were allowed in the public streets at all.

The Chinese are not satisfied with Japanese teachers. Very many Japanese are employed because they are the most available teaches of modern learning; and thousands of Chinese students have gathered at Tokio as the most convenient and cheapest place to gain modern instruction. But the Chinese reason that, if western learning is a good thing, it is better to get it at first hand rather than through the Japanese. Hence there is a great demand for English teachers who know Chinese, and Chinese students are being sent abroad at enormous expense.

There is very little said about it but the plague has been epidemic in India for the last decade and five millions of people have been its victims. In both 1904 and 1905 over a million Hindus died of it. In 1906 there was a great decrease in the mortality, but this year the mortality has increased again and during the first four months about half a million succumbed to it.

Buenos Ayres has passed the million mark in population. It is a center of commercial and industrial activity, beautifully built, full of wealth, brilliant and European, but in this great city there is intense indifference to opiritual things. Its civilization is of a very worldly type. What can be done to conunteract this worldly spirit and make it a citadel of God? In like manner, what can be done in Cordova, "The Rome of Argentina?"—Gloria Christi.

One of the most distinguished pastors in Japan, Rev. Miyagawa, of Osaka, recently said, "There are in Japan more than 1,000,000 people who have not than 1,000,000 people who have not what is the professed Christianity, but who are ordering their lives by the teachings of the Bible and who require now only to be brought to a public confession of their faith." This statement was repeated to Dr. Nakashima, Professor of Psyhology in the Imperial University, and he remarked, "Yes, there are more."

The British Government in India wages a regular warfare on poisonous snakes. Officials charged with this duty are scattered over all India. A small sum is paid the natives for every cobra killed. Probably the poisonous snakes can not be exterminated, but the Government keeps the number down. Even with its efforts over 28, 000 natives meet their death from them annually. Without British rule no attempt would be made to prevent the in crease of the reptiles.

An Anglican in Toronto writes Flaneur of the Mail and Empire saying:— "I suppose one can change their ideas without being considered inconsistent. The calm of a Canadian Sabbath was irritating to an impulsive nature. But a few years' residence and experience of the same has changed my views entirely. An orderly country and an orderly people, God-fearing, is surely the greatest blessing that mankind can aspire to. You have that in Canada. The Lord's Day Alliance is worthy f all support—and will get mine."

Some interesting new methods and agencies are noticed in the Baptist Missionary Magazine as having been introduced into the missionary church at Sinwaugan, Philippine Islands. A church society has been formed to receive contributions of rice which will be kept to serve as a reserve fund for bers in need. When misfortune befalls members in need. When misfortune befalls a member he may, on approval by the trustees, draw upon it to repay on easy terms of interest when his trouble is over. The privilege of this borrowing is to be extended to other churches. A band of policemen has been instituted to see that all the members of the church attend the services on time. These policemen hunt up delinquents and, if they cannot give good reasons for their absence, bring them to church. In the church they keep or der among the throngs of children who attend.

It is the opinion of many lawyers and judges that the crime of perjury is rapidly increasing. The shamelessness with which witnesses will give false testimony is one of the scandals of our courts. One of the deplorable features of the situation is that little or no attempt is made to convict the perjurers. An English justice, in delivering a judgment a short time since, spoke of the amount of perjury in English courts as "One of the saddest features of English life to-day."

A pressing invitation from Newfoundland has for some time been before the L. D. A. to send one of its
Secretaries over to organize an L. D. A.
for the Island Colony. It was decided
that the Eastern Secretary should go.
He will make his visit in July. A convention will be held in St. John's on
Thursday, the 4th. He will also visit
Harbor Grace and Cabonear, and will
spend the Lord's Day preceding in St.
John's. Mr. Moore will meet, we are
assured, with a cordial welcome.

The Attorney-General of British Columbia announced, just before proposation, that it had been decided, after due deliberation, not to consent to any prosecutions, not to consent Day Act. The clause in the Act requiring the consent of the Attorney-General before all prosecutions was, of course, not intended by Parliament to enable any official to nullify the will of Parliament for his Province in this high-handed way. But the fact that this has been done in B.C. more than justice the strenuous opposition the L.D.A. representatives put up against the putting in of this clause at all, and makes its removal by Parliament, at its earliest opportunity, absolutely imperative. This, we believe, will be done, remarks the Lord's Day Alliance Advocate.

There can be no doubt about it, public opinion everywhere is growing stronger and stronger in the view that men in high positions, whether in public life or at the head of great industrial undertakings must maiotain their lives and characters above suspicion. Some time ago the head of a great corporation in the United States secured a divorce from his wife, trifling shamefully with his marriage vows. Subsequently marrying a "distinguished" actress. The Wall Street Journal, referring to the discreditable episode, says: "More and more does it appear inevitable that heads of the State, must conform their conduct to the higher code of morals. Efficiency is not acceptable as a substitute for character. A man's ability to do great things is not regarded as exempting him from the moral limitations imposed upon others. Because a man adds to the wealth of the nation by his constructive genius that does not justify him in speculative manipulations by which he enriches himself in deceiving the public. Because a man is an expert in an industrial art that does not give him cart blanche to indulge in scandalous personal conduct." The Presbyterian Witness endorses this by saying: "It is not too exacting on public men to insist that they respect conventional moralities. This is a minimum demanded by mere decency. We cannot insist in Canada that a man adhere to such and such a creed while in public life; but we may well abstain from promoting the public preference of the man who publicly tramples on the moralities." The people of this country must remember that "it is righteousness which exalteth