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If any readers have copies of the following S. S. Helps of our own Church, viz:—*Teachers' Monthly*, for January, May, or June, 1898; *Home Study Quarterly*, second quarter, 1898; *Primary Quarterly*, first quarter, 1898; they will confer a great favor if they can kindly send them to this office. They will be gladly paid for.

One statement of Dr. Warden at Assembly should be remembered by all. It was that the entire cost of managing the Schemes of our Church, including Mission Secretary, Agents, etc., is less than three and a half per cent. of the amount handled. Where is there a business concern of any kind managed so economically?

Movement In Central Europe. It is stated on good authority that in a movement away from the Church of Rome in Central Europe some eight thousand in Austria alone have joined the Reformed Church within the past few months; that ten thousand in Bohemia are ready to take a similar step; and that in South Germany the same prevails. In all this region, which Rome has for so long claimed as peculiarly her own, a spirit of inquiry is abroad; and in its measure it is a part of the better day that is steadily coming in every land.

In the same countries in years long gone, there have been like movements, which have been crushed with cruel arm. Sword and stake have here claimed their multitudes. But the blood of the martyrs, after so long a time, seems destined the seed of a living Church.

The War The size, shape, color, material, of **of Ritual.** a garment to be used in a religious service, the light of a candle, or the smoke of some chemical or drug, as an absorbing centre of interest in a church whose mission is to seek and save the lost, seems a strange and pitiable sight, yet the great and good Church of England is thus handicapped. The ritualist wing has been drifting Romeward. Confession, the mass, and all the trappings of high ritualism have been increasing, and Evangelical protest has seemed vain. The latter party has recently scored a triumph, for the Archbishops of York and Canterbury, the highest ecclesiastical dignitaries in the Kingdom, have decided, after careful examination, that candles and incense are illegal in the worship of the Church of England. The future is hidden, but indications are that the two parties, growing steadily apart, will sunder, and as a result both be sundered from the State, to the good of all. God reigns, and out of earth's strife will establish His Kingdom.

The Peace Conference. Some months ago the Czar of Russia proposed a conference of nations for the purpose of considering "disarmament." The conference has been meeting in the Capital of Holland. As was expected by most, there is but little definite result, and yet the outcome must be good, a two-fold good. First, there has been agreement as to a permanent Court of Arbitration in International disputes. This is true progress toward the world's better day. Second, the very fact of a "Universal Peace" Conference, the first in the world's history, is at once a token of progress towards that grand ideal, and will itself tend to further and more rapid progress.