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## NOTE AND COMMENT

"Personality, blest with common sense, plus the power of the Spirit, is the divine agency in the twentieth century for saving men."

The great evangelist, D. L. Moody, was eager to get through with his sermon so that he could begin the work of pleading with individual souls in the inquiry meeting.

The Japanese Governor of Formosa has had one million of camphor trees planted. The felling of camphor trees is now only allowed when the trees are over fifty years old.

Mr. Herbert Booth, youngest son of General Booth, of the Salvation Army, is to make a tour of Canada, beginning early next year. His first mission will be held in Brunswick St. Methodist Church, Halifax.

An epidemic of smallpox has again broken out in Mexico. While the Mexican government has instituted a vigorous quarantine, there are said to be scores of deaths, and a horrible condition exists on the Guatemalan side.

It has been decided in the Philippine Assembly that in the year 1913, English shall become the official language of the Islands. This will sever the last tie that holds the Islands to Spain and will bind them closer to the civilization of progress.

The Methodist Church of the United States has received 85 per cent. of its church membership from its Sunday schools. It would be interesting to know just what percentage of membership in the Presbyterian Church in Canada is received direct from our Sunday Schools.

Complaints come of our American friends ruining the Atlantic fisheries by resort to steam trawlers. In this way the quantity of fish destroyed, wasted uselessly, is quite shocking. The Presbyterian Witness is sorry to record that the "harvest of the deep" along the Atlantic coast has thus far been extremely meagre. The same story comes from Labrador.

I would not omit humor from the evangelist's makeup, remarks Gipsy Smith. Sometimes a flash of humor acts like a gimlet and prepares the way for a nail, when the nail might have split the board. But humor must not be allowed to gain mastery. Patience, too, I would use, and do use. You can hold a man if you can make him both laugh and cry.

The International Congress on Alcoholism held its twelfth annual meeting in London, July 20, the first time the Congress has met in England and the first time the governments have appointed official delegates to it. Twenty-six governments were represented, including almost every country in Europe, the total number of delegates being 1,400. Twenty-three British national organizations sent representatives.

Here are two vacation experiences of pastors. One of them was summoned back by telegram to officiate at a wedding in his parish. It took considerable time from his days of rest and \$20 for travelling expenses. He received a wedding fee of \$5. Another pastor was called home to attend a funeral. The journey both way cost him \$40. He received the hearty thanks of the bereaved family for his kindness and nothing more, though they were able to pay his expenses. We take these instances from an exchange.

So far about 100 routes for rural delivery of mail have been established by the Post Office Department. These are mostly in Ontario and the West. Twelve or more farmers along a mail route may secure free delivery of mail by sending in a petition expressing their willingness to provide the official boxes.

Krishna Rao, for twenty years editor of The Christian Patriot of Madras, one of the leading weeklies of India, died recently. He came of a Brahman family, and received his education and first promptings toward Christianity in the Nellore boys high school, at that time under the Free Church of Scotland. He has devoted his life with single-heartedness to the elevation of the Indian Christian community and the development of the Christian churches, and was a sound and temperate leader.

An exchange tells this amusing story of the closing of a tavern at Sleepy Hollow, near Tarrytown, New York—the place made famous by Ichabod Crane. The place was near the estate of John D. Rockefeller, and after a number of vain attempts to purchase the hostelry, he did what few men would be able to do—put the tavern out of business by buying up all the country round about and renting only to total abstainers. The result has been surbinder by the tavern-keeper. His bar was idle because there was no one to buy his wares, and now he has sold out and the tavern is no more.

Rev. R. H. Lloyd, of London, who is coming to America this fall, says: "I have been criticized in England on the ground that I have mixed religion and politics. My idea is not to bring politics into religion but religion into politics. The politician watches religious feeling and, if that is so, should not the preacher keep advised of the happenings in the political world?" It would spoil sugar to put coffee into it, but to put sugar into coffee is all right. So it would spoil religion to put politics into it, but the more religion one can put into his politics the better.

The 50th anniversary of the organization of the French Presbyterian Church at Ste. Anne, Ill., and the 100th anniversary of the birth of the first pastor, Rev. C. Chiniquy, were celebrated on the last two days of July and the first of August. The celebrations were well carried out. The addresses were in French and English. A bronze statue of Father Chiniquy will be placed in the church grounds, and a manse will be built on the site of his house, which was burned some years ago. The present pastor is Rev. Pierre Beauchamp, a French-Canadian and a graduate of the Montreal Presbyterian College.

On August 4, the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, holding its annual convention in Chicago, made a public exhibit of its strength by parading the streets. Nearly 5,000 men, women and children were in line in order it was said to resent the assertion of the Mayor of Milwaukee that the Church of Rome is not opposed to drink. In the evening at a mass meeting in the Auditorium, Bishop Canevin, of Pittsburg, and others denounced the saloon in the strongest terms. "The Catholic Church," said the bishop, "is unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic industry, and the Sunday saloon looms up as one of the most menacing evils with which the American citizen is confronted." When the mighty power of the Catholic Church in this country, says the Michigan Presbyterian, moves into line against the liquor power it is easy to tell which will win the day. Then, if not before, "the saloon must go."

The Jews of Poland, Russia, Canada and the United States, the vast majority of whom speak and read the Yiddish dialect, have now had the entire Bible translated into Yiddish and bound in one volume. The New Testament was printed in Yiddish by the London Jews Society about one hundred years ago. Markus Bergmann, a Hebrew Christian of Russian birth and a missionary to the Jews in the employ of the London City Mission, was the means of securing the translation of both the Old and New Testament into Yiddish. They were bound separately, the volumes were different sizes and were high priced. Now the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society are negotiating with Mr. Bergmann to use his plates and print the entire Yiddish Bible in one volume at a moderate price.

Still we hear echoes of the fight in England over the legalizing of the marriage to a deceased wife's sister. By a vote of 224 to 24 the church council which was attended by the leading bishops, clergy, and laymen of the church of England, declared that the new law was contrary to the moral rules of the church and to the principles of the Scriptures. Furthermore, the use of the prayer-book in the service solemnizing such marriages was reprobated in the strongest terms. In all probability the end will be the popularizing of the disestablishment idea. Then the church would be free to exercise its will in the matter, and could enact such rules for its members as it might see fit.

The proper preparation of soup is of great importance in all households. It is at once an economical, wholesome and savory form of nourishing food. No soup should be used the same day it is made, on account of the impossibility of removing all the scum and fat. A shank bone of beef with a fair amount of meat left on should be put in cold water and left to simmer gently over a moderate fire all the preceding day, and the liquid allowed to get cold at night so that the layer of fat (which can be used for other purposes) may be easily removed. Now proceed in this way: To the clear, fat-free soup, add half a teacupful of well-washed pearl barley or rice; and the cheap kind of rice does just as well as the best for this. Now add also a few cut-up vegetables, pepper and salt, a sprig or two of herbs tied together, a little pea-meal, any cold potatoes left over, and let the whole simmer together, without removing the remains of the meat and bones. Great care should be taken not to let it boil away. The result of this simmering will be to supply the dinner-table with some nice, warm, comforting soup, very different to the weak, greasy liquid which so often goes under the name of soup. It is a very common mistake with all the cooks, except the very best, to put too much water to their materials for soup. The result is a plentiful supply of weak, tasteless liquid, instead of a smaller quantity of strong, good soup. While the addition of various kinds of vegetables, and of pea-meal, rice, or pearl barley is all very good, still, these various things are not absolutely necessary. A few thin slices of raw potatoes, or cold potatoes, and a few crusts of bread, will answer well enough, and a good, wholesome, relishing soup will be the result. All the cooks prefer beef to anything else for making soup. And there is a good deal of truth in the instinct which leads the sick person to prefer beef-tee, and the healthy labouring man to buy a couple of pounds of beef, instead of double the quantity of any other meat. Beef contains most iron, which in the state of oxide is one of the chief constituents of the blood.