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## NOTE AND COMMENT.

A Maine Methodist minister recently served notice on his congregation that attendance at the circus by his members would compel him to discipline them.

The government of Bengal has voted \$600 annually in consideration of the educational work of the Calcutta College and the boys' branches of the Y. M. C. A.

The late Dr. R. W. Dale, of Birmingham, left in a manuscript a long and elaborate history of Congregationalism which his son is preparing for the press, and which will appear before the end of the year.

A new work has been started by the Protestant Episcopal Mission in Liberia among the Kroo natives of Monrovia. Forty-eight persons have been baptized, most of whom are women. A Sunday School of one hundred pupils has been organized with ten teachers.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan has returned to America and will preach during August and September in the Fifth Avenue Church, New York City, and during the week will give daily lectures at Northfield on the Old Testament, a continuation of the course on Exodus, which he gave last year.

The American Board Mission in Ceylon reports eleven American missionaries aided by 416 native workers, eighteen churches with a membership of 1,875, more than half of whom are women; and 10,218 pupils enrolled for Christian instruction. The mission press sent out last year nearly two million pages of literature.

The French Mission on the Zambesi River in southeast Africa reports progress notwithstanding the serious loss by the death of M. Coillard. Recently there has been a spiritual movement among the younger people at the several stations. It is found to be very difficult to eradicate the superstitions of the people, but the outlook is encouraging.

The British Congregational churches enjoyed an increase last year of 2,000 members in England, and 14,000 in Wales—very much of the latter being fruits of the great revival in the Principality. In the Baptist churches the increase in membership is pronounced the largest in ten years, being 31,752, of which more than 24,000 were added in Wales. The Congregational Sunday schools gain 13,680 pupils, and the Baptist 11,712.

Protestants of France and Switzerland are planning to celebrate, in 1909 the four hundredth anniversary of Calvin's birth. Noyon, the town where he was born, will be the scene of the chief celebration in France, but the most important ceremonies will take place in Geneva, of which he was years the "Protestant Pope." The date also marks the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding by Calvin of the celebrated academy, now the University of Geneva. The Huguenot Society of Germany has taken up the matter, and proposes that Calvinists the world over should unite in erecting a monument to Calvin in one of the public places of Geneva.

It is a mistake to consider that residence in Paris goes against longevity. The last census returns, says a Paris paper, show that there are 10,509 octogenarians in the capital, and 620 nonagenarians, 89 of whom are rapidly approaching their 100th year. Six inhabitants of Paris are more than 102 years of age.

A Y. M. C. A. group in Sweden has sent out fifty missionaries in twenty-five years. One of the early presidents of the Jonokoping Swedish Association is now a missionary in China. The members give yearly a day's pay to his support. This society limits its members to "converted" young men, but its service is universal. From the Stockholm membership four missionaries have been sent out.

Dr. Grenfel's story of his work among the fisherfolk of Labrador led several physicians of high professional standing to join him last summer in voluntary service. This year among a party of excursionists who have sailed goes an expert teacher of handicraft whose purpose is to spend her vacation this summer in forming classes among the women of that coast, teaching them various forms of useful handwork.

The highest prize given by an American university in a recent oratorical contest was awarded to a young Zulu prince. His oration was delivered in English on "The Regeneration of Africa." This young Zulu first studied at the Amauzimote Mission School in Africa, afterward working his way to America. He now goes to Oxford to study law, and on the completion of his course he will return to Natal to assist his own people by practicing his profession among them.

The executive committee of the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching, has announced a list of forty-six colleges which are to receive gifts for the benefit of deserving professors. From this list are omitted all institutions having formal denominational connections, or which require their trustees to belong to a particular church. It omits also all institutions controlled and supported by a state or municipality, and which fall below the academic standard which the trustees have adopted.

The American edition of "The Saint" has a preface by Professor W. R. Thayer. He sums up as follows: "Such a book, sprung from 'no vain or shallow thought,' holding in solution the hopes of many earnest souls, spreading before us the mighty spiritual conflict between mediocrity and triumph, and the young, undoubted powers of light, showing us with wonderful lifelikeness the tragedy of man's baffled endeavor to establish the Kingdom of God on earth and of woman's unquenchable love, is a great fact in the world literature of our time."

A remarkable prophecy was uttered by Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, ten years ago: "I have a conviction," he said, "that in the next ten years there will be one of the bloodiest wars in the world's history. In this war Russia will be the leader on the one side. The sentiment of the Christian nations will generally be against Russia. Contemporaneous with this conflict there shall burst out such a revival as was never known in the Christian Church, and which shall spread throughout the world."

The work of the child widows of India, begun by Pundita Ramabai seven-teen years ago, has grown from the original home into a populous village, where 1,500 child widows are sheltered and trained. No effort is made to gain proselytes from Hinduism to Christianity, some of the teachers even still adhering to their Hindu faith.

The Governor of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, has requested that the International Young Men's Christian Association to establish an association in the city of Chihuahua. He made a liberal personal pledge towards the work and placed at the disposal of the association extensive rooms in the National Theatre building. The governor did all this because he had been impressed by the success of the association in Mexico City.

The Island of Hainan, about fifteen miles from the southeast coast of China, is about 160 miles long and 90 miles wide, and has a population of about 2,000,000 souls. The people are very superstitious, and their religion consists largely in the worship of demons. The Presbyterians have missions at four important points and are working successfully. In Hoi-how, the largest city, is a splendid hospital, where medical work and preaching are carried on daily, and nearly 1,000 patients a month are treated.

The second general conference of missionaries to Moslem lands has recently been held at Cairo, Egypt. The session extended over five days. Some of the brethren in attendance have been preaching to Mohammedans for forty-five years. Between sixty and seventy missionaries were present, representing twenty-seven societies. The meetings were held in a private house in order to create as little opposition as possible. In the addresses which were delivered it was acknowledged that Mohammedanism was a revolt against the distorted conceptions of the Christian religion which prevailed in the day of its founder. The conversion of the Mohammedan world can only be accomplished by presenting to it a monotheism as pure as its own, and a morality infinitely higher.

Holiness is power. It utilizes ability, fertilizes the soul and energizes the whole man. It is the fire and water in the engine, bringing out to their fullest capacity the strength of all the parts of the machinery, so that the greatest amount of spiritual power may be expended in rolling back a revolted world to God. Holiness is God's power to man, and man's power with God. Thus they become co-workers. Every man who dwelleth in God, and God in him, in an accommodated sense is God's man, which makes him a positive power against all evil and for all good—to pluck careless souls from the incoming flood and storm of wrath, lifting them up into the sweet serenity and protection of the Rock of Ages. Without holiness, we are weaker than a bruised reed; with it, we are like an impregnable and well-garrisoned fort, which will stand unharmed the hottest siege; at the same time, raining like a hail of red-hot balls from the magazine of the Gospel on an armed world against Christ.—Rev. W. H. Wilson.