

Religious Notes.

Mr. Walkup, missionary of the American Board in the Gilbert Islands, has been lately passing from island to island, and reports a wave of religious zeal passing over a large portion of the group. Many have responded to the preaching and have professed repentance. At Marakei seventy-five seekers were enrolled. The missionary calls for four hundred Bibles and four hundred New Testaments, which are greatly needed by the people within the group.

Dr. Arthur H. Smith, 'the profoundest living student of Chinese character and customs' and author of 'Chinese Characteristics and Village Life in China,' is soon to return to China. He has been lecturing at various points and giving Americans a new view of educational matters in China. That great Empire is stirred to unusual activity by Japan's successes. Over eight thousand Chinese students attend college in Japan, but would prefer American institutions if provision could be made for them. Dr. Smith suggests that the indemnity of \$20,000,000 which China is paying the United States be utilized as a fund for establishing scholarships for Chinese students in existing colleges in this country. President Roosevelt has evinced a large interest in the matter, granting Dr. Smith an interview of considerable length, and promising an active interest.—New York 'Observer.'

The Hon. Andrew D. White, addressing the students of Cornell University on Democracy, and Education, said that the only thing that would save the United States from going the way others had gone would be education, and education with a decidedly more religious content. He advocates more use of the best Biblical literature in the public schools. He is talked of as the coming president of Chicago University.

In a recent address by Chancellor McCracken, of New York University, occurred the following statement which is good food for fathers to meditate upon: 'When a boy has learned from his father that it is manly to drink, healthful to smoke, and picturesque to swear, the college has a hard time to convince that youth that its library is a more attractive place than a beer room. We notify mothers and fathers who send us spoiled boys that we will try to make them decent men; but if twelve months' time shows the spoiling process to be going on, we will send the article home, all charges prepaid. We would rather graduate a freshman into a place on his father's farm in Westchester or his father's shop down town in Manhattan than to keep him three years longer and graduate him a dissipated scholar, however brilliant.'

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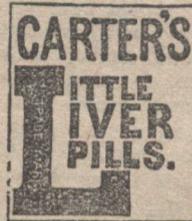
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jured, and to whom she had not spoken for ten years. When she trudged through the snow three or four miles to ask her 'enemy's' forgiveness her relatives were sure she had gone daft. But the next day, when she came back to the hospital, she said, 'We made peace, and the stone in my heart is gone.'

A Nebraska missionary called on the parents of two boys who are serving their sentence in the penitentiary for stealing cattle. They said: 'We have tried to bring up our children the best we know how, but this is the result of their association with evil companions. We were church-members in Ohio, and went to church and Sunday school every Sunday, but that was eighteen years ago. Why did you not come before? Now it is too late. If we had had church and Sunday school, probably our boys would not have been where they are.'

Love for humanity and missionary zeal seem especially likely to be transmitted from parent to child. The 'Missionary Herald' states that nearly one-third of the missionaries of the American Board are the children or grandchildren of former missionaries of the Board. In India and Ceylon there are now ninety-five American laborers, thirty of whom are in direct missionary descent.

General Booth of the Salvation Army celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday, not by

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giving up active duties and retiring to his villa at Hadley for a well-earned rest, but by planning a third Motor Campaign and arranging for a third trip to Japan. At the impressive celebration, held in the Crystal Palace in London, 17,000 people gathered to express their loyalty to General Booth and his cause. In his address, which was most enthusiastically received, the General reviewed his seventy-seven years, declaring emphatically that life was indeed worth living. He ascribed the success of the movement to God, reconsecrated his life, and called for volunteers for the army. A large number of young people responded to his appeal. It was announced at the meeting that over \$360,000 had been raised by the Self-Denial Fund.

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