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The Rev. ROBERT V. MCKIBBIN, M.A., has been appointed Special Representative and Field Correspondent of THE DOMINION PRESBYTERIAN, and we commend him to the kind offices of ministers and members.

Ottawa, Wednesday, 15th Aug., 1900.

By an amendment to the constitution of the State of North Carolina, the majority of the Negroes in that state have been disfranchised. The test for the privilege of voting is to be one of intelligence. All who cannot read and understand any section of the constitution are debarred from voting. That will meet with very general approval if it is to be applied to white and black alike, but it is aimed directly at the Negro. The white illiterate may go up and cast his vote unchallenged, the Negro who cannot read is turned back. Surely that is not right. Why should there be such discrimination?

From the point of view of the Chinaman the bombardment of Taku, and the present advance to Peking, is a piece of oppression. But the Chinaman's point of view is wrong. He would shut out all from China who will not adopt the methods of the Chinese. He is content with things as they have been, and would go back to a former standard, while the world moves forward. He is among nations what the ambitionless man is among men, content with things as they are, and asking only to be left alone. But the race is one, and must move together. We cannot leave China to herself, even if we would.

Civilization does not remove all savage traits from men. The rage of the white mob against the Negroes in St. Louis is less excusable than the rage of the Chinaman against the white foreigners. Because one Negro desperado defied the civic authorities, and shot down those who attempted to take him, the whole Negro population, many of whom would be glad to see the desperado brought to justice, were subject to persecution at the hands of a lawless mob. Beyond a doubt there were white men among those who were howling for the blood of the Negro who were not a whit more worthy to live than he. There should be as swift justice meted out to the latter criminals as to the former.

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MINISTERING TO CHRIST.

There are many who are ministering for Christ who have never grasped the idea that they may minister to Christ. Yet he has told us that what is done in His name to one of His disciples He will count as done to Himself. Of course those who minister in the name of Christ to others minister to Christ even if they are not conscious of doing so. But much is missed because they are ignorant of the higher service in which they have been engaged.

The member of the Flower Mission sets out to visit the hospital with her sprays of flowers, her texts, and her chance words of encouragement to the sufferers. She returns to her own work with the pleased feeling that some heavy hearts have been lightened during the brief afternoon. She has been Christ's messenger to a few of His chastened ones, and she is satisfied. But how much greater would be her satisfaction if she could realize that she has come into touch with Christ Himself, and that He has been helped by her ministrations. He assures us that He is so helped when one of His people has received our ministrations.

This gives a different complexion to service. Many a time we minister to others grudgingly, from a sense of duty alone. There is no warmth of feeling in our action, though we are outwardly all smiles. None are so quick to note this as the suffering, either in body or in mind. The mental barometer of the sufferer is very sensitive, and accurately gauges the spirit with which we enter upon our work. If, instead of serving one in whom we have only a passing interest, we realized that our service was to One to Whom we gave the supreme love of our life, there would be all the difference in the world in the character of the service rendered.

Were we to realize this higher service, other lives would be the richer for it as well as our own. A grudging service done to another robs that one of the real satisfaction to be obtained from it. No one prizes the mere personal gratification apart from the spirit in which the good deed is done. The kind heart behind the deed, the giving of a little of one's self with the act, means more than any personal gratification. If our ministrations were consciously to Christ, it would always reach this higher level, and others would be blessed in us. The one who furnished us with the opportunity to minister to Christ would always hold a place in our mind different from that held before. In this way service to Christ links one with another in bonds that are incapable of being broken, and forms a brotherhood closer than any other possible in this life.

The Irish Presbyterian, in its pretty green cover, and well-filled pages, is a big pennyworth. The August number contains much that is valuable, as well as interesting. Published monthly at Belfast, Ireland.

The outlook in the East is somewhat brighter; but the Chinese question still calls for closest attention.

A PROHIBITORY POLICY.

Great Britain is extending the prohibitory policy in her colonies. Lord Kitchener established prohibition in the Sudan, because he knew the terrible effects of the liquor traffic. Rev. Henry Richards, of the Congo, writes: "When the extra heavy tax was imposed on foreign spirits imported into West Africa, the region recently purchased by the English government from the Royal Niger company, the traders complained that these heavy dues interfered with the trade. The colonial secretary replied that it was the intention of the government to discourage the drink traffic, as it ultimately destroyed all trade by destroying the population." The use of intoxicants, destructive everywhere, is immeasurably more so among the heathen, who are yet but children without the power of self-control. For a long time the sale of liquors on the west coast of Africa was unrestricted, and the results were terrible. "Gin, gin," was the cry from the natives, and untold thousands died under the white man's curse. But a restrictive tariff has greatly diminished the evil. On the east coast stringent regulations have been adopted and are fairly well enforced, with good results. A prohibitory cordon has been drawn around a large area in equatorial Africa, on the upper waters of the Congo, and the people are growing into habits of industry. Commerce has been slow to learn the lesson, but now understands, what should have been known long ago, that its prosperity depends on the sobriety of the people.

METHODS OF ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES.

Off-hand critics of missionaries, says the "Christian World," constantly make the mistake of lumping together Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries, as if their methods were identical. In many cases Catholic missionaries do devoted service, and in many cases, also, they adopt methods of gaining converts and of carrying on their work which Protestant missionaries utterly abhor. We might refer to China, but an illustration comes to hand from Portuguese, East Africa. The following paragraph appeared in a recent issue of "Rhodesia":

"A committee has been formed at Beira, including among its members the secretary-general of the Mozambique Company, for the purpose of arranging festivities in aid of the building fund of the Cathedral church. The programme will include two days' bull-fighting, and an arena is in course of construction which will be capable of seating 2,000 persons."

The church authorities who do not scruple to raise money for building a cathedral out of a bull baiting show, do not hesitate to adopt other equally unscrupulous ways of extending the influence and wealth of their Church in heathen lands.

"He that is the friend of the world is the enemy of God." If this was remembered, Christians would keep further away from the world, and would be safe from many temptations.