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Christmas Everywhere.

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night.
Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine,
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright!

Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,
Christmas where old men are patient and gray,
Christmas where peace like a dove in his flight
Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night.

For the Christ-child who comes in the Master of all;
No palace too great and no cottage too small.
The angels who welcome him sing from the height,
In the "city of David" a King in his might;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night.

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred of sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas to-night.

—Phillips Brooks.

The Governor Drank Water.

Governor Bates, of Massachusetts, is a Methodist, and consequently a good temperance man. At the banquet given to the "Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company" of England, in the city of Boston, while nearly everybody was drinking wine, he raised a glass of cold water, in proposing the health of his guests. It is not likely that the visitors thought any the less of the Governor for this, although it was rather a nervy thing to do.

The Struggle in England.—Non-conformists in England are keeping up the fight against the Education Bill, and refusing to pay the school rates. The furniture of 6,000 persons has been seized, for non-payment and sold at public auction. The end is not yet.

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Compensations.—Last year the Congregationalists in the United States had 1,001 churches without a minister, and 2,047 ministers without a church. How many Methodist churches were without pastors? *Not one.* This shows that the itinerant system has its compensations.

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Missionary Enterprise.—The *Epworth Herald* on Nov. 14th published a remarkable missionary number, with 540 portraits of missionaries at work under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Instructive articles on the different countries in which this great Church is at work give some idea of the immense extent of its operations. Our friends across the line are pushing their missionary work with wonderful energy.

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Common Sense.—Bishop Fowler addressed the class for admission into full connection at the Northwestern Iowa Conference in these words: "Never marry a woman just because she is pious. If it is put to you to choose between a woman who has a great deal of common sense and no religion, and a woman who has plenty of religion and no common sense, choose the woman with common sense, because she can get the religion within two hours after she marries you, but if she has religion and no common sense, she might backslide, and I have no doubt you would give her plenty of occasion to backslide."

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King Alexander.—For many years Daniel O'Connell was King of vituperative orators. The crown now rests on the head of John Alexander Dowie, *alias* Elijah III. O'Connell sometimes quoted Blackstone and Euclid; as when he silenced a termagant market woman with legal and geometrical terms of polysyllabic length. Dowie borrows his vocabulary of abuse from the fishwife and guttersnipe. How anyone can regard this master of Billingsgate as moved by the spirit of Christ passes the wit of the average man. We hear that psychologists propose to make Dowie the subject of their investigations. In due season, therefore, we may have him served up through the daily press, accurately analyzed and properly classi-

fied. Such a report will attract wide spread attention. We commend the idea to psychological experts as a means of popularizing their science. But why stop at Dowie? Why not investigate the mental and moral peculiarities of those whom he leads captive at his will. In the meantime, we are glad to note that had New York was put one good mark to her credit by spewing Dowie out of her mouth.

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Progress in the West.—The *Manitoba Free Press* publishes a "Harvest Supplement," which contains much valuable information concerning the Northwest. By a series of diagrams it shows the remarkable progress that has been made in that country during recent years. It states that in eight years the immigration into Canada has increased eight-fold. In the fiscal year ending June, 1903, the arrivals totalled the enormous aggregate of 125,000. This gigantic movement originates, not merely in Europe and Britain—which together supply less than two-thirds of the influx, but from every state in the Union. The "American invasion," which commenced in '96 and '97, in 1903 sent to Canada 47,000 settlers. It will keep our Church in the West busy to keep pace with this remarkable expansion of the population.

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Danger of Methodism.—Dr. Marshall Hartley, President of the Wesleyan Conference, England, said recently at the reopening of Richmond Terrace Church that Methodism must live in its effort to reach the great mass of unchurched. The stiff and starchy Methodism that did not know how to say "How do you do?" to a stranger was no good. This type was not frequently met with, and was something of a danger. He did not believe that Methodism would ever die, but if that did happen, the cause of its death would be too much dignity, and he should then be glad to read the burial service over it.

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To Cure Consumption.—King Edward, in the presence of several thousand people, November 3rd, laid the foundation-stone of the King Edward VII. Consumption Sanitarium at Midhurst, Sussex, for the erection of which Sir Ernest Cassel gave the king \$1,000,000. The King said he decided to expend the donation on an open air establishment in the hope of arresting the malady and advancing knowledge on a matter of such infinite importance. Fresh air and sunshine were necessary, and the sanitarium would provide accommodation for people of slender means.