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Note and Comment.

Alaska is to have a wireless signal service, invented by Professor Fessenden, of the Weather Bureau. We hope that Alaska may now have nothing but destructionless storms and toothless frosts.

With President Loubet visiting the Czar, the announcement that the Czar's cousin is soon to come to the United States, and the rumors of another visitor from the German royal family, the great nations seem to be very neighborly just now.

The death of Esther Dowie in great agony from burns, her fanatical father refusing to summon medical attendance, ought to bring Dowie within reach of the law, and to open the eyes of his deluded followers.

The managers of the St. Louis Exposition offer a prize of two thousand dollars for an emblem that could be used to advertise their exposition in the way the beautiful Niagara picture was used for the Pan-American. The design must symbolize the Louisiana Purchase.

A writer in a Methodist magazine, discussing the question, "Do Missions Pay?" produces figures comparing the cost of conversions in the Methodist churches at home and abroad. He estimates that it cost \$9.37 for each member added to the church at home and \$226 per member abroad. Surely missions do pay.

That Protestantism is not declining in France is attested by the fact that the evangelical churches in this country contribute 267,000 pounds toward the support of religious and charitable institutions. The church has sent eighteen missionaries at one time to the Zambesi and forty to Madagascar, doubling in the last three years their contributions.

Lloyd's Ship Registry in London has completed what is probably the most beautiful business palace in the world. It cost half a million dollars, and is loaded with a wealth of magnificent carvings and paintings, the floors being covered with valuable old Persian carpets and the marble walls inlaid with pearl and even gems. Here is one superlative that Americans cannot use.

The annual meeting of Christian Scientists in Boston signaled the closing day of the session by voting to raise \$2,000,000 to increase the facilities of the Mother Church in this city. They claim that they not only represent the most perfect form of the Christian religion, but that they have the best people in their membership and that they are outgrowing the material facilities which they have thus far provided for themselves. They have already purchased land for the enlargement of their magnificent temple in the Back Bay, and the work is to be entered upon at once. The numerical increase of these people, their respectability, and their ready offerings of cash with which to carry on their work are noticeable.

It is a cause of intense rejoicing that the Doshisha at Kyoto, Japan, which has caused the Christian world no little anxiety and grief, has called to its presidential chair the Hon. K. Kataoka, the president of the lower House of Parliament. This earnest Christian man some years ago refused to serve the state if he could not also be known as identified with and engaged as an active servant of the church.

Last Saturday was the 200th birthday of John Wesley. The anniversary was no doubt generally celebrated by the great denomination which he founded. "An institution," says Emerson, "is the lengthened shadow of one man," and the shadow of Wesley has touched every continent, and encircled the world. The Methodist church is a mighty power in the world, and many and great have been its services for God and man.

An English woman who is active in the movement for enlarging the sphere of her sex, says: "The only complaint we have to make against the men is that they are a little too retiring." The same thing might be said about many of the men in our churches. They do not actively oppose the work which the women do, but they too seldom give the hearty sympathy and support which they should. In business and politics there is no lack of push and zeal, it is only in religious work that men are "too retiring."

No man loses anything by being true and steadfast to his convictions. He may not be popular, but what does that amount to? Conscience is, or ought to be, dearer than human favor or applause. Adherence to principle is more and more needed to day in all the walks of life and in all positions. There is too much of the compromising disposition and too much falling in with the currents. Obstinacy is not to be commended, but fidelity to what one deems to be right and proper is ever to be commended and recognized.

The average newspaper is very ready to note the fact that an alleged wrong doer is a minister or Sunday school superintendent. Nor is it not always careful to learn the facts before publishing such stories. Not long ago a Michigan Baptist minister was said to have committed some crime, when the fact was that the man referred to had never been ordained. Another clerical criminal proved to be an ex-minister, having been deposed from the ministry years ago. Certainly we have no desire to shield unworthy men, whether ministers or not. But it would seem as if ministers, like other men, were entitled to fair treatment. Black sheep are of course found in every profession. But men who were never in the ministry, or who have been expelled from it, should not be charged to that profession, nor do their acts reflect in any degree upon the men who are preaching the Gospel and living faithful and upright lives.

The Moderators of the two great Church Assemblies of Scotland closed the proceedings by expressing one and the same hope, the hope of a complete re-union of Scottish Presbytery. In the Established Church Dr. Russell said that in view of the ultimate union of churches in Scotland it was desirable to cooperate with other Communions in Christian enterprise for the common good. Instead of holding aloof it would be their duty and their wisdom to approach each other, to make the implicit union explicit, and enter into visible fellowship. In the United Free Church Dr. Ross moved that while the existing connection between Church and State made the union of the United Free Church with the Established Church impracticable, their members should cultivate the most friendly relations with the National Church in the interest of Christian work. These may be set down as mere phrases, but as it is highly improbable there was any collusion or correspondence, the identical drift of the closing utterances of the two Assemblies must be taken as significant, and significant of re-union.

An English weekly states that within a year the King of England has undergone three operations for malignant affection of the larynx. He gave up smoking and the throat was treated with daily sprayings. Since last June two physicians have been in constant attendance. June 3 they became seriously alarmed at pains which they attributed to lumbago. The royal patient was dosed with opium, and the determination on the part of the government seems to have been to have the coronation take place at almost any hazard. In listening to his advisers, says the paper, the king nearly killed himself. Opium poultices were applied as additional pain became more acute but Saturday his throat began to trouble, and when his strength began to fail his physicians recognized that nothing but a surgical operation would save his life, although the ministers were still determined the coronation should take place. For this purpose he was brought from Windsor to Buckingham palace, which he had scarcely entered when he fainted from pain and exhaustion. An operation was performed June 25, which revealed a large abscess in the region of the vermiform appendix, and showed a condition of disease that justified the worst apprehensions. More than a pint of poisonous matter was taken from the affected parts. Besides this, there is a complication of other maladies which make it almost certain, whatever the immediate outcome may be, that King Edward's days on earth will not be many. If the abscess has not been successfully drained another operation will be necessary, and the chances for recovery in such case will be very small. At the present writing the surgeons and physicians express themselves hopefully. The expressions of sympathy, coming from every land, seem to bring the world nearer akin. What promised to be one of the greatest pageants in modern history has turned to ashes and mourning, and another lesson is read of the uncertainties of all things human.