

and business companies, "carefully to exclude all who are disloyal to our Emperor or untrue to Buddhism by believing in the foreign religion called Christianity." Many of the Japanese newspapers which have no special interest in Christianity are condemning severely this attempt to drag religion into the sphere of politics.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, North, met May 16th, in Fourth Avenue Church, New York. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Dr. Thompson, preached the opening sermon from Josh. 1:3. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." Dr. William C. Roberts of Illinois was chosen Moderator for the current year.

One thing that gives additional interest to this meeting as well as that of last year is that they are the two parts of the hinge that hang the present church's history to the past. Last Assembly they celebrated their centenary and now they start forward to another. The last meeting was retrospective this one prospective. What the century contains is in the hands of Him whose the Church is and He will bring her on her way to the end.

"A noble career depends on the treatment given to the infant ideas that are born in the soul. A person is known by the company he keeps. So the thoughts which we harbor within us, and which go out through the doors of our mouths and our hands, determine our real character.

One of the highest of spiritual luxuries is the enjoyment of pure and exhilarating and sublime thoughts; to such a devout and cheerful thinker a prison may be a palace. "I thought of Jesus," said holy Rutherford, "until every stone in the walls of my cell shone like a ruby."

A Scotch Nobleman, seeing an old gardener of his establishment with a very ragged coat, made some passing remark on its condition. "It's a verra guid coat," said the honest old man. "I cannot agree with you there," said his lordship. "Ay it's a verra guid coat," persisted the old man; "it covers a contented spirit, and a body that owes no man anything, and that's mair than mony a man can say of his coat."

I use the Scriptures, not as an arsenal, to be resorted to only for arms and weapons to defend this or that party, or to defeat its enemies; but as a matchless temple where I delight to be; to contemplate the beauty, the symmetry, and the magnificence of the structure, and to increase my awe and excite my devotion to the Deity there preached and adored.—Hon. Robert Boyle.

Twelve years ago the Modocs were savages. Now they are industrious farmers and half of them professing Christians. While the Dakota Indians were savages it cost the Government \$1,842,000 to take care of them for seven years. The cost after their conversion the same length of time was \$120,000, a difference of \$1,728,000 in favor of Christianity.

What must be the disclosures of the last day! God holds the key to the inmost thoughts of all men; and when they are all laid open to inspection, how fearful will then be the outcry! Take heed, O hypocrite! the Lord knows thee. Rejoice, thou sincere heart; the Lord will come and be thy witness.

The effect of prohibition in diminishing crime is seen in the following facts taken from official records. The convictions for crime in Iowa in 1886 were 1,645; in 1887, 1,520; in 1888, 838. Just in proportion as prohibition gets thorough enforcement, crime diminishes.

Of the 12,000,000 People of Mexico 8,000,000 are pure blooded Indians and there is no translation of the Bible in any of their languages.

#### KEEP THE DOOR OF MY LIPS.

A bitter word may make a wound that will never heal: a kind word may win a friend that will never turn: a caution may save a soul.

Care is a privilege peculiar to the human race; angels are above it; beasts are below it, and devils beyond it.

Fifty colored men are studying for the priesthood in Rome.