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Note and Comment

From Newfoundland it is reported that the capture of seals this season has been enormous. One vessel had 42,000 skins on board, and other steamers were also heavily laden.

An old country exchange says: "Great difficulty is experienced in getting suitable English Presbyterian ministers to preach 'with a view to the pastorate' in several congregations which are at present vacant. The feeling against 'candidating' appears to be growing." We wish the same thing could be truthfully said of our ministers in Canada. Here a vacancy in a comparatively small charge will elicit forty or fifty applications for a hearing before the minister resigning has properly been loosed from his charge.

"Principal Dykes is visiting some of the London congregations in the interest of Westminster College." In the old land, as well as in Canada, a college in debt is not an unusual thing. There is this difference, however. Principal Dykes will probably secure the money for Westminster much easier than Principal Caven can for Knox, or Principal Grant for Queen's. But give them time and the Canadians will get there just the same. Let us hope that the Twentieth Century Fund effort will result in placing all our colleges on a satisfactory financial basis, so that Principals and Professors need never again take the road on collecting tours.

The Rev. J. R. McLeod, of Three Rivers, has received a letter from a member of the Beaver Klondike Company, operating in the Yukon. The letter bears the Dawson postmark of "20th March," on which date it was written. It reached Three Rivers on the night of the 19th of April, and was delivered the next morning. The weather was then fine, the snow melting on the sunny side of the roofs. A large number expect to leave with the opening of the river. Typhoid fever is feared with the return of warm weather, but doctors are said to be plentiful. The correspondent speaks in high terms of expectation of the services of Mr. Ogilvie and the new Gold Commissioner.

This is almost too good to be true; but if true it is only another illustration of the power of the Gospel to bring the most hardened to Christ. A New York despatch announces that the pugilist Sullivan has been converted by Mr. Moody, the well known evangelist, and now attends Mr. Moody's services regularly. He has abandoned his drinking habits and forsworn the use of oaths. It appears that he and Mr. Moody have been living in the same hotel, and that the Evangelist, after talking to the pugilist nightly upon his spiritual condition, induced him to attend a service, when further good impressions were made. Mr. Moody says Sullivan's conversion is one of the most genuine compliments he ever received.

Aristocrats, like their neighbors, must do as events will do by them, and they are fortunate when they can take occasion by the hand and make a virtue of the inevitable. It is not many years ago since the ladies of the upper classes would have scorned to make a living by trade or occupation, but it is no longer so. Miss Kerr, a cousin of the Marquis of Lothian, and a daughter of the late Lord Frederick Kerr, keeps a registry for servants in London. Miss Blair, a daughter of Mary, Duchess of Sutherland, is about to go on the stage, and a sister of the present Duke was a nurse, and died, it is believed, owing to the unwanted hardships of her new occupation. In the ranks of the nurses also is a daughter of the Marquis of Dufferin, the Lady Hermoine Blackwood. Miss Wellesley, of the Wellington family, has a flower shop, and is strong in table decorations and drawing room bouquets.

Many readers of The Dominion Presbyterian will remember the bright, good-looking Jap who accompanied our Formosan Missionary, Dr. G. L. Mackay, when visiting the Churches during his recent furlough in Canada. A pleasant romance attaches to Koa Kou. He has just written to Dr. Mackay, of Chalmers' Church, Woodstock, announcing his marriage to Bella Kate, second daughter of Dr. Mackay. Of course the marriage ceremony was conducted by the bride's father, assisted by the Rev. William Gauld; and the bride looked as pretty while saying "I will" under an

Oriental sky as her sister does in similar circumstances in "this Canada of ours." May a future of unmingled happiness be the lot of Koa Kou and his young wife.

The following resolution expressive of regret at the action of the Government on the prohibition plebiscite was adopted unanimously by the Presbytery of Montreal at its last meeting: "That this Presbytery is pleased to note that whilst intemperance within the bounds may not be on the increase, it still continues to do great harm in the community, and especially is a snare to the young. It would therefore recommend continued vigilance by all its members to stem the torrent of the evil. This court desires also to record its great dissatisfaction and disappointment at the decision of the Government, recently given by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, not to take any action in regard to prohibition, and thereby give effect to the will of the majority as expressed in the vote taken by the recent plebiscite, and is not at all satisfied with the reasons given for refusing to act."

In connection with the objections that are offered to the appointment of the Rev. R. S. Kirkpatrick to the Parish Church of Govan, on the ground of his alleged sympathy with that section of the Established Church ministers who believe in the Church Society, it is interesting to recall the fact that Andrew Melville, the famous reformer of 300 years ago, occupied its pulpit for several years. Indeed the Govan Church was the only church of which he was ever the popular minister. Melville freed Scotland from Prelacy, as Knox had previously delivered it from Popery, and he it was who asserted the divine right of Presbytery. No doubt the sturdy reformer, who first refused the offer of the Parish of Govan on the ground of laying aside his opposition to the establishment of bishops, and refused a bishopric for himself, and afterwards got the benefice on his own terms, would often fulminate against Ritualism and Prelacy in the old Parish Church of Govan. Strange, is it not, that the Parish Church of Govan should now be the chief centre of the movement towards Ritualism in the Church of Scotland of to-day?