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Note and Comment.

The last words of a good man: "Good-bye; all good-bye. It is God's way. His will be done," whispered President McKinley with his dying breath.

The Romanising party in the Episcopal Church in California is about to issue a weekly journal in San Francisco, with the avowed purpose "to counteract and kill Protestantism in the Episcopal Church."

In Porto Rico, under Spanish rule, the public treasurer paid all expenses connected with the Catholic Church, which was the religion of the State, and in every city and in every town there were churches exclusively for Catholic worship.

The late Mrs. Sillars, proprietrix of the temperance hotel at Lamlash, of which she was a native, was born in 1811, deceased had lived in the reigns of George III., William IV., Queen Victoria, and Edward VII. She had a most interesting fund of reminiscences of the island, inside whose confines she spent her life.

In an interview in the *Church Family Newspaper*, Mr. Carnegie gives the following advice:—"There is no fun in working for others when you are able to set up in business on your own account. Always try to become your own master; that is my advice to every young man starting in life. Don't remain a servant all your days if you can help it."

Figures published in New York show that the pension roll of the United States now includes over a million persons who claim annuities from the state, either on the ground of war service, or as being dependents of war heroes. The Spanish war added 3,849 names to the list. The total sum required for the pensions is 138,531,483 dols. a year. Of the pensioners, 4,547 live abroad.

Commander Peary, who started north in 1898 with the intention of planting the United States flag at the north pole has been found by the Erik search party. He has not yet succeeded in getting as far north as Nansen who in 1896 reached 86 deg. 13.6 mins., the highest latitude ever attained by any white man. Peary and all his company were found in good health.

Referring to the appointment of the Rev. A. Haldiday Douglas, M. A., to the Professorship of Apologetics in Knox College, Toronto, and his consequent removal from Cambridge, the "Aberdeen Free Press" regards his departure as "a distinct loss, not only to Cambridge and to Westminster College (for which he ought to have been secured), but to Presbyterianism in England." "Once settled in the Colonies," it is added, "Professor Douglas is not likely to return."

The success of the English Presbyterian College has been continuous since its removal to Cambridge. The class rooms are said to be full of students. Presbyterianism is destined to make its power felt in England.

The great strike of steel workers has ended. It was a struggle between organized Capital and organized Labor of greater dimensions than has been—that is the organization was on a vaster scale, especially as regards Capital. The strike has resulted in a complete victory for Capital.

Rev. Dr. Mair, of Earlston Established Church, speaking at Kilmarnock, said he was one of those sanguine men who believed that not only were the Churches coming together but that they were doing so faster than many persons realized. He did not believe that the union between the Free and U. P. Churches was effected in order that those Churches might be stronger to attack the Established Church. On the other hand, he deprecated statements to the effect that the Church of Scotland was conscious of its weakness, that it was becoming very ill at ease; and was afraid.

"Is fifty-seven a fatal age for preachers of the front rank?" asks a correspondent of the "British Weekly." Dr. Punshon, Mr. Spurgeon, Mr. Moody, Phillips Brooks, and Bishop Creighton died at that age. It is the recurrence of this figure that has forced it upon the attention of the writer. Several recent cases from the ranks of one great denomination of men less widely known, but who have lived strenuous lives, might be cited. A glance at the *Encyclopædia* brings out the fact that Whitefield and John Fletcher nearly touched that age. The life-long opponent of the Christian Churches, Charles Bradlaugh, also died at fifty-seven.

It is as well perhaps for the peace of Jerusalem, says *Truth*, that Queen Victoria had passed away before the Primate's visit to Perth for the ceremonies in connection with the re-opening of St. Ninian's Cathedral. Archbishop Longley received a rare dressing from the late Queen in 1867 when he "intruded himself" into Scotland for the purpose of opening the Episcopal Cathedral at Inverness. Queen Victoria never would recognize the Scottish Episcopal Church in any sort of way whatever, and she was much exasperated whenever any English prelate visited Scotland officially. Queen Victoria was an Anglican in England, but became a Presbyterian directly she had crossed the border into Scotland.

Rev. Henry Carr Glynn Moule, D. D., Norrisian Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, who is to succeed Dr. Westcott as Bishop of Durham, has for many years been the leader of a very strong school of Evangelical thought at Cambridge, and in this respect his position has been analogous to that of Dr. Chevasse, Bishop of Liverpool, when he was at Oxford. It is an open secret that

Dr. Moule was offered the Liverpool Bishopric, but that he preferred preaching the consecration sermon for his friend. The appointment to Durham continues the tradition of Cambridge scholarship in that diocese, which was established by Dr. Lightfoot, and strengthened by Dr. Westcott. Dr. Moule, although most widely known as a writer of devotional works, and as a favourite speaker at Keswick, is yet recognised as exceptionally thorough and accurate, if conservative, authority on New Testament Greek. His theological works are very numerous, and perhaps the best are his various commentaries on the Pauline Epistles, especially Romans, Philippians, Colossians, and Ephesians. The Bishop elect is brother of the Bishop of Mid-China.

The question of the relation of drunkenness to meteorological conditions has recently been investigated by Mr. Edwin G. Dexter, an American observer. Mr. Dexter has published a long account of his investigations, from which it appears that, taking the occurrence of drunkenness in the different months of the year, he found that it was 47 per cent. less in July than in December. He thinks this difference too great to be attributed to mere accident. By comparison of the statistics of police court "drunks" with special weather conditions, he shows that the number of the latter is increased by low temperature, to some extent by high barometer, by high humidity, and also by high wind.

One would have to search the pages of a Ballantyne or a Kingston for a parallel to the case of the Rev. J. O. Stringer, who with his wife inhabits the lonely spot known as Herschel Island, near the mouth of the Mackenzie river, within the Arctic circle. A letter has just been received in London from this indefatigable missionary. It bears date October 22 last. No vessel has called at the island for the last two winters, and the nearest white neighbors of the isolated clergyman are at Peel river, 250 miles away. Unfortunately, Mr. Stringer has been troubled with an affection of the eyes, but although the Bishop of Mackenzie River has urged him to take a furlough he has, for various reasons, remained on his desert isle.

There now seems little doubt, a correspondent of the *Standard* states, that Osborne will not pass out of the hands of its present owners, as both the King and Queen are known strongly to favour the idea that the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York should make it their future home. The marine residence of the late Queen Victoria is rich in associations which must ever be sacred to the members of the Royal Family, and it would therefore be most fitting that the Duke should be her successor in that place. Its proximity to Portsmouth would render it most suitable for a sailor Prince; while, as his fondness of sport, especially shooting, is well known, the Isle of Wight would certainly not be without attractions in that respect.