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NOTE AND COMMENT.

One of the daughters of Garibaldi is a teacher in a Methodist Sunday School in Italy, and one of his grandsons is preparing to be a foreign missionary.

There are now fifteen Protestant churches in the city of Rome, while before 1870 there were none. Protestantism is on the increase in the home of the Pope.

The good news comes from Ireland that the wealth and prosperity of the people are rapidly increasing, and that the bill for drink is growing less every year.

Dr. Wilfrid T. Grenfell, the medical missionary who founded and conducted the Labrador Deep Sea Mission has been created a companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Syracuse, N. Y., has an Italian Methodist Episcopal church with 150 members and 150 probationers. The congregation is growing so vigorously that a suitable church has become a necessity.

A lord chief justice of England says: "Judges weary with calling attention to drink as the principal cause of crime. But I cannot refrain from saying that if they could make England sober they would shut up nine-tenths of the prisons."

Thirty thousand men paraded in Newark and Jersey City one day recently. They were members of the Holy Name Society of the Roman Catholic Church. The aim of these societies is to promote reverence, and especially to oppose the use of profane language.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the mother and head of the Christian Science Movement, has accumulated \$15,000,000 of fortune. The society may be lean in numbers and influence, but the motherly head has managed to feather her own nest pretty well.

Southern papers report a very gracious revival in the city of Mexico, where the different Protestant churches united in special services. All parts of the earth are being visited, and the Gospel of God's grace is winning its way among the sons of men. Let us give Him praise that it has not lost its power and adaptability.

A St. Louis judge has a new cure for drunkenness. His method is to give the person convicted of drunkenness the option of taking the pledge for total abstinence for a definite period instead of a penalty. His experiment is said to be working well. Judge Keefe might make a note of this.

It is perhaps not common knowledge that the British Government looks after the graves of soldiers who have fallen in foreign wars, and that £200 is paid yearly for maintaining the cemetery in the Crimea. The sum of £7 is also spent for keeping the English graves in order at Suakin.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the mother and a Congregational missionary when Hawaii was foreign territory, has celebrated the centennial of her birth. She has been seventy-two years on mission ground. Mrs. Parker and her husband, Rev. Benjamin W. Parker, went to the Sandwich Islands as missionaries in 1832. "Mother Parker," as she has long been called, was born at Bradford, Conn., December 9, 1805.

An interesting celebration took place in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Glasgow, on Sunday, the 28th ult., when the Lord Provost and Magistrates were present on the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the church. The building of the church was begun in 1740, but it was not completed till sixteen years later.

The most beautiful surroundings will not keep sin out of the heart. Grace and refinement are things which every one should covet. The beauty and adornment of home should be made a part of our religion; but all the delight which art can give to the fireside or the landscape, all the elegancies of wealth cannot keep the heart pure. The serpent may lie under the rose bush as well as upon the barren rock. "Sin did not begin in a slum, it began in a garden."

The Lutheran World believes that "the absence of the catechism has left this generation at least unprepared to listen to doctrinal sermons intelligently. Could there be a stronger justification and plea for the restoration of the catechism?" Let Presbyterians once more enthroned the Shorter Catechism in the position it so long held in our denomination, not forgetting the uniqueness of the "catmeal and the Shorter Catechism" joke.

"During my travels through Europe recently," says Archbishop Ireland, "I have discovered that the war against alcohol is spreading through every country on that continent. There is not a single country in Europe to-day that does not have its annual congress of anti-alcoholic workers, and these congresses are made up of the best physicians and the leading thinkers of each and every country."

An interesting meeting was held recently in Westminster Cathedral, at the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury to plan for the preservation and defence of Sunday as a day of rest and worship. Its greatest significance lay in the fact that it brought together representative Non-Conformists, Anglican Churchmen, and Roman Catholics for practical co-operation in Christian work. It is well worthy of note.

It is not work that kills; it is worry. It is not toil that burdens yourself and others half so much as temper, undisciplined and uncontrolled. Sorrow and struggle destroy the soul only when there is rebellion within. The stress and strain of life is manifest in your face because of the fret and anxiety in your heart. The wrinkles on the brow are often the result of acrimony, not age. What a difference it would make in the lives of men and women if, by the grace of God, they would truly take the yoke of Jesus and live their lives under His guidance and control.

Probably the best indicators of the spiritual condition of a church are its prayer meetings and its contribution boxes, says the New York Christian Intelligence. The first one denotes the condition of the reservoir which supplies the spiritual force, and the second indicates the outflow of Christian benevolence and of Christian activities. The church that has not the heart to give a fair percentage of its income is not likely to labor very effectively for the Master. If what is said about the prayer meeting be true, then the "reservoirs" of a good many churches must be very dry or very stagnant.

According to the recent investigations of a Scotchman one-half of the children born in the British Isles come from one-fourth of the families, and that fourth is made up, in a large degree, of the class in every sense the poorest in the land. The number of births is inversely small among the well-to-do and educated classes. This is an aspect of our modern civilization, showing itself in nearly all Anglo-Saxon countries.

At Kouchibouguac, N.B., there lives a "mother in Israel"—Mrs. Patterson, who has passed the 105th year of her age, and who is still well and active. Till after her 105th year her eyesight was good and she could read, and did read, almost all day; but last Spring she had an attack of grip which has impaired her sight. She is not now able to attend public worship, but she greatly enjoys the privilege of a Cottage Prayer Meeting every second week.

The Minister of Public Instruction and Worship said in an authorized interview that the Government did not regard the Catholic church as being in revolt against the law providing for the separation of church from State. There would be neither martyrdom nor persecutions of the faithful. The object for which the Republican party in France has struggled for thirty years was achieved. The concordat was at an end, the State would no longer be a support to religion, and priests would no longer enjoy privileges. In both their duties and obligations they would be on an equality with other citizens. In other words the State was neutral towards all religions, and would permit the exercise of all of them, with special favors to none.

An Admiral in the British Navy, says that while commanding a naval vessel at Hong Kong after divine service had been performed one Sunday on his ship and the sailors were at rest, his intelligent Chinese pilot called his attention to the fact that work was going on on shore as usual, and said: "Your Joss (God) is better than our Joss, for He gives you holiday and rest one day in seven, and we have only one day in the year, on New Year's day." The admiral, in a recent address to working men, clinched the striking fact by adding, "And this is the case. Just picture working hard from morning till night for 364 days and only one day of rest, and then prize the Sabbath!" They who use the day of rest as a day of pleasure, forget that when it ceases to be a day of rest it will soon become a day of toil; and then comes the ceaseless grind of care and labor which weakens the body and starves the soul.

The wonders of grace in Uganda continue to excite joy and admiration. It was while on his way to that country that Bishop Hannington was murdered in 1885. The deed was committed by a native chief named Luba at the command of King Mwanga. Luba still lives, is an attendant at the Mwanga mission, and his son was recently received to the church, being baptised by a son of the man his father slew. Meanwhile a remarkable revival has been carried on at Mengo, the capital of Uganda, the cathedral, which seats 4,000 persons, being crowded for eight consecutive days. Overflow meetings, some for men and others for women, did not appear to decrease in the least the regular congregations. The aggregate attendance for the week is estimated at 50,000 persons. Many conversions occurred, and a new spiritual uplift was given to the whole chain of Central Africa missions.