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The Presbyterian Standard reports that Thomas W. Lingle, a gifted South Carolinian, went out last fall to a professorship in Mackenzie College, Sao Paulo, Brazil. A superior linguist, he was able, after only five months of study in the Portuguese, to begin class room instruction in that language after the summer vacation, February last.

It may not be the minister's duty to preach politics in the ordinary acceptation of the word, but he should preach those principles of righteousness, which, when applied to public affairs, will enlighten and strengthen the moral sense of the people. When a man becomes a minister of the gospel he does not lose or surrender the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

It is said that Archbishop Ireland is now in higher favor at the Vatican than when the Pope issued his encyclical against the alleged Americanization of the Roman Catholic Church. He thinks the Pope should send as Cardinal Martinelli's successor at Washington a prelate capable of maintaining the social side of his position as well as the religious. Social and political duties are very prominent at Washington.

The Kennebec, Me., Journal, tells the following pathetic incident: A message was received by Dr. Gould of Rockland recently from that lonely place called Matinicus. Dr. Gould has a system of pigeons which convey messages from there to the mainland, and on Saturday there came a pigeon to the homing loft at Tenant's Harbor conveying news of the serious illness of Mrs. E. A. Young. The silent messenger that flew across twenty miles of seas to Tenant's Harbor was found to have seven No. 1 shot imbedded in his body and wings. With this injury, by a thoughtless sportsman, the bird had flown across with her message, and true to instinct, had delivered it. Shortly after the home-coming the bird died. What does that sportsman think of himself?

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R. D. G. Cock, of Nova Scotia, who is going out to Central India as a missionary, was married on the 14th, inst., to Ella Maxwell of Halifax. His great grandfather, Rev. M. Cock of Truro, N. S., was the pioneer Presbyterian minister of that section of Nova Scotia. The young missionary came of good stock both on his father's and mother's side of the house.

A row in Jerusalem over the right to sweep the Church of the Holy Sepulcher ended in several deaths and many wounds before the Turkish troops could overpower the fighting monks. It has now been settled by the sentence of thirty-four intruding Greeks to short terms of imprisonment. The "unspeakable Turk" must be a little puzzled over the kind of Christianity represented by these militant monks.

The Pittsburg Presbyterian Banner says: "Fourteen Presbyterian missionaries are under appointment to go to China to close up the ranks that have been weakened through martyrdom. No such courage and enthusiasm have been shown since our men and women went to India to take the places of those who had fallen in the great Mutiny. No fewer than sixty-two Presbyterian missionaries under appointment assembled for conference recently at the Board rooms in New York." If the Christian churches will provide the sinews of war, there will be no lack of men who will say in response to the Macedonian cry: "Here am I send me."

The liquor dealers of Abington Mass., thought they were perpetrating a huge joke at the expense of Rev. W. H. Wyman, by nominating him for constable. The rev. gentleman accepted the nomination, received the enthusiastic support of the decent element in the town, was triumphantly elected and is now rigidly enforcing the law compelling the saloons to close on Sunday and at midnight. The liquor dealers probably think their joke has proved a boomerang. What a sensation it would create if we should occasionally do such things in Canada.

We are told that the best way to kill an enemy is to make a friend of him. Britain seems to have been able to do this with the Boer. The visit to England of the heroic trio of Boer leaders, De Wet, Delarey and Botha is one of the most remarkable things in the annals of history. A fierce and bitter war is succeeded by the cultivation of friendship and mutual respect.

It is to be hoped that the Alliance of British and Boer in South Africa will be complete and will be able to cope with the difficulties that are sure to emerge in that interesting and important part of the world.

Sunday School Times: With God's way as it is, and with man's needs as they are in this life, hindrances are helps, danger is a call to surer safety, and being weak summons strength. When we are called to face that which would keep us back, if it is our duty to go forward, a fresh opportunity has come to us.

## OUR PRESBYTERIAN HOUSEKEEPING: THE FINANCES.

There are not a few good people who strongly object to a minister introducing anything, or at least more than the gentlest hint, into the pulpit about money. However thick skinned they may be about many things, they are thin skinned about this. This would in most cases be difficult to account for and impossible to defend. It would probably be of no use to reason with many, who feel thus. But such a state of feeling finds no sanction in either the old testament or the new. Christ's praise of the widow's mite is not forgotten, and the odor of the box of ointment that was poured upon his head still fills the Christian world. The work which Christ has laid upon his church to do requires money to do it with, and the teaching of the new testament is, that it is more blessed to give than to receive. When this is believed by Christian people so that they really act upon it, a complete revolution, in respect of giving, will have taken place in the Christian church. It is encouraging to know from the statement of Rev. Dr. Warden in his opening address at the General Assembly already referred to, "that in respect of giving, so far as he had been able to gather information, our church stands, with one, or it may be two, exceptions, in the very forefront, compared not merely with churches in Canada, or on this continent, but with churches the world over."

This is very satisfactory and pleasing so far as it goes. It means much; for it may be set down as true that, the best test of the value one puts upon anything, is what we are willing to do or bear for its sake. Presbyterians then in Canada, value their church, and all it stands for very highly according to the authority of the fourth moderator. But notwithstanding this, he adds: "It is none the less true that, many of us are only beginning to learn how to give for the furtherance of the Lord's work."

Our giving may broadly be divided into two kinds: namely that for the support of one's own individual minister, church building, and other necessary expenses. For this we receive an immediate and palpable return, money given for this the payment of a debt for direct value received. The other kind is that which is given for missions, colleges, aged and infirm ministers, widows and orphans, from which the benefit we receive is none the less real, although it may be called indirect. These latter are known by the name of the "schemes of our church." Giving for them affords a much better test of a true Christian spirit and liberality than for the former. The amount contributed by the church last year for these latter objects, including \$65,000 raised by the Womens' Foreign Missionary Society, was \$394,203. Supposing that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society raises as much next year as it did last, which it may be well trusted to do, the total amount required for the