

Notes and Comments

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PULPIT POWER

ONE of our old teachers used to say to his theological students that a minister might do many other things with more or less success, but that the pulpit was the real throne of his power. In the case of a famous preacher, who has just passed away, the Rev. Professor Law, of Toronto, this has once more found its proof. Dr. Law was a good leader in the class-room and a man learned in the social problems so currently discussed in our time, but in the pulpit he found his greatest sphere and his most commanding influence. He used no superficial methods nor any wrongly sensational claptrap to draw people, but the church where he preached was thronged by men and women, who were looking for a strong Gospel message to help them bear the burdens of life. That he exerted commanding influence on the everyday lives of people is known to some of us who have had direct evidence that, under his intense proclamation of Bible truth, men who were concerned in nothing but business and women who thought of little but social enjoyment, found themselves suddenly possessed of a new purpose towards the betterment of the world. And the somewhat unusual thing is that even the printed sermons of this prince of preachers throb with power to redeem and recreate human lives. The preaching of the Cross is still, as Paul said, the very dynamo of God to transmit Divine energy that can light up this dark world and lift it forward into the Kingdom of Heaven.

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FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Headed by a learned chief justice and composed of outstanding men in business management and labor organizations, a Dominion Industrial Commission is holding sessions here at the time of this writing. It will go eastward across Canada and enquire into conditions everywhere with a view to securing industrial peace. For, despite the unreasonableness and bitterness of men in both industrial camps, there is a better way of composing disputes than by violence and bloody revolution. The nations that have tried the latter course do not furnish such an example as will encourage others in taking their methods. The world is pretty well tired of war and is seeking for peace founded on justice in all departments of activity. If a revolution is simply a delayed reformation, then the sooner we find out where things are wrong and put them right, the better. For, as Thomas Carlyle used to say, it costs too much to have a revolution strike on the horologue of time to tell the world what o'clock it is.

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THE ROYAL MOUNTED

The appearance of a body of the famous Royal Northwest Mounted Police force as guard of honor for the "Fighting Seventh" was an event which attracted special notice on the streets of Vancouver. The well-known uniform of scarlet and gold made the men conspicuous and their bearing won general admiration. Many times, for many years, have I seen the mounted police, both in peace and war, and they have always