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Welcome to Denver.—Bishop Warren, whose residence is in Denver, extends the following words of welcome to the Epworth Hosts who will attend the Convention in that city next month:

"The clear skies, the high mountains, the deep canons, the warm-hearted people are all ready to welcome you to Denver next month:

These hills are higher than they seem;
'Tis not the skies that they appear,
But like some old and wildly rugged stair
They lead up to the land where all is fair,
The land of which we dream.

So everything in this welcome is better than we can tell."

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The Panama Canal.—The difference between American and French work on the Panama canal is already apparent, as shown by a recent comparative statement. In the great Culebra cut, on the line of the Isthmian Canal, the French never moved more than 25,000 cubic yards of earth in a single month. Last month under American management, 128,000 cubic yards were moved, and on the last day of the month two 95-ton steam shovels, constructed in Wisconsin, and five 70-ton shovels handled 6,500 cubic yards of earth and rock. The engineers expect to add one of the great steam shovels every two weeks, and to have 120 in constant use eventually.

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The Church and the People.—Dr. William J. Dawson uttered these words in his recent evangelistic campaign in Brooklyn: "I am told by Dr. Cadman that, although Brooklyn is called the 'City of Churches,' there are 700,000 people there who attend no place of worship. Of New York I cannot speak. I do not know the figures, but I have a suspicion that the situation is no better—that it is worse, in fact. How is it that the great masses drift by the church doors? Here are beautiful churches, here are the ablest men in the pulpit; yet why are the churches not better attended? It is because that we have become too conventional. The Church has forgotten the poor man of to-day, while it continues to preach the poor Man of Nazareth."

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No Saloons in Topeka.—Governor Hoch has declared in unmistakable language that, while he is governor, he will not permit saloons to operate in Topeka. There is rejoicing over this. The jointists understand that Governor Hoch means what he says and can be depended upon to put the law into rigorous execution.

Desecration of Niagara.—A bill is now before the New York Legislature to sell out Niagara Falls to private promoters of power plants. A considerable amount of the water of the Niagara river is already diverted to power plants. It has been calculated that if all the projects now contemplated should be executed, nearly half of the river's volume would be drawn off above the Falls. An engineer, in an article in a technical magazine, recently suggested that men now living would see the day when it would be possible to walk across the river-bed. It appears that at the behest of business, the New York Legislature is ready to sacrifice one of the wonders of the world. The press reports are to the effect that the measure has been promoted by bribery and that it is altogether likely the bill will pass the Legislature.

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Edison a Believer.—According to a press correspondent in one of the Cincinnati papers, Thomas A. Edison, the marvelous inventor in the realm of electrical appliances, whose name and fame are world-wide, is a most reverent believer in the presence of a conscious supreme power in all the workings and manifestations of nature. When he was engaged at one time on one of the most baffling of his problems, the conviction was borne in on him that he was utterly unable to satisfy himself that the manifestations of science were due simply to unconscious chance, or to the working of stupendous laws that were of spontaneous creation and development. He believes that true science and true religion will be increasingly discovered to be in full sympathy; that science will more and more reveal the natural phases of religious truth and will be found to be the notable servant of faith.

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Encouraging Increase.—Our British Wesleyan brethren have footed up their statistical returns for the year, and they are rejoicing in a most gratifying growth in membership—the largest in twenty years. They have gained 10,705 full members, 11,874 probationers, and 4,367 junior members. These figures do not seem large, but they are substantial, and show the vitality of the mother church. Such are her conditions that rapid advance is not possible, and sometimes she has all she can do to hold her own. Hence she rejoices in the advance shown for the present year. She recognizes the fact that to a considerable extent this gain is due to the wonderful revival in Wales. That has brought large numbers into the church, and strength-

ened those already on the rolls. The Districts in Wales make a fine showing in the tables. But the result is not all due to Wales. Almost all over the kingdom the figures show well, which proves that the church as a whole is prospering.

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An Object Lesson.—The United Railways Company of St. Louis employs 4,000 motormen and conductors. Recently each of these employees received, when he reported for duty, a letter from the company that must have set him to thinking. It read:—

"If employees of this company choose to frequent saloons, either on or off duty, or attend the races or other gambling places, rooms or resorts, they are exercising a right which cannot be denied them, but they cannot remain in the service of the company.

ROBERT McCULLOCH,
Vice-President and General Manager.

Mr. McCulloch, in talking to a reporter, said, "I know from bitter and long experience that the men who visit saloons and race-tracks are not the fit men to take care of the women and children who ride on street-cars, nor to handle other people's money." We are pleased to note that Manager Fleming of the Toronto Street Railway, is taking similar action. In one occupation after another during recent years, those in control have asserted the same opinion most positively and finally. No one that would get along in the world of to-day can afford to tittle or gamble.

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Sunday-school Convention.—Sunday-school teachers and workers who live within two hundred miles of Toronto, will do themselves a great wrong if they fail to attend the great International Sunday-school Convention which assembles in Toronto, June 23-27. The programme will be one of unusual excellence, as a large number of very prominent speakers are expected. Only official delegates will be permitted to take part in the business sessions, but visitors may attend the meetings and enjoy the addresses. Our next number will probably be delayed for a week or so in order to give our readers a report of this Convention.

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Studying Canada.—Rev. W. H. Fitchett, of Australia, author of "Fights for the Flag," "Deeds that Won the Empire," etc., has been spending a few days in Canada on his way to England. He was commissioned by some Australian newspaper to discover, if possible, the secret of Canada's prosperity. Dr. Fitchett says that the eyes of the world are upon Canada at the present time.