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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Livingstonia Mission of the United Free Church of Scotland is preparing to plant a new station at once at Chitambo, where the heart of Livingstone is buried. Malcolm Moffat, grandson of Robert and Mary Moffat and nephew of Livingstone, is to have the station in charge.

The Scotch Presbyterian church, of New York city, the second oldest Presbyterian church in the United States, celebrated recently its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. It is estimated that during the 150 years of its history the church has contributed \$2,000,000 to religious objects.

The most remarkable record for benevolence of any church in America, says the Lutheran Observer, has probably been made during the past year by a congregation of Kiowa Indians, in Oklahoma. There are but one hundred and twenty members of the church, but the offering for benevolence for the year is reported as \$1,068.

The site of the Temple of Jehovah, which was built by the high priest Onias at Leontopolis, in Lower Egypt—outside of the old town of Ramesses—in 162 B. C., has been discovered by Prof. Flinden Petrie, the great explorer in Egypt. The foundations are intact and agree with the description given by Josephus of the sanctuary and its inner and outer courts.

The Converted Catholic, edited by Rev. James O'Connor, a converted priest, who for twenty years has carried on a mission in New York, says that in the last twelve years fifty Italian priests have in the New York mission renounced the Church of Rome. Since the beginning of this year twelve priests have declared their purpose to leave the Roman Catholic Church.

Japan is reorganizing and strengthening her army and navy as if some eventualities were seen in the distance. In this connection a recent cable despatch says: "Against whom is this directed? is the question being asked. The Kaiser and his advisers are perfectly well aware that Germany's high-handed action in annexing Kaiao-Chau started the whole trouble in the Far East. Since then Germany's possessions there have been regarded with no friendly eye, and it is more than feared that one of the first results of the new order of things may be notice to quit, with all its incalculable consequences." Germany may discover before very long that the "mailed fist" policy is neither wise nor profitable.

Some 50,000 "undesirable aliens" — Austrians, Italians, Russians, Dutch and Belgians—are to be expelled from the Rhenish provinces of Germany on "general principles." That is all the explanation given in the expulsion order. Two-thirds of these alien workmen are Austrians, so that they are subjects of a country with which Germany is closely allied. The greater number of the remaining third are Italians, likewise subjects of a country which is allied with Germany. The remnant are Russians, Dutch and Belgians. Nineteen thousand of the aliens are employed as colliers in the mines of the Rhenish provinces. The majority of them are single men, but many have wives and families with them in Western Germany, and these bring up the total to be expelled approximately to 50,000.

Not all Catholics approve of the attitude of the hierarchy toward the French Government in connection with recent legislation concerning the Roman Catholic orders and Church. The Boston Pilot believes the Church will emerge victorious from its conflict with the State, but it so believes because she can rise superior to "the stupidity of her own children." It adds: "If the Catholics of France had unanimously accepted the change in government in good part we should to-day have had a Christian republic. There is nothing weaker than the attempt to throw the whole blame on the Jews and the secret societies, which, even combined, represent but a small portion of the population of France."

"I believe the evangelization of China in this generation is of vital importance, not only to the Caucasian race, but to the speedy conquest of the world for Christ and the Church." These are the words of an outgoing Methodist missionary to China. The sentiments expressed are true. China is a young giant awakening from the dreamy slumber of centuries. She is open as she never was before for the Gospel message, and unless the people of the Christian nations embrace the opportunity and give her the message, she may prove a menace instead of a blessing to the world. The awakening of China now taking place is God's call to the Christian nations to go in and possess the land, winning it for the Lord Jesus.

About thirty years ago, Dr. James Edmunds, of London, England, in an address in Association Hall, New York, told how the life of the then Prince of Wales, our present King, was saved by the relinquishment of alcohol in favor of milk at a crisis in his medical treatment. The Prince was prostrate with typhoid fever. Despite the skill of the ablest physicians of the day, he continued to sink till his condition became alarming. Finally, as a desperate experiment, the physicians decided to cease giving him alcohol, and in its place administered milk. From that moment he began to recover. Medical science has greatly advanced since then, and in no respect has a more striking change occurred than in the gradual abandonment of alcohol in favor of milk. Alcohol is now regarded as practically of no value as a drug employed in medicine.

President Roosevelt has the knack of saying what the Lutheran Observer calls "Golden Words," in his public addresses. Recently he gave utterance to the following deliverance: "In our legislative bodies, in our national Congress, if you find that any man is corrupt, you are not to be excused if you do not hunt him out of public life, whether he is of one party or whether he is of another. And if you know that he is corrupt, if you have good reason to believe that he is corrupt, then refuse under any plea of party expediency, under any consideration, from refraining from smiting him with the sword of the Lord and of Gideon." The paper noted makes a "plea for a Christian citizenship that will give concrete expression to its abstract faith that righteousness exalteth a nation and that sin is a reproach to any people." Canada needs this Christian citizenship idea.

There is or was to be observed on the wall of a house abutting on Streatham street, Bedford Square, London, a silver watch riveted to the wall just at the cornice. It commemorates, it is said, an incident in the life of a former inmate of the house. He was climbing along the gutter when his foot slipped, and over he went. His watch chain, however, caught on a bolt, and by it he was suspended in mid-air until he was rescued. In grateful acknowledgment of his deliverance he fixed the watch and chain on the spot as a monument.

Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D., a well known Baptist, has gone from Boston to take charge of the Moody church in Chicago. In doing so he declares that he still holds to the body of Baptist teaching, but as to baptism, while he believes immersion to be the only mode, he will accord to other Christians the right to observe whatever form they believe to be right, implying that he may use sprinkling or pouring as well as immersion, as the candidate may prefer. In this he is in accord with Dr. Torrey, who is a Congregationalist, and yet while pastor of the Moody church used immersion as well as sprinkling. Thus the church and institute will observe all liberty in essentials.

The famous leaning tower of Pisa was not originally planned at an inclined position. According to the architect's idea, it was to be straight, but when the third story was reached, the structure began to sink at one side. Seeing this, the builders deliberately adhered to the inclining position, but diminished the slope of the upper stories so as to keep the centre of gravity well within the walls. This style of building was followed by other architects, and at Bologna, in Italy, there are two other towers similarly constructed, one being nearly one hundred feet higher than the one at Pisa, the other being about the same height, but with a far greater inclination.

An Ontario paper recently said: "Toronto is stock mad. Man for man, dollar for dollar, opportunity for opportunity, it is the busiest, most reckless, craziest, and most determined gambling centre in North America. Down there it is frenzied finance where ever you go. They talk stocks in shop, factory, and office; in the hotels and boarding houses; on playgrounds; in the City Hall and Parliament Buildings—everywhere, even in the church pews, where high financiers congregate. It is stocks and bonds at breakfast, dinner and supper; with more of the same thrown in at the down-town lunch-room. Young and old have imbibed the spirit of speculation, and the curbstone gambler is as busy in his sphere as the rich broker is in his, and they both sing the song of great profits to the investor." The Christian Guardian thinks the picture is overdrawn, but admits that it cannot conscientiously deny that it is in the main true. It is quite probable some other cities that need not be named are a good second to Toronto in the matter of this vicious stock gambling, which is bringing financial and moral ruin in its train. Hasting to be rich by such methods will never pay.

He is dull of vision who can see nothing in the river but his own reflection and nothing on the landscape but his own shadow.