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NOTE AND COMMENT.

"Cause of death, football," says the N. Y. Sun, is becoming such a common formula on medical certificates as to make it a matter for the careful consideration of fathers. Our contemporary calls football "a barbarous game," and so it is as played in many places.

The youngest king in the world is Daudi Chua, King of Uganda, who is now about eight years old. He holds his court seated on a scarlet throne with a leopard skin mat under his feet and bearing in his hand a toy gun. The British exercise a protectorate over the young King and his kingdom.

The chairman of the evangelical committee of the United Presbyterian church of the United States, has the following to say about revival methods and efforts: "Our conviction is that the best results will be obtained, not by general movements upon the surface, such as simultaneous evangelistic campaigns in cities, but by determined, persistent, consecrated work in individual congregations. Let the revival begin with you who are pastors. It will surely be communicated to the sessions and the people."

The British and Foreign Bible Society has published its 101st annual report. During the year the society has issued 5,857,645 copies of the Bible or parts of the Bible. The Scriptures have been translated into twelve new languages. If 300 men, each speaking a different language, were now to call at the society's headquarters they would find the whole of the Bible or some portion of it in their language. The total number of issues made by the society since its foundation is 192,537,746.

A laborer of the Dundee harbor related to his wife, on awaking, a curious dream to his wife, on awakening, a curious dream which he had during the night. "I saw," says he, "four rats coming toward me in order one very fat, two very lean, the fourth blind and I am sorely put out to know the meaning." His wife could not help him, but her son, a sharp lad, offered an interpretation. "The first rat," he said, "is the man that keeps the public house that ye gang till sae often, and the two lean ones are mither and me, and the blind one is yersel' father."

The Presbyterian Witness sees it stated that in reply to an address from the pilgrims of the British Catholic Association, the Pope intimated that "non-Catholics, when Christians, were redeemed by the blood of Christ." That sentiment is correct. Redemption is not combined cribbed, confined by sect. Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, Anglo-Catholics if Christians, are the Redeemed of the Lord, just as certainly as are the best Presbyterians! Our contemporary is glad the Pope has made the statement, for a Roman Catholic can henceforth utter it with more comfort.

Campbell Morgan is pastor, has decided to give one tenth of its income to foreign missions. Dr. Morgan plans to give a foreign missionary sermon once a month. So says the Pacific Presbyterian. We do not see why such a plan should not suit the latitude of Canada. As our contemporary says: "Never before was there such an opportunity for the proclamation of the gospel in foreign lands as opens up now to the Christian churches. Will the people everywhere show that they have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

After having visited 230 Hindu shrines, and having spent seventeen years in the study of Hinduism, Buddhism, Mohammedanism and Christianity, a Hindu Brahmin named Swami Dharmananda has at last accepted Christianity.

The Gideons, or Christian Commercial Travellers' Association, which grew into being six years ago from the casual meeting of two men of that class in a hotel bedroom, has grown to number 5,800 members, earnest and enthusiastic in the work they have taken up. Their recent annual convention in Buffalo, N.Y., was attended by eight hundred delegates.

The Japanese military authorities at Port Arthur have shown their unusual sense of the fitness of things in assigning the Russian Greek cathedral to the Y. M. C. A. for headquarters of its army work at that place. The cathedral is well located and splendidly adapted for the association's purposes. The authorities furnished the materials for repairing the cannon holes and other damage which the building had suffered during the siege.

The pastors of the Protestant evangelical churches of Oakland, Cal.—the Episcopal included—are about to inaugurate a movement out of which it is hoped and believed that there will come much good. It means a religious oversight for several years of the entire city. The committee having the matter in charge has recommended that the churches appoint one visitor for each block, and that the visitor have a neighborly responsibility for that block, and report every three months as to religious condition. Non-church goers will with Christian tact be invited to attend the church of their choice and an effort will be made to get all the children to attend Sunday-school. This work will begin with a house-to-house visitation at which time record will be made as to the following: Number of adults and children between 4 and 18 in the house; number in church and Sunday-school; what church and name of pastor. If not a church member, the church preference will be ascertained.

Mark Twain says a man bought a pig for \$1.50 and fed it \$40 worth of corn and then sold the hog for \$9. He lost money on the corn, but made \$7.50 on the hog. That illustrates the condition of the saloons wherever established. The saloons breed vice, poverty, disease and crime. It costs taxpayers thousands of dollars annually to prosecute the criminals and paupers; but they are making money from the license fees on the saloons that breed the criminals and paupers. A business man that would make such an investment as that would be considered a financial idiot.

The increase of Christians in Japan during the year 1904 was about 10 per cent. In round numbers the Christians of Japan—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Greek—number about 154,000 church members, with a community of about 450,000. The special characteristic of the churches in Japan just now is a new longing for independence. Since Japan is everywhere recognized as one of the great powers it is natural that leading Christians should wish to be free from the semblance of foreign dictation. This means problems galore for the missionary—but such problems are those of success. The Bible Evangelizing Company is a Japanese organization now three years old. Pastors, Bible women and other workers engage in its work, which consists of reading one Gospel from beginning to end at fixed times and with explanations to one inquirer. This method of concentration has had good results.

A congregational minister in Chicago is criticizing the conduct of the mayor of that city, for refusing or neglecting to enforce the Sunday laws, took the plain position that when a man swears to enforce the laws and refuses or neglects to do so, he is guilty of nonfeasance, and a proper subject for indictment. He is right. What is the use of people in Chicago, or even in Ottawa, inveighing against anarchy when the constituted authorities refuse to enforce the laws. The idea needs to be burned pretty deeply into the consciences of civic and municipal authorities everywhere. Non-enforcement of law is pretty sure to bring law into contempt.

The people of Norway have not only accomplished, by peaceful constitutional methods, a political revolution, securing that country national independence, but they have also been enjoying a striking religious revival. A correspondent of the Belfast Witness says that the Norwegian revival had no connection with the Welsh revival, but it seems to have originated a *cece ataatanaanaa aat...* originated in the same way, about a year ago; although in Norway there were many contributory causes to lead people to think of higher interests and of the life to come. A period of wild business speculation had been followed by commercial crashes and economical ruin that had affected multitudes. The result was that labour was dislocated, employment was scarce, and poverty had alarmingly increased. Many families of good position had to sell all they possessed and come down in the world, and the discipline was not without good effect. Then one memorable Sunday, the 23rd October a mighty earthquake shook the foundations of Norway, whilst the church services were going on; and that upheaval roused careless Christians from their lethargy, and led the pleasure-loving children of the day to pause and think. Then the political conflict between Norway and Sweden approached a crisis, with the possibility of war between the two nations that had been in union for nearly one hundred years. The Norse, too, had their cause for anxiety regarding the outcome of the Russo-Japanese war. And then a larger number than usual of great accidents and catastrophes had helped to humble men's haughty minds. But when the darkness and sorrow and anxiety were at their deepest, as the result of persistent, believing prayer, the Spirit of God was seen working in unexpected quarters and ways. The prayer meetings in many districts became richly blessed and Christians began to witness joyfully for Christ. The revival spirit spread exercising a profound influence over the people and conversions were numerous everywhere. One of the most splendid results of the revival has been the change in the attitude of the Lutheran clergy towards revival work and their willingness to co-operate with laymen and with Nonconformists for the salvation of souls. The primate of the Norwegian church placed himself on the side of the revival movement and met the lay evangelist with much good will. The results flowing from auspicious union of denominations has had wide-spreading and marvellous results. Most encouraging is the number of young men and women—not children—who have yielded to Christ and begun a new life in Him. The revival has affected practically all classes, and the converts are found in every grade of society, excenting the upper ten. The same phenomena have been manifested in Norway as in Wales, that old debts have been settled, conscience money has been restored, drinking has been given up by the converts and a purer moral atmosphere has been distinctly perceptible by all. The campaign is now in full swing in Sweden.