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NOTE AND COMMENT.

Thirty-two bishops of English and Welsh dioceses decided at a meeting to oppose the education bill; a strong Roman Catholic protest will be made against the measure.

A correspondent calls attention to the fact that religious liberty is making marked progress in Bolivia. Bills have been passed in the Bolivian Congress granting liberty of religious worship.

In Denmark, in a small fishing town, a wonderful work of grace has swept over three parishes. In Copenhagen thousands have crowded the halls and theatres to hear the Gospel preached.

Over a hundred lives were lost in the (Bormosa earthquake and thousands of persons are homeless; the shock was more severe than that of March 17, and later details are expected to swell the list of casualties.

The conferring of the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Edinburgh University upon Professor W. M. Ramsay, of Aberdeen University (a brother of Professor Ramsay, of Glasgow), is remarkable as being the first divinity degree conferred upon a layman.

Lord Strathcona, interviewed in London last week regarding the King's visit to Canada, expressed the hope that, whether the visit should include the United States or not, His Majesty would encourage a fast line from Liverpool by sailing direct to Canada.

The authorities of St. Andrew's University are well advanced in their arrangements for the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Buchanan, the great Latinist, who was for some time Principal of St. Leonard College, St. Andrews. The celebration has been fixed for Friday and Saturday, July 5th and 6th.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, junior, gave birth to a son on Wednesday last week, and on Thursday wired to her mother: "John D. the third is here; all well. Ten pounds at lowest computation." This infant is undoubtedly the richest heir in America to-day, and probably in the world. It is said that he is worth in round figures \$120,000,000, or twelve million dollars for each pound of weight.

The Reformed people of Germany are discussing how they shall honor John Calvin, on the four hundredth anniversary of his birth in 1509. Some are in favor of building a great monument, while others desire to gather a fund as an endowment from the interest of which Reformed churches can be supported. John Calvin in his lifetime looked with disfavor upon the erection of a monument in his honor.

Dr. Dickie, pastor of the American Church in Berlin, is interviewed by the "Chicago Interior." He says there is a great revival of religion in Berlin. The churches are crowded. There is also a remarkable change in the keeping of Sunday. The merchants must keep down their show-window blinds all day, they are fined if they don't. Asked what was the secret of all this change among the Germans, Dr. Dickie replied that the largest single factor is the example of the German Empress, who cares more for religion than any other interest in life. Years ago Dr. Dickie was a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and pastor of St. Andrew's church, Berlin, Ont.

The influence of Christianity in Cuba is being felt more and more. A missionary writes: "It is daybreak in Cuba. Soon it will be sunrise, then full noon. Noon everywhere, in city and town, hamlet and hut, forest and field. The forces are at work."

Pope Pius takes the separation of Church and State in France very hard. He has written a letter to the Bishop of Cremona in which he severely condemns that prelate for defending the separation. It had been supposed that this genial and sensible pope was too wise to fight against the inevitable.

The catalogue of Princeton Theological Seminary just issued for the year 1905-1906 gives the latest in the history of this the largest of the Presbyterian seminaries. The student roll contains 192 names, three more than last year and the largest number in six years. Of these thirty are graduate students and fifty-six are in the entering class. The chair of Ecclesiastical, Homiletical and Practical Theology has been developed into two professorships. The one of these is being filled by Rev. Charles R. Erdman, professor-elect of Practical Theology; the other by Dr. David J. Burrell, acting professor of Homiletics. The Rev. Paul Martin is the incumbent of the newly established office of Registrar and Secretary of the faculty.

The British Weekly says: A deeply interesting incident is related of a recent meeting between "Captain" Bateman, of the Salvation Army, and Dr. Carr-Glynn, Bishop of Peterborough. During "Self-Denial" Week it has hitherto been the custom in Peterborough, when asking for donations, to draw the line at the episcopal residence. This year, however, "Captain" Bateman mustered up courage, and called upon the Bishop. He was warmly welcomed, and the work of the Salvation Army was praised by Dr. Carr-Glynn, who gave a subscription. The Bishop then asked his visitor how, amid all the strain and bustle and rush of work, his own spiritual progress fared. The Prelate afterwards took him into his private chapel, where they knelt in prayer, his Lordship invoking a blessing on the work of the Salvation Army, and afterwards laying his hands in benediction on the "Captain's" head.

There are numerous reports of troubles between the Russians and Chinese in Northern Manchuria. The Russians charge the Japanese with fomenting the difficulties. There is no need of this. Russia insisted on eighteen months for the evacuation of Manchuria, and has maintained an enormous army since the close of the war. They seem to be exploring the country and are said to have illeges to Russian speculators. A few years ago, and China would have submitted. Since the success of the Japanese and the beginning of a modern Chinese army in the northern provinces, the Chinese government is taking a little firmer tone with Russia and is resenting the most patent thefts. Doubtless, in case of war the Chinese troops would be speedily crushed by the Russian veterans. But China will gain something by protest as a basis for future action. At the close of the Japanese War it was evident that Russia intended to recoup as much as possible of her losses in Northern China, and insisted on eighteen months with a great army, which should have been sent home within six months. Japan, having protected herself and shut the Russians from the southern waters, is not likely to go to war to protect the northern frontier of China, where Russian aggressions are no menace to her.

The difficulty of finding a suitable successor to Dr. John Watson ("Ian MacLaren") as pastor of Sefton Park Presbyterian Church, Liverpool, has been accentuated by the decision of Rev. Andrew Boyd Scott, Sherwood U. F. church, Paisley, not to accept the call extended to him.

It is urged against the high license law in Ohio, says the Southwestern Presbyterian, that besides throwing out many of the five thousand proprietors of saloons it will also throw out of employment thousands of bartenders, porters, cooks, waiters, and others connected with the saloon lunch counter, and on account of these men the plea is made to continue the evil traffic as heretofore. The logic speaks for itself. Because general good health will put many physicians, nurses and druggists out of commission, let us not have health. Because an epidemic disease keeps the undertaker busy and furnishes employment to a multitude of grave-diggers, let us do nothing to check its ravages. Because the penitentiaries and jail afford work to many employees, guards, and others, let us not seek to lessen the number of criminals, lest we throw these men out of employment!

The Dominion Churchman remarks: As the writer walked down a city street—a street-car passed him. On the rear platform stood a group of young school boys. Just as the car was passing, a very old woman came on the sidewalk from an adjoining house. One of the lads shouted himself, and his companions, by shouting at the old woman. Getting off the car at a cross street, they all ran away as if ashamed of themselves, and they had need to be. One cannot help asking what has the school-boy of today gained to compensate him for the loss of respect for his seniors. Rudeness is as poor a substitute for courtesy, as brambles would be for the cultivated shrubs. It is all very well to talk of being independent. But the lad who is permitted to be rude cannot very well be prevented from growing up a coarse, ill-bred man. And in later years no one will regret the serious neglect in his early training more than himself.

Rev. David Macrae, of Glasgow, has by no means given up the battle against the too common misuse of the terms "England" and "English," when the whole United Kingdom—and often the entire British people as a whole—are meant. His latest endeavors, however, are specially directed against the "English" desire to appropriate everything Scottish. Mr. Macrae says that it is nothing short of a national scandal that Scotland should be disregarded in certain school histories—made in England, of course—and it is an insult to us that in matters affecting Great Britain the term "England" should be deliberately used by those who ought to know better. We are not thin-skinned, but we object to the terms, "English Navy," "English Army," the "English Parliament," and so on. As Mr. Macrae tells us, our famous Scotsmen are appropriated in the same way. Sir John Moore and Sir Colin Campbell are claimed as "English" commanders. James Watt is called an "English" inventor, and David Livingstone an "English" explorer. And some day, perhaps, they will style our national bard—when they know him—as the English poet, Robert Burns. Our M. P.'s and the English Press are largely to blame in this mischievous misrepresentation, and a word to legislators may go a long way to awaken them to a sense of their duty in this matter of "British—not England." There is a danger that ere long Scottish children will never know Scotland and Scotland's glorious past.