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It is time that we should have a new revision of the Dominion statutes. The profession would be glad to know what is being done in the matter.

Christian Scientists, so-called, have, as expressed by an American exchange, struck another snag. Notwithstanding one of the articles of their faith, that there is really no matter, disease, sin or death, they are in the habit of insuring their lives like ordinary people. The question has now arisen, can a company be compelled to pay a claim when a policy holder of this faith dies, after having refused all medical treatment, and the doctrine of contributory negligence comes prominently into view. One is not surprised to see various questions arise when people believe, or pretend to believe, such manifest absurdities as are promulgated by this sect.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISES—A SUGGESTION.

An important question of the day, with reference to municipal government in large centres of population, relates to the manner of dealing with the public services which modern city life requires. Ought the municipalities themselves to undertake the supply of water and light, should they equip and manage the telephone and street railway service; or should public companies acquire franchises from the municipal authority and farm these necessary services at more or less profit to themselves?

Should not all the public services requiring the use of the highways be provided by the community owning the ways to the frontagers?

The answer is in the negative, because experience shows that city government is weak in executive force, and lacks that element of success which may be summed up in the words, 'good business management.' I exclude any suggestion of purposeful evil.