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Note and Comment

Prof. Moore has promised the Dominion Presbyterian an occasional article, and the first one from his pen, entitled, "Man and Evolution," will appear next week.

Oil to calm the waves was used on an unusually large scale during the recent gales in the English Channel. The waves broke over Folkestone pier, making it difficult for steamers to enter the port until a considerable quantity of the oil was poured into the harbor, when the seas immediately became smooth.

Dr. Negro, of Turin, has succeeded in curing one hundred out of one hundred and thirteen cases of sciatica by digital pressure over the painful part. The pressure is applied with all possible force for fifteen or twenty seconds and is repeated for the same length of time after an interval of a few minutes. In many cases six treatments are all that is necessary.

In discussing the old but ever new question, why men don't marry, a bachelor enumerates three mistakes that are very commonly made by young women: (1) They study the conventional ideas of the day instead of their young men. (2) They act in a cold-hearted manner, and put their young men's love out to starve. (3) False modesty. Many young ladies have died old maids through this, and many marriages have proved failures through false modesty on the part of the wife.

The Rev. Prof. Moore, of Boston, who spent a portion of last winter in Montreal, is again on a visit to the city, and is a guest of the Rev. J. L. Morin. He is assisting Mr. Morin in preparing for the press Dr. Chiniquy's last book, entitled, "Forty Years in the Christian Church." This was almost completed at the time of his death, and will soon be ready to place in the hands of the publisher. As it is likely to have a large sale several firms have already made offers for it, but no contracts have yet been made.

A memorial tablet was unveiled on Friday in Broadhembury Church, Devon, to the memory of the late Rev. Augustus Toplady, the writer of the well-known hymn, "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me," who from 1761 to 1778 was vicar of the parish. The memorial was raised by public subscription.

There has been a remarkable falling off in the number of students entering the three Free Church Colleges of Scotland to be trained for the ministry. Six years ago as many as sixty entered in the course of the year, while this year the number has dropped to twenty-seven. Dr. Stalker, the convener of the College committee, traces the falling off to the entrance examinations.

Professor White, of the School of Bible Study, when recently preaching at Maryebone Presbyterian Church, London, England, prefaced his sermon by giving his experience of mission work in India, and said that instead of so little, as has been said, having been accomplished in the conversion of the heathen, his surprise was to find how much had already been achieved.

A strange coincidence occurred in Galt, Ont., last Saturday morning. Rev. R. E. Knowles, pastor of Knox Church, while narrating a dream which he had the night before that he would have to go to Newburne, North Carolina, on account of the death of a relative, was handed a telegram conveying the news that a relative of his had just died in that place. He left in the afternoon on his dream mission, which had thus turned out a sad reality.

Ulstermen are a force in the pulpits of Northern England as well as in London just now, writes the London correspondent of the Belfast Witness, Dr. N. A. Ross, formerly minister of First Ballymoney, is more than maintaining his position in Newcastle-on-Tyne. He exercises a potent influence in the public life of the city. The Rev. W. S. H. Wylie, too, is proving a successful minister, especially in reaching young men. At Whitley-on-Sea, a suburb of Newcastle, the Rev. John Cochrane, who came there only three years ago, to a new congregation, has already filled the lecture hall where it assembles, and a new church is to be built at a cost of £4,000. At South Shields the Rev. W. W. Boyle is also doing excellent work.

In Germany vaccination is obligatory in the first year of life. With a population of 50,000,000, in 1874, there were but 116 deaths from smallpox, against 143,000 in 1871, before the law was enacted.

"At what age should girls marry?" is the subject of an article by Sarah Grand in the "Young Woman." The writer shows that the whole tendency of the modern system of education for girls is to prolong their girlhood. In her opinion a girl runs a great risk of making a mistake, both in her choice of a husband and in the matter of marrying at all, if she marries before five-and-twenty.

The London Advertiser, in a recent issue, has this to say of the many-sided Principal of Queen's University: "Principal Grant must take frequent draughts from some fountain of eternal youth. His energetic versatility appears to know no limits. He keeps abreast of the important questions, and takes the trouble to qualify himself to speak. For example, in the days before the Canadian transcontinental railway, he crossed the Rockies, and saw the Pacific Coast with his own eyes. He qualified himself to talk of Britain's world-empire, by a tour which girdled the globe. And last year when there was much talk of Newfoundland, he was able to give Canadians the latest data as the outcome of a trip to the island. Dr. Grant, as Principal of Queen's University, possesses the power of creating in students the aspiration to excel."

Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian Missions in Manitoba, British Columbia and the Northwest, has returned from a four months' tour of the vast territory under his supervision. He speaks hopefully of the growth and expansion of the Canadian West, if high moral influences go forward with settlement, as in the case of Rossland and Dawson City, both of which now have flourishing churches, the outgrowth of Presbyterian missions. Dr. Robertson will make various recommendations with respect to the development of the work, before the semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterian Home Mission Committee, which will meet here on March 21. Owing to the death of the late convener of that committee, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, the committee will be convened by Rev. Dr. Warden.