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A GREAT ASSEMBLY.

What is perhaps the greatest gathering in the history of the English Church opens today in London. Delegates from Africa, India, China, Austria, Central America, and every part of the United Kingdom including bishops and clergymen and lay delegates of both sexes are now assembled for the Pan Anglican Congress, one of the most important meetings in the history of Protestantism. Eight thousand members representing practically one hundred millions of people will take part in the various branches of the assembly and the work which they will do directly concerns every congregation and every home. Speaking of the Congress the New York Sun remarks: It is evident from the programme that the Church of England and the affiliated churches in the United States and the British Colonies are feeling awake to the tendencies of our day, aim to understand their meaning, to give direction where the way is dark and to kindle a new and ardent sympathy with all promising attempts to ameliorate the light of human beings. That in truth is the fundamental motive of the Anglo Congress. It was arranged some time ago that every Bishop should bring to the assembly a thank offering from his Diocese, either money or any men and women willing to undertake work in the mission field. The expectation is that a million pounds in cash will be raised, a portion of which will go to Canada in order to carry out the establishment of a new diocese at Edmonton. The Bishop of Winchester and ten of his clergy will volunteer for service in Western Canada. Plans have been prepared for the establishment of new dioceses in Northern Australia, Khartoum, Singapore, North Rhodesia and Manchuria which will bring the total number of dioceses of the Church of England throughout the world to two hundred and fifty-seven. Some of the chief problems which will be considered by the Congress are: The Sanctity of Marriage, The Drink Traffic, Gambling, Luxury, Companies and Dividends, The Unemployed, Training for Holy Orders, The Relations between Local Churches and the Anglican Communion, Monopolies and Trusts, The Duty of the Clergy to Society Reform, Christian Science, Dramatic Literature, Journalism, Ministry and Laymen, Reality and Inspiration, Christianity and Socialism. These and many other questions will be handled at sectional meetings such as those adopted by the British Association. The sections are seven in number, and are classified as follows: The Church and Human Society, The Church and Human Thought, The Church's Ministry, The Church's Mission in Non-Christian Lands, The Church's Mission in Christendom, The Constitution and Organization of the Church, The Church's Duty to the Young. Following this assembly the Lambeth Conference will be held, so that the present month will be one of great importance in the history of the Anglican Church.

THE GREATNESS OF TAFT.

It is characteristic of the people of the United States that "whatever is in Taft" Secretary Taft is generally regarded as the next President and newspapers and magazines are now full of articles dealing with his past career. The consensus of opinion as expressed in these articles is that there never was and never will be a man so suited for the Presidency and so thoroughly equipped for the proper performance of the duties which will fall upon him. Mr. Taft, who is, no doubt, an able politician and a straightforward statesman is held up to the public gaze as the most unselfish example on record. His self-sacrificing loyalty to the republic in giving up his great ambition to become a Judge of the Supreme Court in order that he might continue to devote his life to the interests of the Philippines is regarded as an act worthy of the gratitude of the nation. It is not mentioned that Mr. Taft knew which side of his bread the butter was on and that he was making a better life by remaining in the East than if he had come home to be shelled as a Judge. His life and the lives of his parents even from the time they were children have been rehearsed in various periodicals, partly as a matter of news, but chiefly because of the American tendency to proclaim that whatever belongs to that country is the greatest in the world. It was the same way in the cases of Cleveland and Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt.

MISTAKEN AUTHORITY.

The annual established Standard of Empire has received many messages of congratulation and wishes for its future success from various parts of the Empire. It has also received occasional messages of another sort and one of the most discreditable of these comes from Canada. Worse than this it was sent by a Catholic parish priest who, unfortunately, permitted personal feeling to overpower his better judgment. The writer signs himself W. E. Cavanagh, P. P., Parish Corkery, Ontario, and the message which was written on a picture post card reads: "I beg to state that I do not want your paper nor any other imperial trash from across the sea. We all would be grateful if you would keep your imperial papers and jail birds at your side of the Atlantic as well as all other imperial rubbish. Canada for Canadians." Father Cavanagh, if the writer is indeed a clergyman, in attempting to speak for his country, assumes an authority to which he has, of course, absolutely no right.

TO INDOMINABLES.

Oh, why do you think when you can not sleep  
Of awful mysteries dark and deep;  
Of spooks, and ghosts, and wraiths, and we,  
Of desert thirsts and Arctic snow;  
Instead of some mild with teeth of pearls,  
And ruby lips and golden curls,  
And cherry cheeks and dimpled chin,  
And silvery voice and velvet skin,  
Enough to illumine the blackest night?  
Oh, why in that dark and murky hour  
Give up your mind to thoughts that lower?  
To thoughts of ocean dark and wet;  
To fears of bankruptcy and debt;  
Of taxes due and income spent,  
Of bills and chills and unpaid rent;  
To apprehensions of disease,  
And other thoughts that vex and tease,  
When it is just as easy to think  
Of love and health and stores of chin?  
Ah, what is the use when you awake,  
The while the whole world lies opaque  
And you are floundering in your bed,  
Of thinking black and blue and red,  
Of choosing lemon, saffron thoughts  
Of life made up of rows of naughts,  
Of deep set frowns and grins still unpaid,  
Of how all roses surely fade,  
Of weary, dreary, frowny folk,  
Instead of the latest rollicking joke?  
Oh, what is the use, and why again,  
Of thinking sorrow, and woe and pain,  
Of thinking trouble and millgrubs;  
Of all your failures, fogs and flubs;  
Of thinking grief and tears, and red,  
Of thinking gloom, and doom and dark;  
When you can think how very cheap  
The sunshine is, and what a heap  
We have of it to glid life's cup?  
Indomitable wake up! Wake up!

"You must keep your mouth shut when you're in the water," said the nurse, as she gave little Tommy a bath. "If you don't you'll swallow some of it."

"Well, what of it?" demanded Tommy. "There's plenty more in the pipes, ain't there?"

Orville Ardup—Ah, there comes that infernal bill collector!  
Carter (producing folded document with alacrity)—I am glad to hear you say so, Mr. Ardup. I have been here nine times without having been a collector, you know.

"That woman next door is really dreadful," John said to a young married woman to her husband. "She does nothing but talk the whole day long. She cannot get any work done, I'm sure."

"Oh," remarked the husband, "I thought she was a chatterbox. As to whom does she talk to?"

"Why, my dear, to me of course," was the reply. "She talks to me over the fence."

An old Scotchman, not feeling very well called upon well known doctor who gave him instructions as to diet and exercise and rest. Among other things he advised the patient to abstain from all forms of spirits. "Do as I say," he added cheerfully, "and you'll soon feel better."

The Scotchman rose silently and was about to withdraw when the doctor detained him to mention the all-important topic of the fee. "My advice will cost you \$2," he said.

"Ah, mebbe," said the old Scotchman, "but I'm nae gaun to tek yer advice."

A Scottish parson, still on the under side of 40, was driving home from an outlying hamlet when he overtook a young woman. He recognized her as the maid of all work at a farm which he would pass, so he pulled up and offered her a lift. Mary gladly accepted his offer and they chatted pleasantly all the way to the farm gate.

"Thank you, sir," she said as she got down.

"Don't mention it, Mary. Don't mention it," he told her politely.

"No, I won't," Mary obligingly assured him.

Come, June, it's up to you to play the rare one, soft and breezy. You only have to beat out May and that should be dead easy.

ASHES TO ASHES.

A Pennsylvania court recently decided that a woman who keeps the ashes of her second husband in the same room occupied by her third husband is not necessarily insane. Still, it might be well to fix the mental status of the third husband who will stand for such a thing.

SHORT WAYS TO MULTIPLY.

Rapid multiplication is always a source of pleasure and profit to the operator and never fails to cause astonishment in those who do not know how it is done. Suppose you wish to multiply two numbers of two places each, such as 65 and 85. The product can be written in one line by inspection as follows: Eight times 5 are 40. Put down 0 for the right hand figure and carry 4. Add 5 and 8 and multiply the sum, 13, by 5, obtaining 75 and add 4. Put down 5 for the next figure and carry 4. Add 5 and 8 and multiply the sum, 13, by 8, obtaining 104 and add 4. The product is therefore 5425. The same method can be used if the units are alike, thus: What is the product of 75 times 55? Five times 5 are 25. Put down 5 and carry 2. Seven times 5 are 35. Add 2 and 7 and multiply the sum, 9, by 5, obtaining 45 and add 2. The product is 4125.

The last illustration might be worked another way since both the right hand figures are 5 and the sum of the tens gives an even number. In such a case simply write 25 for the right hand figure, and for the remaining figures write the product of the ten increased by one half the sum of the tens—Chicago Record-Herald.

HOW TRICK DOGS ARE TRAINED.

Few people other than those who are thinking of making a living out of the world would be prepared to give the necessary time to the training of a trick dog, but some of the secrets of the professional trainer may be of use to the man who wants his dog to be always under his control and to know a few tricks.

Different trainers have different methods of beginning the education of their charges. One man, known to the writer, always begins his first lesson with a new dog in this way. He walks suddenly into the room where the dog is, and without any word of warning pretends to be about to hit it with a whip. If the dog crouches away in fright the trainer knows that the dog lacks spirit and will never be of any use to him. If the dog "turns" the man puts down the whip and goes on to the rest of the lesson.

NO PUNISHMENT.

Another trainer is of opinion that a dog should never know of the existence of such a thing as a whip. All trainers agree that when the business of giving a dog a lesson has commenced, there should be no corporal punishment. "Once loose your temper," said a trainer to the writer, "and you may as well give it up at once. A dog only gets flustered when the trainer loses his temper, and a dog then cannot learn anything."

There is, of course, a vast difference between the intelligence of dogs, and it has been found that those which learn the most quickly are either pointer or half-breed poodles. There is an saying among dog-trainers that "you can teach a poodle to do anything except love you," but there are many exceptions to this rule.

TO SIT ON A CHAIR.

The first thing that the professional trainer usually teaches his dog is to sit on a chair and remain there until he is told to get down. Two lessons of a quarter of an hour a day are better than one lesson of half an hour, for "little and often" is the trainer's motto. The dog is taught to sit on a chair while the lesson is proceeding, and he will get them to whistle and sing and make a noise generally. If the dog has been properly trained he takes no notice of anyone or anything, but remains on his chair until the trainer gives him the signal to get down.

FACING THE FOOTLIGHTS.

A trainer with a group of performing dogs will then take the dog to the stage and introduce him to the public. For however well trained the dog may be he would probably be an absolute failure as a public performer if he had no experience of "facing the footlights." In a week, however, a good dog, having nothing to do on the stage except to sit still, will become accustomed to the glare of the footlights and the music and the applause from the front of the house. Meanwhile, in the daytime, he is receiving more lessons.

The dog is taught to come when he is called. The trainer picks up a piece of string on his collar, lets him run loose, and calls him by name. If he does not come the trainer pulls the string gently—as not to frighten the dog—and so brings the dog to him. When the dog comes he is coaxed and rewarded. When he declines to come—after a few lessons—he is scolded. He soon learns the lesson.

"ACTING DOGS."

Nowadays there is a great craze for "acting dogs"—dogs which come on the stage and do things by themselves. In every case the trainer begins by leading the dog through the movements he is to make, and at each lesson the trainer does exactly the same thing in the same way and uses the same words in giving a command. The dog is taught to beg by being first backed up to a corner, where he has two walls to rest against. He is taught to walk on his hind legs by being led about in this position while the trainer supports him from behind. Jumping is a very easy trick to teach. The trainer begins by holding a stick so low down that the dog cannot under it, and then coaxes the dog to get over it. By degrees the stick is raised until the dog is compelled to jump in order to get over it and directly he does so he is well rewarded. Performing dogs receive most of their food in the shape of rewards for good conduct.

OUTCRY AGAINST CRUELTY.

Every now and again one hears of an outcry against the cruelty of teaching dogs to perform tricks. The outcry may be justified in the case of dogs that are taught to jump over very high obstacles, because that is about the only kind of trick which can be taught with a whip. It is possible to "whip a dog over" a high jump. The audience does not see the whipper, because the dog starts his "run up" at one side of the stage. A whip is worse than useless to the trainer who is teaching a dog to do a trick in this way.

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DEATHS.

BLACK—At Cambridge, Queens Co., N. B., Mr. Robert Black, in his 83rd year.  
Funeral on Tuesday, June 16th.

SULTAN'S TROOPS REVOLT.

TANGIER, June 15.—Four thousand of the troops of Abd El Aziz, the Sultan, have revolted and taken prisoner a French commander and three other officers.

AN ANCIENT PIBLE.

Valuable Manuscript Treasured in the Cottonian Library.

In the Cottonian Library in England is an old manuscript copy of a part of the Bible in Latin. This was used at the coronation of English sovereigns 300 years before the "Bible of destiny" was brought from Scio to Westminster by Edward I. In other words, the use of this Bible for the purpose in question dated back to the year 1260.

The Bible is a quarto of 217 leaves, containing the four gospels, and seems from the style of the writing and illuminations, which are very beautiful, to have been made about the end of the ninth century.

The Testament escaped destruction in the fire at Ashburnham House in 1731 of which it bears evidence on its crumpled leaves and stained margins. There is some evidence that the son of Edward the Elder, Athelstan the Glorious, who was king of the west Saxons from 925 to 939, owned this Bible and presented it to the church of Dover.

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NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR  
RECEIVED BY KAISER

BERLIN, June 14.—The Emperor today received the new American ambassador to Germany, David Jayne Hill, who succeeds Charlesman Tower. The presentation took place in the garden. Count Von Eulenburg and Baron Knorring conducted the ambassador. The Emperor receiving him with great cordiality. After the formal presentation and the delivery of greetings from President Roosevelt and his official letter, the Emperor engaged Mr. Hill in conversation for half an hour, showing his most charming social qualities.

WAS ONCE GOVERNOR—  
GENERAL OF CANADA

LONDON, June 14.—Frederick Arthur Stanley, Earl of Derby, died here today. The Earl was born in 1841. As Lord Stanley he was Governor General of Canada in 1885-86.

AMERICANS WILL ENFORCE  
ORDER AT PANAMA

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Preparations have been made by the government for any serious eventuation of the Panama election crisis that may occur. A sufficient force even now is within easy reach of Panama to quell any disturbance that may be caused.

USUALLY THE WAY.  
"A man likes to hear his talk so well," said Uncle Eben, "dat mos' conversation looks jes' like two people impatiently waitin' fer turns to say ampin'."

TORPEDO BOAT MORRIS  
MAKES RECORD RUN

NEWPORT, R. I., June 11.—The torpedo boat Morris, which took part in the naval tests in connection with the Monitor Florida arrived tonight from Norfolk. She made the run of 380 miles from Norfolk to the torpedo station in less than 24 hours, including a stop of one hour to repair a pump and easing down to clean floor. This is said to be the record run of small torpedo boats between the two points.

Does not Color the Hair  
AYER'S HAIR VIGOR