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Note and Comment.

Senator Wark has made a donation of \$1,000 to the University of New Brunswick.

Upon a paid-up capital of \$2,500,000 the Dominion Bank, Toronto, last year made net profits of \$353,172, or 14.12 per cent.

The C.P.R. and its telegraphers have reached an agreement. The telegraphers get an increase, though not as much as they asked for.

Of the seventeen thousand Jews in India, ten or twelve thousand claim to be descendants of Israelites who emigrated from Judaea to India in the days of Solomon.

There have been six thousand applications for the six hundred seats allotted Lord Strathcona in the colonial stand by the imperial authorities.

The degree of D.D. has been conferred by the University of St. Andrews on the Rev. James Moffat, the author of the recent notable critical work on the New Testament.

Not more than one Chinese man in a hundred, taking the Empire through, can read, and still fewer can write a letter. Of the women, not more than one in a thousand can read.

The old Bible sold a few days ago for two thousand and twenty-five dollars is said to be the only known copy of the first Bible printed in the English tongue. The date of its printing was 1752.

There is little doubt that complaints against the orthodoxy of Professor George Adam Smith will come before the General Assembly. Dr. Moffat also will come in for his share.

King Edward, it is said, will appoint the Duke of Fife Lord High Constable for the Coronation, in order to give his son-in-law precedence over the other dukes who are his seniors in rank.

Rabbi Hirsch, in a recent sermon, urged Jews to adopt the Christian Sunday. "The Sabbath of the Jews is dead," said he; "let us bury it." No, it is not dead; it lives in the Lord's Day.

Secretary Shaw, of the United States treasury, decides that the St. Louis exposition authorities must enter into a contract to close the gates on Sunday, otherwise no warrants on the treasury will be paid.

Principal Rainy presided at a meeting the other day in Glasgow when Principal George Clark Hutton, D.D., Paisley, was presented with a public testimonial to his worth on occasion of his ministerial jubilee. It consisted of (1) his portrait painted by Sir George Reid, (2) a massive silver casket, and (3) an illuminated address.

"Tell the carpers we're building fifteen churches a week," said the secretary of the church-building society at the Presbyterian General Assembly, New York. That's the way Christianity is "losing ground."

Last month was characterized by most unusual numerous catastrophes from natural forces—mine explosions and other causes. The sympathies of the whole world have been touched by exceptional suffering and misery. June ought to bring peace and calm, widely diffused.

One of the queerest streets in the world is a thoroughfare in Canton. It is occupied exclusively by dentists and apothecaries, is entirely roofed with glazed paper, and contains more signs, cards, and billboards than any other street in the world.

Four years ago Dawson was a place unmarked on any map, a few tents, with gold-seekers, alone forming the place. Now it is a city with an assessment of \$12,000,000, electric lighting, telephones, public halls, and handsome residences.

Rev. J. Marshall Lang, D.D., and the Rev. Wm. Milligan, D.D., of Aberdeen, have arrived in Canada and preached in St. Andrew's and St. Paul's churches, Montreal, on Sabbath last week. They are delegates to the General Assembly which meets at Toronto.

The German kaiser strikes another blow at Christian Science. He forbids any member of the army, the navy, the court, or the church, to join this cult, whether for physical healing or for spiritual purposes, under the penalty of ostracism.

It is said that for more than half a century the late Bishop Taylor slept like Jacob at Bethel, with his head upon a stone, which he carried with him wherever he went. He was a man of wonderful physical endurance, and believed in "keeping the body under."

The latest proposition concerning Palestine is that a new crusade be started to free it from Moslem rule: a money crusade, not by Jews, but by an international society representing the Christian nations. Palestine will have to be Christian before it will again flow with milk and honey.

Liverpool, England, has demolished 12,000 unsanitary dwellings, at a cost of about \$2,000,000, and proposes within the next twelve years to demolish 10,000 more. These are replaced with sanitary dwellings. Cleanliness is next to godliness, and sometimes it is next before it.

News from Rome concerning the success of the Taft mission to the Vatican is reassuring. A willingness has been expressed that the Philippine monasteries and converts shall be under civil law. The United States government agrees to create new dioceses, which, however, must be under American bishops.

An offer has been made to the Corporation of Edinburgh by the United Free Church to sell the Synod Hall Buildings, which are now required for church purposes, the ground to be utilised as a site for the Usher Hall. The Lord Provost's Committee of the Corporation are said to entertain the proposal favourably.

The House of Lords have decided, by a majority of 3 to 2, that a sub contractor was liable for compensation to a workman who was killed in his employment. The appeal was brought by the builders, who contracted for the whole building, and who had been sued by the man's widow for compensation, and held liable by the Court of Appeal.

The total revenue of the English Presbyterian Church for the past year amounted to £320,852, against £298,781 in the previous year, an increase of £22,071. The increase was mainly due to a sum of £20,000 received under the Sturge bequest. The membership at the close of last year was 77,997, an increase of 1,926.

Liquor dealers in Abingdon, Mass., by way of a joke, nominated Rev. W. H. Wyman for constable, but they have about come to the conclusion that the joke is on them instead of on the ministry. They thought the proffer of such an honor would anger Mr. Wyman, but he enlisted the aid of local Church people, was triumphantly elected, and now declares that the Sunday and midnight closing ordinances must be rigidly observed.

The Hon. Judge Forbes of St. John, recently addressed large audiences at Bathurst, Campbellton, Dalhousie, New Mills, and Chatham on the subject of The West Indies. He indicated the great value of our connection with these islands and our responsibilities. He gave his audiences the benefit of his recent southern tour. Our correspondent says that "his address was of thrilling interest. He spoke mainly for the benefit of our missions. Judge Forbes is ever ready to help in a good cause. We hope other Presbyteries as well as that of Miramichi will have the benefit of his admirable addresses."

When President Roosevelt was president of the Police Board of New York City, he wrote these words to "McClure's Magazine:—"The liquor business is certainly not a business which stands well in comparison with other occupations. It tends to produce criminality in the population at large, and law breaking in every the saloon keepers themselves. In every civilized community saloon keepers are hampered by more or less rigid restrictions. They do harm enough as it is; but without these restrictions they would do indefinitely more. In some localities it is possible not merely to restrict, but to stop the traffic altogether. In large cities this is not possible; but it is entirely possible to hedge the trade so as to minimize its attendant evils. When the liquor men are allowed to do as they wish, they are sure to debauch not only the body social, but the body political also."