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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Committee on the accommodation of the members of General Assembly desire to state that they have made arrangements for all who have applied, and have sent out notices in time to reach them before leaving home. If for any reason they fail to receive these they are requested to apply on arrival in the city at Knox church which is situated only a short distance from either railway station. Members of the Committee will be in attendance to give all necessary information.

The election of Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, D.D., to the post of Moderator of the General Assembly is taken by the United States press as evidence of the obliteration of the lines that have separated the conservatives and the liberals in American church affairs. Dr. Radcliffe and Dr. McCook have been co-adjutors in the interests of the orthodox view, in the Briggs, and Smith controversies, but was regarded as a man of moderate views and his nomination for the moderatorship now by liberals and conservatives indicates, it is believed, increasing harmony as between the parties hitherto in active opposition on the inerrancy resolutions.

The Methodist Church of the United States, unlike that of Canada, is Episcopal in name and constitution, but a change of a somewhat radical character is impending. It is practically settled that hereafter as many laymen as ministers will sit in the General Conference. Nearly all the Spring Conferences have

voted on the subject, giving more than a two-thirds majority in favor of equal lay representation. This is a decided reversal of the vote of last year, and shows that the denomination is ready to consider and act on good reasons for changing its mind. Larger participation of laymen in church Government means larger activities in the whole denomination, both business and spiritual.

The sad story of massacre from West Africa has not only been confirmed but added to. It seems that in addition to those at first reported as having been killed, the Rev. Mr. McGrew and his wife, American missionaries have been murdered. The information comes from the Governor of Sierra Leone, to the British Colonial Office and is transmitted by him from despatches sent by Colonel Woodgate the Commander of a British West Africa force which has just captured Taiama. These losses are sincerely to be deplored and the sympathy of the Christian Church goes out to the relatives of those who have received, in a hazardous field, the crown of martyrdom, and to the church under whose auspices the mission was being prosecuted.

The ceremonies in connection with Mr. Gladstone's funeral at Westminster Abbey were magnificent and imposing and in keeping with the great occasion. Princes and peers, dignitaries of church and State were in attendance and no circumstance was wanting to mark the splendour and greatness of the scene. The service was solemn and impressive, but one passage from the reports tells more of the secret of Mr. Gladstone's greatness and of his power than does the pomp and panoply of the whole ceremony. "Already there is a mythical Gladstone," says the writer, "with which men's imaginations are conjuring, but his faith was no myth, and it is certain that his death has had much of the potency of a national religious revival." In this statement lies the key to the deceased statesman's life, and should his millions of admirers, who will cherish the memory of his great career, seek to honour that memory in the best possible way. They should bethink themselves of his faith in God, his sense of obligation to his maker and his dependence on the divine guidance. The provost of Trinity University in a memorial sermon last Sabbath stated that Mr. Gladstone "always went from communion with God to the affairs of State." How much more joy and success would accompany men in their business if they leavened their daily life work by the principles adhered to by the "Grand Old Man."

"Kensitism" is the term employed in the British press to denote the movement against ultra-ritualistic practices in the Church of England. The protest made by Mr. Kensit may not have been in perfect good taste,—and High Churchmen have been greatly shocked by it, but the thoughtful churchmen who see clearly the