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## Note and Comment.

The new Protestant movement in Austria makes such way that a Roman propaganda has been started to oppose it.

The anti-Ritualist party in the Church of England have resolved on the extreme step of memorialising the King to annul Canon Gore's appointment to the Bishopric of Worcester.

Dr. Dowie and his brother-in-law, Mr. Samuel Stevenson, have quarrelled over the management of Zion Lace Works, and the latter has appealed for an official receiver to be sent to Zion.

The announcement that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit the South of France this winter goes to show that there is not, after all, so much bitterness between Britain and France as had been supposed.

A Church of England newspaper says one Presbyterian Church in Berwick subscribes four times as much to foreign missions as the four local Anglican churches, in addition to large sums given for home work and the Bible Society.

Miss Mary B. Livingston, a niece of the distinguished African missionary explorer, has died at Minneapolis, Minnesota, U. S. A. Death resulted from an operation to dislodge a bone which fixed in her throat during luncheon the other day.

Cruden, whose Concordance of the Bible is a household book, passed a chequered and troublous life in London and its neighborhood, but he has now the honour of a stain-glass window in St. Saviour's Collegiate Church, Southwark.

Principal Fairbairn has completed his 67th year. He was born the son of a Mid-Lothian village, completed his education at Edinburgh University and at Berlin, received his theological training at Glasgow, and is a D.D. of Edinburgh and Yale, and an L.L.D. of Aberdeen.

At a meeting held in Edinburgh on the 14th ult. it was agreed to hold an International Exhibition in Edinburgh in 1907. It was also decided to apply to the Town Council to grant the use of the West Meadows and the lower part of Bruntsfield Links as a site for it.

Rev. Alex. Connell took the earliest possible opportunity of requesting the representatives of Claremont Church, Glasgow, to refrain from prosecuting their intended call. Mr. Connell's prompt action has given great satisfaction to his attached people at Regent Square, London.

With the change of rulers in Afghanistan has set in a new and more acute stage in the international railroad war in Western and Central Asia. Trouble has already arisen over the new German line which has been begun from the Aegean Sea to the Persian Gulf by way of Damascus, Bagdad and Busorah.

The Roman Catholic priest at Sydney, Says the Religious Intelligencer, is taking strong ground against the liquor traffic in that town. On a recent Sabbath he severely denounced the deadly business. Priests can do great good when they are pronounced in their opposition to the traffic.

After careful consideration of the whole question involved by his proposal to resign the pastorate of Christ Church, Westminster, the Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A., has intimated his decision. He says that he must adhere to his determination to devote himself to the work of an evangelist rather than of a settled minister.

The British Parliament has been prorogued until Dec. 14th, and is expected to be further prorogued until January 16th, when it is said the King will open it in person. Money to carry on the war will claim the first attention of the House of Commons, but a Bill is to be introduced as soon as possible to reform its procedure.

A Chinese manuscript lately discovered in the Paris library proves the startling fact that anaesthetics were used in China 1,700 years ago. A certain concoction, it states, was given by the doctors before performing an operation which rendered the patient unconscious. The anaesthetic was a simple preparation of hemp.

A return shows that the Established Church of Scotland receives £300,000 annually of public money. Of this £25,000 is directly voted by Parliament out of the Imperial purse; £250,000 is got by taxes upon land, ultimately paid by tenants in their rents; £50,000 might be the value of minister's glebes; and there are other sources of revenue.

The Michigan Presbyterian remarks: It does not speak well for Michigan that four or five murder trials have been in progress lately, in different counties of our state. Our indulgent treatment of murderers seems to put a premium upon crime. We may yet be forced, in self defense, to return to the ancient and scriptural rule of a life for a life.

A German authority who has just arrived in London from Berlin says that the German Government is sending two Commissioners to Canada to report upon the dairy and kindred industries in the Dominion. The tariffs notwithstanding, an increasing quantity of Canadian dairy and farm produce is finding a market in Germany, especially in the western provinces or the Empire, and feeling is strong in industrial quarters that such importations should be encouraged.

Speaking on Friday, of last week at an Edinburgh banquet, Lord Dufferin, in reply to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's declaration that he was still a Home Ruler, said he thought Sir Henry would never consent to place the whole of the unlettered peasantry of Connaught upon the rocks of the industrious population of the rest of the country. (Loud applause.) He would never allow

Ireland, which was within the backdoor of England, to become a place of landing for the first foreign nation that choose to pick a quarrel with us. (Applause.) He would never allow its harbors and ports to be the refuge and starting-places from which a hostile fleet could descend upon our unprotected cities, and make havoc with our merchant fleets. In a brief reference to the war the Marquis said no one had more poignant reason to regret its incidence than himself.

The "New York Tribune," discussing Mr. Redmond's mission, says he must base his hope for success upon racial sympathy only. There is no Irish party here. American and British politics are and should be kept distinct. No appeal, which seriously infringes International courtesy, will or should meet with substantial support, or permanent response. Mr. Redmond should appreciate this truth independently of whatever he may infer from the enthusiasm of his audiences.

By command of King Edward the three gun carriages which bore the remains of the late Queen in the different stages of the funeral from Osborne to Windsor in February last have been presented to the capitals of England, Scotland and Ireland respectively, and on the 15th inst. the gift to the Scottish people of one of these interesting mementoes of the national bereavement was handed to the custody of the garrison at Edinburgh Castle.

Dr. Ryle, Bishop of Exeter, speaking at a Church defence meeting, said an attack would undoubtedly be made on the Church before long, and to withstand it the Church must be united, must insist on the reform of abuses, and must define the share of the laity in her government. They ought to consider how and on what lines the Church could hold out the right hand of fellowship to the Nonconforming bodies, and the fact that reunion was a long way off was not a reason why steps should not be taken in its direction.

The report of the American Bible Society for 1900 shows that its total issues for the year, at home and abroad, amount to 1,554,128 copies—147,327 above the previous year. Of these, 580,513 were distributed in the United States and 973,615 in foreign lands—an increase of 141,118 in the foreign distribution. More than half of the issues were printed at the Bible House, New York. Of the remainder, a large part were printed in Syria, Siam, China and Japan. The total issues of the society during 85 years amount to 68,923,434.

Li Hung Chang never underestimated his importance. An American gentleman who once interviewed the veteran Chinese statesman at Peking stated that he conducted himself like an emperor, and treated everyone as his inferiors; but he was, nevertheless, very hospitable. During the conversation Li Hung Chang said to the interviewer: "You will be a man of moment when you return to your land. Your people will say: 'He has been to China; he has interviewed Li Hung Chang.' Yes, you will be renowned."