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Note and Comment.

A movement has been started to place a memorial of Mr. Archibald Forbes, the famous Scotch war correspondent, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

Serious dissensions have appeared in "Dr." John Alexander Dowie's Zion, and some of his trusted lieutenants have resigned and denounced him as a hypocrite.

Prince Edward Albert, the eldest son of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, will join his parents when they reach Canada on their return from their Australian tour.

The British Ambassador at Washington has decided to sail for London on June 5th, accompanied by Lady Pauncefoot and her three daughters. He does not believe the Duke of York will come to the United States on his homeward trip from Australia.

The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan has brought to a close his ministry at New Court Chapel, Tooting Park, London; but the farewell meeting of the church will not be held until June 10th, and the larger public farewell is fixed for June 6th, at the City Temple.

At the meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, held in this city last week, the following officers were elected: President, Professor Loudon, Toronto; vice-president, Sir James Grant; secretary, Sir John Bourinot; treasurer, Dr. James Fletcher. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Toronto.

Hon. David Mills, who leaves for England on the 5th prox., will appear for Canada at the conference to be held in London, to give representation to the colonies on the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council. No better representative could have been selected than Dr. Mills. He will see that the interests of Canada are well safeguarded.

During the four months of the year the total numbers who have left the British islands for places out of Europe were 76,636, compared with 70,305, and of this 3797 were Scottish, compared with 4010 in the corresponding period. The United States got 51,227 of the emigrants British North America 11,044, Australia 4534, the South African colonies 5792, and other places 6039.

The crisis in the coal trade, brought about by the introduction of the export duty in Britain of a shilling per ton on coal, has subsided, and the threatened general strike of miners has been abandoned. Both the masters and men, whilst denouncing the tax, have decided against a cessation of work at all the pits in the Kingdom, as was originally threatened.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of England was opened in London on the 29th. The retiring Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Watson, of Liverpool (Ian Maclaren), preached a sermon in which he said their Church was the very type of prosperous middle-classdom. With certain exceptions their worship, their preaching, their methods of work, and their ideals of life, however excellent they might be, were those of a class. The Rev. J. Christie, of Carlisle, whose appearance last autumn on the platform of the Scottish Sabbath School Convention will be remembered with pleasure by many in Dumfries, was unanimously elected Moderator.

So far as can be ascertained from the conflicting despatches China has agreed to pay the amount of indemnity claimed by the allied Powers, and all that is at issue now is the mode of payment. Li Hung Chang has declared himself in favour of reformation of imperial and native customs under the direction of Sir Robert Hart, Imperial Commissioner of Maritime Customs, in such a way that the revenue from these sources will be increased 10,000,000 taels (\$7,180,000) annually. This money, with 4,000,000 of the 10,000,000 taels now collected from the salt tax, is to be devoted to the payment of the indemnity.

Mr. Delpit, who gained considerable notoriety by his unsuccessful effort to have his marriage annulled, will, it is stated, shortly apply to the courts of the state of New York to obtain a divorce from the mother of his three children. Mr. Delpit is at present in Melbourne, Australia, on business, but he has definitely fixed his domicile in New York, where his family resides. His two little girls are boarding in a convent of the American metropolis, and his son is at present in a Paris lyceum. It would thus appear that Mr. Delpit has abandoned his announced intention to appeal his case to a higher court in his own country.

Sir Thomas Clarke, of the great publishing house of T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh has left an estate valued at £210,506. There are several bequests to Church and Philanthropic Schemes, including £600 to the Sustentation Fund. Among other estates of Publishers and Printers reported from time to time have been those of Thomas Nelson, aged 69, of Edinburgh, £630,867; George William Petter, 65, of Cassell, Petter & Galpin, £520,561; Col. George M. Corquodale, 78, £372,887; Alexander Macmillan, 77, £179,011; Robert Cradock Nichols, 69, £170,160; Edward Robert Kelly, 79, £164,109; R. Clarke, 63, of Edinburgh, £163,164; J. Van Voorst, 94, of Paternoster Row, £157,431; Adam Black, 62, of Edinburgh, £149,261; George Routledge, 76, £94,774; George Bell, 76, of George Bell & Sons, £35,596; John Murray, 83, of Albemarle street, £71,000; Francis Black £72,000.

It has been pointed out that though added together the divorces granted in all other civilized countries do not equal the number granted in the United States. While the population here is growing at the rate of 23 per cent per annum the number of divorced persons is increasing at the rate of nearly 70 per cent yearly. Sober-minded citizens who understand that the strength of a nation is in its marriage altars, rather than its divorce courts, must pause and ask whether the nation is drifting.

During a discussion on higher criticism in the synod of Toronto and Kingston some rather liberal views were expressed regarding the bible by several of the speakers, when the venerable Dr. Gregg said that as a bible student of sixty years standing he could not conscientiously remain silent. He did not believe, as some would lead him to think that they did, that the Bible is a mere vehicle of stories. He did not believe that the book of Leviticus is a series of falsehoods. "I raise my voice against such sentiments as these," concluded Dr. Gregg, "for if such are to be uttered by Professors and Doctors of Divinity we would soon all be infidels."

Looking to the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which opened in Philadelphia last week, a few words about Presbyterianism in New York, says the Scottish American Journal, may not be inappropriate. There are in the city 52 Presbyterian churches, with 171 ministers and 25,000 members. Of the two great theological seminaries one, nobly endowed and ably manned, is under Presbyterian management, and supported by Presbyterian funds. The City Mission and Tract Society has a Presbyterian for its president, a Presbyterian minister for its superintendent, five other Presbyterian ministers in its chapels, and Presbyterians supply the greater part of the funds for its support. The American Bible Society has a Presbyterian secretary, the American Tract Society two Presbyterian Secretaries, and the greater part of the support of these two institutions is contributed by Presbyterians. The presidents of the Children's Aid Society, of the Society for the Suppression of Vice, and of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, are Presbyterians, and among the directors of these societies are a large number of Presbyterian names. The Presbyterian Hospital, a large part of whose inmates are Roman Catholics, has a Presbyterian president, and a Presbyterian clergyman as superintendent. Presbyterian elders hold prominent positions in the Roosevelt Hospital, the New York Hospital, the Demit Dispensary, and half a dozen other charitable institutions which might be named, while Presbyterian ladies direct in the management of the Young Women's Christian Association, the Margaret Louisa Home, the Association for Working Girls, and many other institutions for women.