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## NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churches in the United States are uniting to establish a theological school for the training of native Chinese ministers at Nanking, China. The great need in Chinese mission work today is a thoroughly trained native ministry.

The 24th annual Synod of the State of Iowa, U.S.A., met in Westminster Church, Cedar Rapids, on October 17th. The retiring Moderator, Rev. Neal A. McCauley, D. D., is a native of Cape Breton, N.S., and has been in the West since 1875. He is now pastor at Wilton Junction, Iowa.

The Indian Witness, organ of the M. E. church in India, reports that there is a gradual awakening on the part of the social and political disadvantages entailed by caste, and a growing restlessness under its almost intolerable burdens. This is a hopeful sign, and points to the beginning of better things for the Hindu people.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Ford, a well-known litterateur. Mr. Ford was born in the village of Wolhill, in the parish of Carhill, Perthshire, in 1846. He was a diligent contributor to Scottish literary magazines, and his "Thistle-down," which has gone through several editions, is recognized as a worthy sequel to Dean Ramsay's "Reminiscences."

Says the Philadelphia Westminister:—"The measure of a man's influence at the opening of the Nineteenth Century in American life was, what has he done for his country? At the opening of the Twentieth Century it is how much money has he made, that is, how much has he done for himself?" Was this virulent disease struck Canada?

The statement is made that when the Japanese immigration into Hawaii fell off, the sugar planters imported 10,000 Koreans. Among the number were thirty Methodist converts, and they labored with such good effect during the voyage that upon arrival at Honolulu there were fifty Methodists. The fifty kept at work, and now there is a Korean Methodist church in Hawaii.

In some of his speeches in the Southern States President Roosevelt urged the importance of forest preservation which he holds is vital to the interests of the country. "The prime difference between civilized and uncivilized peoples is that in civilized peoples each generation works, not only for its own well-being, but for the well-being of the generations yet unborn. If we permit the natural resources of this land to be destroyed . . .

When the police in Denmark find a man helplessly drunk in the streets, they drive the patient in a cab to a station, where he sobers off. Then they take him home. The cabman makes his charge, the police doctor makes his, the agents make their claim for special duty; and this bill is presented to the landlord of the establishment where the drunkard took the last of the drinks that caused his intoxication. How would a similar law work in Canada?

Mr. Edison thinks people eat and sleep too much and do not work enough. At sixty years of age, his working day lasts from 5 a.m. to midnight, and he rarely takes more than five minutes for a meal. He lived for two months on four ounces of food at each of his three daily meals. This restricted dietary made him brighter mentally, and diminished neither his strength nor his weight.

The Free Church is multiplying its claim for churches at present occupied by the United Free Church. It is believed that the total number of claims now exceed two hundred and fifty. The High United Free Church, Edinburgh, is claimed, and also the Grange United Free Church, the title deeds of which are said to have a clause precluding union. The Commission will, therefore, have a long and perplexing roll of business and a final settlement may be postponed for a long time.

At an Exeter Hall meeting in London, Rev. John McNeill, the Scottish evangelist, referring to the Welsh revival, asked this pertinent question:—"Is there no Evan Roberts among you young Presbyterians? Go back, you ministers, to your young men and maidens, and press upon them to pray! They want to do open-air work, and deeds of daring-do, but this work of prayer, just because it is unheroic, is the testing thing. Prayer in Wales became dynamic and Titanic and we want it in Presbyterianism. First of all, prayer; and then, praise. That is what Wales has taught us—praise that has become a live wire."

Here is a suggestion from the Canadian Baptist which is worth consideration seriously:—"Evangelistic methods are not difficult to exercise in ordinary services if only the pastor is strongly motivated by the prayers and presence of leading men and women in his church. We see no reason why there should not generally be held at the close of the Sunday evening service an after-meeting in which there is a drawing of the net, an application of some method by which decisions and open confessions shall be made in the name of Christ. But meetings of this kind are shorn of much influence and blessed results if those who are 'pillars' in the church do not give their presence and help."

Mr. William Baker, M.A., LL.B., chairman of the Council of the Barnardo Homes, who is to succeed the late Dr. Barnardo as director of the Homes, is an eminent counsel of 30 years' standing. He has been closely associated for eighteen years with the rescue work in the East End, and also had charge of a children's mission at West Norwood for fifteen years, while formerly his wife and he did a great deal of mission work in the Potteries. Mr. Baker is resigning a large part of his chancery practice. He does not, he told an interviewer, contemplate any changes in the methods which Dr. Barnardo adopted for reclaiming and educating the outcast.

According to the Belfast Witness the German Kaiser does not view with pleasure the accession of Prince Charles of Denmark to the throne of Norway. He is afraid that cancer says, that with the conclusion of King Edward seated thereon, British influence will succumb to that of Germany and Norway. William is very suspicious, not always very logical. He himself stands in much closer relation to the British throne and Royal Family than does Prince Charles but had he succeeded in planting one of his own sons in Norway, only the joker would have said that this would mark the apotheosis of John Bull at Christiania.

"That vigorous institution, the Church Missionary Society, is about to despatch a very important pioneer expedition to the Soudan," says the "Church of Ireland Gazette." "The sphere of its work which has been selected by Lord Cromer comprises a region about four times the size of England, inhabited by tribes all of which are pagan and some cannibals. It is intersected by the Up-

per Nile, and was marked as the object of a mission nearly thirty years ago by General Gordon. Now that great Christian's dream is fulfilled. The advance guard of the expedition, consisting of six missionaries, left Marseilles on the 18th of October, and hope to reach the scene of their labors by Christmas.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, in an address at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, said some good things in a vigorous and effective way. For instance:—"When good citizens attend to their civic duties their civic energy is represented in good officials. When they are careless their slothfulness is represented by corrupt officials. A lawbreaker is a criminal, no matter to what party he may belong. There is no secret remedy known for public evils. They can not be cured by hiding them. After all the highest civic virtue a city can display is the correction and overthrow of civic wrongs." It would be a good thing for Ottawa if her citizens would lay these pithy sentences to heart when they address themselves to the task of selecting civic representatives at the forthcoming elections.

There arrived in Belfast, Ireland, a few weeks ago from the Argentine Republic, South America, two interesting missionaries. Some nine years ago, in Londonderry, there was formed what was known as the South American Faith Mission, and its two first representatives were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Logan, both natives of Ireland, living near the city of Derry, and both Presbyterians. Their work has been singularly successful. During the eight years they have been at work two splendid stations have been opened, and hundreds influenced by the Gospel. In neither of these places was there any Gospel work done previous to the coming there of Mr. and Mrs. Logan. The people are in open rebellion against much that is taught by the Church of Rome. The men have forsaken the churches, and now the women are fast following. The country is open from one end to the other for Gospel work. The people are eager to hear, and asking for preachers, and a bright day seems dawning for South America.

At an anniversary meeting of an Irish temperance organization, held recently in Dublin, the following letter from Dr. Starkie, Resident Commissioner of Education, was read:—"The Commissioners of National Education are intensely interested in the cause of temperance, and they have for many years past adopted every means in their power to encourage the teaching of temperance in their schools by means of temperance reading books, temperance lessons in their ordinary readers, and especially by means of object lessons on such subjects as indicate the physiological effects of intemperate habits. But it must be understood that the Commissioners can do little in this matter compared with those in immediate contact with the children—viz., the teachers and managers. The managers can at present direct temperance instruction to be given in their schools, but it lies with the teachers' province, by example and precept, to further the cause to a greater extent, perhaps than is open to any other persons." Dr. Starkie, says the Belfast Witness, proved himself on a memorable occasion to be a liberal, broad-minded educationist, although an Irish Catholic; he has now shown himself a wise temperance reformer. The Witness speaks strongly in favor of promoting temperance by the teaching of temperance principles in the schools. What is being done in this province to inculcate scientific temperance principles in our public schools?