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Enough.

God holds the key of all unknown,
And I am glad;
If other hands should hold the key,
Or if he trusted it to me,
I might be sad,

I can not read the future plan,
But this I know;
I have the smiling of His face,
And all the refuge of His grace,
While here below.

Enough, this covers all my want,
And so I rest;
For what I can not, He can see,
For in His care I sure shall be
Forever blessed.

OVER LAND AND SEA.

The Queen has signified her willingness to receive a unique petition in forty-four languages, which has been signed by her women subjects in all parts of the world, praying for increased protection against the evils of the liquor traffic and the opium trade. The document contains over 7,000,000 signatures and endorsements, which have been accumulated during the last few years by the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union. As it is impossible to hand this immense roll to Her Majesty, its pages have been photographed and handsomely bound in two large volumes for presentation. The Queen has never at one time received any petition signed by so many of her subjects. The names of Miss Frances Willard and Lady Henry Somerset head the list, as president and vice-president respectively of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Archæology continues to answer the speculative assertions and unwarranted-assumptions of the higher criticism. Its inferences of the late date of the earlier books of the Bible are one after another overthrown by the testimony of unearthed records. Among other proofs that the Pentateuch and Joshua were written by contemporaries, John Urquhart, in the admirable series of articles in the New York *Observer* on "Modern Discovery and the Bible," calls attention to the complete refutation of the argument built upon the occurrence of the word "jasper" in the enumeration of the precious stones in the breast-plate of Aaron. It was argued that the word was Greek, and could not have been known to Moses. It is now proved by its occurrence in almost the identical form with the Hebrew on the Tel-el-Amarna tablets, that the Greeks borrowed it as so much else from the East, and that the stone and its name were in use long before the Exodus. Thus one by one the inferences of the critics are shown to be groundless.

The Presbyterian Church of Queensland is extending her missions to the Kanakas in the Mackay district, Queensland, and asks for an additional missionary, who will attend to the Polynesians on the north side of the Pioneer River, Mackay—the present missionary, the Rev. Mr. McIntyre, henceforth confining his labors

to the south side of that river. In this way, it is hoped that the whole population from the South Seas in the district will be reached.

An examination of the lately published statistics of the Northern Presbyterian Church shows that its membership is largely in the very heart of the nation, in the Central States, where there is the greatest accumulation of population and wealth. Pennsylvania is the banner State, reporting 201,477 communicants, which is only twenty per cent. of the whole. New York comes next with 177,142. Ohio is third with 96,461. New Jersey is fourth with 67,075.

There is one kind of honesty which a preacher or other public speaker should scrupulously practice with his hearers, and that is the keeping of good faith with them in the matter of actually concluding a discourse when he promises to do so. No man has a right to have two "conclusions," three "furthermores," four "let us remark in additions," five "just to detain you a moment mores," six "lastlys," and more than "one final word." The ethics of public address forbid these rhetorical prevarications.

The Catholic Review confesses itself pleased with the spirit and purposes of the Christian Endeavor Societies, and says: "If we can transfer a little of their enthusiasm and intense zeal and devotion to the tepid, half-hearted portion of our own people who are mere nominal Catholics, we need not be ashamed to acknowledge ourselves indebted to them for a very valuable acquisition."

Mr. Ralph E. Prime, of Yonkers, was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of New York at its late convention. This is the first layman elected Moderator by that Synod.

A new telephone, M. Keldushoffsky's patent, has been tried in Russia, with the result that messages have been conveyed perfectly from Moscow to Rostoff, a distance of 900 miles. The inventor thinks that telephonic messages might be conveyed across the Atlantic by his method.

It is said that there are 3,000,000 men in the United States compelled to work on the Sabbath. One of the most important objects to be attained is to restore to every man one rest day in the week. If, as in a comparatively few employments, work on the Sabbath is a necessity, every man thus employed should have Saturday or Monday to himself for rest, and this provision for Sabbath labor should cover only necessary labor. The great mass of good citizens will always be ready to support any proper effort for a Sabbath rest day.

A new law in Iowa forbids the selling or giving to persons under the age of sixteen of cigars, cigarettes or tobacco in any form. The penalty is a fine of one hundred dollars, or thirty days' imprisonment. The bill was prepared and introduced at the request of the Temperance Committee of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church of Shenandoah, Ia. This committee made a thorough canvass of the State, interesting other societies and creating a sentiment which secured the passage.