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NOTE AND COMMENT

There is to be erected in Kettering, England, a church as a memorial to William Carey. The Baptist Union donated \$2,500 for this purpose.

By an act of the State Legislature the Illinois public schools are to have a course of study in the humane treatment of animals. If the order is disregarded the penalty is a withholding of five per cent. of the teacher's monthly salary.

The death is announced, at the age of 82, of Mrs. Robinson, Kingston, widow of the late Wm. Robinson, ex-M.P.P. She was the only surviving member Cooke's Presbyterian church, who was at its first communion service in 1844.

The feet of Christian Science, said Mr. Stephen Paget, F.R.C.S., at the Congregational Union Congress at Sheffield, England, were red with the blood of those whom she killed by sheer deliberate ignorance and wilful blindness.

"Socialism from the standpoint of Christianity," was the subject of a very interesting discussion at the recent church congress. The Bishop of Truro replied to Lord Rosebery, who defined Socialism as the "end of all things," and declared himself a Christian Socialist."

The Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, announces that its annual mid-winter convention of Christian workers will be held earlier than usual this year, to coincide with the return of Messrs. Chapman and Alexander and their party of evangelists and teachers from Australia, who are to take part in the convention. The dates now contemplated are December 2 to 5.

More than nine-tenths of the inhabitants of Persia, Afghanistan, Morocco and Egypt are Mohammedans in faith. In Turkey the majority are Mohammedans; there are sixty-two and a half millions of them in British India and twenty-five millions in Dutch India. Germany rules eight and a half millions in Africa; France, sixteen and a half millions; and Great Britain, nearly eight millions. Of the 223,000,000 Mohammedans in the world, 160,000,000 are under nominally Christian governments.

It is not given many men to preach from one pulpit for thirty-three years, remarks the Toronto News. It is the accomplishment of a third of a century of service which the pastor of old St. Andrew's and his people this week celebrate. It was in September, 1876, that Rev. Dr. Milligan received a call to the struggling congregation on Adelaide street east. The crowded edifice of Jarvis and Carlton streets is a standing tribute to the power and influence of a long and acceptable pastorate—the end of which is not yet.

There remain unclaimed, it is estimated, \$2,000,000 in coin, \$6,000,000 in bonds and other securities and \$1,000,000 worth of jewels recovered from the ruins of Messina. Besides this there is a further deposit of 100 strong boxes and 4,000 sealed packages, known to contain valuables, which have not been opened, representing at least \$4,000,000. The total of \$13,000,000 does not include the treasures from the cathedral, churches and vaults of banks. The valuables were excavated and were in some instances found clutched in the dead hands of unidentified men and women.

—Gipsy Smith, the evangelist who was so heartily welcomed in Toronto last May, began an evangelistic campaign in Chicago on Sunday, October 3rd. The interest aroused in the meeting has been intense and it is anticipated that splendid results will ensue. The Interior says: "The frie, a which Gipsy Smith made in his last campaign in Chicago seem absolutely united in a desire for his return."

At the recent meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association, in Chicago, Dr. L. Enos Day, of the Chicago meat inspection staff, in an address on infectious diseases, pointed out "the widespread menace of septicaemia from infected meat." Medical practice has given the name of "meat poisoning" to this infection to distinguish it from ptomaine poisoning, the effects of which are similar. A victim of this infection may die of the illness or may only be affected to the degree of a partly poisoned system. Next to tuberculosis, Dr. Day said, he considered septicaemia the most dangerous disease the meat inspector had to guard against.

The New York Christian Advocate recently told of Mr. Fred Moore's connection for seventy-four years with one choir at Stafford, England. It now comes with the information that Mr. George Arnold has been a member of the Holy Trinity Church, Boston, Sussex, England, for more than eighty years; he joined the choir in 1829 and still sings in the chancel behind his grandson, who is also a member of the choir. But the London Mail insists that the Advocate has not yet reached the longest career for it has found the name of John Siddons who in 1814 joined the parish church choir at Snares town and was still in active service there as a chorister in 1896, when he celebrated his ninetieth birthday.

Some who have seen us Westerners in our own haunts and studied us at work and play, remarks the West-land, say that we are boasters and given to vaunting our achievements. The criticism is not, it must be said, entirely unmerited. The self-apparent greatness and goodness of the land we live in have begotten in almost all of us a spirit of proud satisfaction that within limits is good and commendable but that frequently goes to excess. Examples of a public or personal kind will not be lacking if one gives it a thought. Let us be warned. Boasting is neither good advertising nor good ethics. It never makes a sound foundation for either personal or national success. It creates a superficial, not a reliable and rational, patriotism. It is unnecessary in such a country as this. And is isn't good manners.

The London Daily News gives an account of the practical reforms already carried out by the Young Turks. Several thousand officials of the Hamidian period have been dismissed or pensioned. New Governors have been appointed to many provinces. The reorganization of the Ministry of Finance, and the appointment of a Finance Commission, including a number of the European officers formerly engaged in Macedonia, promise the best results. The army has been boldly overhauled, old Hamidian officers being sent down, even so notable a commander as Mukhtar Pasha being reduced to the rank of colonel. The throwing open of the army to non-Mussulmans and the appointment of several Provinces are other courageous steps that go to justify the confidence with which Europe saw the Young Turks rise to power.

Frau Anna Abend, a well-known German spiritualist, has been arrested in Berlin. Frau Abend, it is said, found herself literally in the embraces of the law just as she had emerged from behind the curtains in the guise of a filmy-veiled spirit. She fought desperately, and in anger essayed to disrobe to prove nothing was concealed about her which would incriminate her as a fraud. She betrayed herself, however, by attempting to pass a bunch of white veils to a supposed friend who turned out to be a woman detective. A list of the woman's customers include names of people in the highest circles in German, Austrian, Swedish, Russian and Belgian society. The belief in spirits has attained recently, it is said, an altogether incredible hold on the German people, and the authorities are overjoyed at the opportunity now given them of showing up the swindle in the courts.

The annual prize day of St. Andrew's college, Toronto, was held Oct. 15. The following speakers were present: His Hon. the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Mortimer Clark, President Falconer, J. K. MacDonald, Canon Cody, Professor Kilpatrick, and Provost Macklem. Lady Clark presented the prizes to the lower school boys. Mrs. Ramsay Wright presented the Ross rifle, an annual gift to the college cadet corps for competition by the St. George Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. The principal in his speech referred to the fact that the St. Andrew's had completed its tenth year's work, and was now thoroughly established. There are now 700 Old Boys on the list and all are doing well. Last year there were 302 boys on the roll, 142 boarders and 160 day boys. The principal also referred to the highly satisfactory condition of the college generally.

An epoch-making event occurred in China on Oct. 14 when in the capitals of the twenty-one provinces of that great empire there met, for the first time in all her long history, provincial assemblies composed of representatives of certain classes of people, thus introducing the element of popular participation into the government of this most ancient nation. The members of these assemblies consist wholly of the gentry and student classes and no office holders are eligible to them. While in the beginning the sole power of these assemblies is advisory, they are designed as training schools preparatory to the exercise of greater powers, each succeeding year, until, with the inauguration of a national parliament eight years hence, they will become real provincial legislatures. The influence of this step and its progress in the direction of a constitutional government for China cannot be overestimated, says the N. Y. Christian Intelligencer. If not retarded by unforeseen events, it will soon put this great nation in line with the other world powers and at no distant time give her a position and an influence which will affect upon the world of commerce, military power and international relationships cannot now be adequately conceived. China, as it has long been foretold that she would do, is coming to her own and the time is ripe for influencing her toward those ideals of Christian citizenship, falling which she will become a "yellow peril" to the whole world. The salvation of China not only for her own sake, but for the sake of the other nations, is a problem which calls for great and immediate effort on the part of every Christian church and people. Neglected now this golden opportunity will soon be gone—surely as far as we of this generation are concerned and perhaps forever.