

Notes and Gleanings.

An Italian has given \$200,000 to found a hospital for tuberculosis patients in Rome.

The women of China have joined forces to fight the custom of small feet, and it is understood that an enthusiastic auxiliary is being formed at Chicago.

The French government is making arrangements to provide for the native women in the largest villages of Algeria women doctors, who are to be paid by the government, consultations being free.

The word "news," while plural in form, is singular in construction. Two friends at one time, having a dispute on this matter, agreed to refer it to Horace Greely. As he was out of the city, the question was telegraphed to him: "Are there any news?" Greely promptly flashed back the answer: "Not a news."

No country in the world profits so much from tourist travel as Switzerland. This little country, whose area is less than half the area of Maine, was visited last year by over 400,000 outsiders for curative or recreation purposes, whose hotel and railroad expenses alone are placed at \$22,375,000.

Statistics recently published seem to show that the Japanese are growing taller. Measurements of recruits show that the number from five feet four inches upward has increased two per cent in the last ten years, while the number from five feet to five feet four inches has decreased six per cent.

The yearly expenses of the Sultan of Turkey have been estimated at \$30,000,000. Of this, \$7,500,000 alone is spent on the clothing of the women of his harem, and \$400,000 on the Sultan's own wardrobe. Nearly another \$7,500,000 is swallowed up by presents, \$5,000,000 goes for pocket-money, and still another \$5,000,000 for the table.

The poverty that exists to such a large extent in Russia may be accounted for by the ignorance of a large class of the people. There are 22,000 journals issued in the United States, and only 800 in Russia, which has a population of 130,000,000. But the censorship robs even the 800 of much of their value as educators. In Germany, 23,607 books were published in one year, compared with 8,082 in Russia. Educational reform and a free press are apparently Russia's greatest needs.

Rev. Enoch F. Bell writes from Sapporo, Japan: "Intemperance, impurity and love of pleasure are tremendously great in Japan, and as yet there is very little public sentiment expressed against such. The native church is growing, and is manifesting its life; it is meeting the opportunity given it, yet it cannot get along without the Christian worker from the land where God has been known for generations."

The largest part of the celery consumed in the United States is grown in Kalamazoo, Mich., and the industry is practically the work of the last dozen years, so far as its development is concerned. This fall the shipments were not less than 7,000,000 bunches, having a value of \$1,000,000. This celery is grown on 5,000 acres of reclaimed swamp land, which is worth as high as \$800 an acre. The crop this year is the largest on record.

With a tomb worth \$200,000 waiting to receive his body, Robert A. Johnson, once a well-known dry goods merchant in New York City, is spending his last years in poverty living in a barn on his former estate at Riverdale-on-the-Hudson. In 1873, when Johnson was a wealthy man, he erected the splendid tomb. Later he lost all his property, most of it being now owned by the Cen-

tral Trust Company, which has engaged him as caretaker of the estate and given him permission to live in the barn.

A recent death in Palmer, Mass., is directly attributed by medical specialists to arsenic coloring in wall paper. The trouble which resulted so disastrously to the patient made its appearance in what seemed at first to be nervous dyspepsia. An investigation, made after two months of absence from home, had somewhat improved the health of the invalid, resulted in the discovery of arsenic colors in the wall-paper of the sitting-room, causing arsenic poisoning in the case of at least one individual.

At Dumbarton, along the Erie canal, a miserable little muskrat has cost the state of New York nearly \$10,000. The muskrat burrowed into the canal bank from the outside, and the minute it got through the bank to the water the damage was done. Over a hundred men are engaged in repairing the break, and nearly two scores of boats are held up between Syracuse and Utica. When the muskrat completed his tunnel and the water entered the diameter of the hole was not over a foot. The constant rush of the water enlarged this to forty feet in a very short time.

Statistics show that Holland consumes more smoking tobacco relatively than any other country in the world. Her quota per head approximates nine pounds. The United States comes second with about four pounds. Belgium and Germany are next, then Austria, with about two pounds and a half, Norway and Denmark comes before Canada, and France is tenth with about two pounds per head. Sweden and Russia are almost abreast, and England, Italy and Spain are lowest. Italy and Spain, however, are the greatest consumers of cigarettes.

TIBET, THE "GREAT CLOSED LAND."

This country lies west and north-west of China and India. There are about six million Thibetans, and they are hardy, industrious people, but have little regard for morality, cleanliness, or comfort. The climate is cold, but the mountain scenery is magnificent, and there are valleys of beauty and fertility. The wealth of the people consists of flocks of sheep and cattle. They also export salt, gold, silver, wool, furs and borax. A mountain ox called a yak is used as a beast of burden, making its way over the dangerous passes with huge loads as the traders go back and forth between Tibet and North India. The men do most of the spinning, carrying wool in the bosom of their loose coats and distaffs in their girdles, that they spin as they walk. This "woman's work" being done by men is repaid by the women, who are often seen ploughing and doing other rough work. The religion of Tibet is Buddhism, and all authority is vested in the Grand Lama, who, from the capital, Lassa, rules with supreme power.

For more than 150 years all foreigners have been excluded. Those who venture into the country are watched, and warned to leave, and if caught are beaten unmercifully.

Missionaries have only entered the borders. They have also taught Tibetan traders who spend the summer in Bhot. Miss Sheldon and Miss Browne, our own missionaries, attempted to go into Tibet from Chandas, their station, just one year ago. Disguised as Bhotiya women, and accompanied by a few faithful Bhotiyans, they succeeded in reaching Taklakot, being the first European missionaries to enter it. They were not allowed to remain, and were in real danger during their journey. Nevertheless, they hope some time to make another visit within the closed land, carrying with them the gospel message.—*Epworth League.*

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THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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In our new constitutions we find not only a constitution for the Mission Bands, but "How to organize," and also the Cradle Roll, and its relation to the Free Baptist woman's mission work. We cannot but look upon our enlarged constitution as complete in every particular, and as filling a long-felt need in our work among the young. And I wish just at this time to publicly thank the committee (Mrs. Weyman, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Newton) who so kindly consented to do the work. I also want to speak of the distribution of literature, which is an important feature of our work, and I would recommend the study of missions in our auxiliaries. There can be no missionary zeal without missionary intelligence. Read the lives of the devoted, faithful pioneer missionaries. And I would say, read the missionary literature of other denominations, that we may be stirred up by seeing what is being accomplished by other branches of the church of Christ, and we may learn other and, possibly, better methods of working along these lines.

In making provision for our foreign field, one object that should be steadily kept in view is the training of native pastors and teachers. Personally, I believe that the peoples of India, China, Africa and Japan will be brought to Christ largely by the agency of their own sons and daughters.

We regret that during the past months we have had no missionary in the foreign field. Still the work, as arranged by Miss Gaunce, is being carried on. We are delighted to have Miss Gaunce with us to-day, she will probably tell us something of her work during the past year. Her visits to the auxiliaries have been helpful, and it is surely an inspiration to hear her words, indicating a devoted and consecrated spirit. She has given much information regarding the people of India, and it must bring us into closer sympathy with her and her work as we learn of their dark homes and darker lives.

We miss the familiar faces of some of our dear sisters at this annual meeting. Into some homes sorrow and bereavement have come. We have

mourned with our churches the removal of Dr. Hartley. May God, in His love and wisdom, raise up others to follow in his footsteps. We shall ever miss our Sister Weyman, and many others who are not, for the Lord has taken them. Their voices are silent, but doubtless their happy spirits smile on us, as we strive to do the work they loved so well. "This is the way, walk ye in it."

WHAT THEY DRINK.—Somebody who has been computing the quantity of the liquids consumed by the United States people within a twelvemonth, has found that they drank last year enough tea, coffee, wine, beer, liquors, and other beverages to cover an area of land two miles square to a depth of ten feet—a lake large enough, it was suggested, to float several navies of the size of their own. The amount of alcoholic beverages alone consumed during this period would fill a canal one hundred miles long, one hundred feet wide, and ten feet deep.

PERSONAL.—The INTELLIGENCER office was brightened the other day by a call from Rev. Dr. Maclean, editor of *The Wesleyan*. We were glad for the cheer of his presence and talk about the things of the kingdom. He is visiting the churches of his denomination, studying conditions, and presenting the claims of *The Wesleyan*, which, under his management, is a wide-awake and interesting paper.

Mrs. Phillips, wife of Rev. C. T. Phillips, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is now, we are glad to hear, steadily improving.

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