

Notes and Gleanings.

—For two years the 250,000 citizens of Nottingham, England, have owned their street railways, charged a fare of two cents a mile, and made a profit of eleven per cent. a year.

—An Austrian surgeon has invented a narcotic bomb, to be fired from any gun, which is claimed to give off narcotic gas, powerful enough to render 2,000 men unconscious for several hours.

—England has more doctors, proportionately speaking, than any country in Europe. To every 100,000 persons England has 150 medical men, Germany 48, Switzerland 42, and Russia 15.

—One of the big dry goods firms at New York runs a large summer place at Long Branch, and every Saturday sixty girls in the firm's employ are sent down there for a week's vacation at the expense of their employers. Every woman in the store is given a vacation in this way each year.

—The synchronizing of clocks throughout the great republic is no small part of the business of the Western Union Telegraph Company. We saw the other day that it receives about a million dollars a year for keeping seventy thousand clocks correct, charging fifteen dollars a year for every clock.

—Mrs. Edison, wife of the famous inventor, is determined to help men and women who attend church, so she is planning in connection with the Methodist Church at Orange, New Jersey, where she is primary superintendent, a special room where a committee of the older girls of the school can take care of the babies during the church service. She is an inventor as well as her husband, and this is a good invention.

—The London *Lancet* says that the Japanese are extraordinary adepts in chemistry; that they unite the power of originality of the English chemists and the practical intuition of the German. Several distinguished Japanese chemists, who are fellows of the English Chemical Society, were elected to the fellowship on account of the excellence of their contributions to original science.

—The Swiss government has determined to save children from bearing fantastic names given by parents. One named "May 1st," and another christened after an Italian revolutionist were condemned, and legally rechristened. If our western governments were to undertake that business they would have their hands full. Some folks have a great burden to carry in the names given by foolish parents.

—In some parts of West Africa the girls have long engagements. On the day of their birth they are betrothed to a baby boy a trifle older than themselves, and at the age of 20 they are married. The girls know of no other way of getting a husband, and so they are quite happy and satisfied. As wives they are patterns of obedience, and the marriages usually turn out a success.

—False teeth made of paper are the latest invention from Germany. Some of the dentists there are using them, and report them to be highly satisfactory. These paper teeth have several advantages over the ordinary ones of porcelain or mineral composition. They

are very cheap, do not break or chip, are not sensitive to heat or cold, nor has the moisture of the mouth any effect upon them.

—The oldest newspaper in the world is the official Chinese *Kin-Pan*, which was founded about 1,100 years ago. Up to the year 1301 it appeared once a month and the reading matter related chiefly to court life. Since 1830 up to 1876 it was a daily. It now appears three times a day; the morning edition is printed on yellow paper, the afternoon edition on white paper and the evening edition on gray paper.

—King Edward's gracious courtesy and tact are well illustrated by an incident given on reliable authority by the *British Weekly*. When the King, not long ago, visited Portugal, red baize was put down from the landing stage for him to walk over, and as this proved to be nearly three feet too short, a Portuguese flag was used to cover the gap. But when King Edward noticed the flag, instead of walking on it, he saluted it and stepped aside among the people surrounding the passage-way, to their great delight.

—A Connecticut firm manufactures sacred scarabei for the Egyptian tourist trade. The little charms are carved and even chipped by machinery, colored to simulate age, and shipped in casks to the Moslem dealers at Cairo. The Arabian guides are the chief buyers, many of them being adepts at "salting" the sands at the base of the Pyramids or about the sacred temples, where they artfully discover these scarabei before the very eyes of the tourist, and sell him for half a sovereign an article manufactured at a cost of less than a cent.

What Others Say.

A CHINESE PLAN.

The Chinese, after many centuries of experiment, have decided that at middle life men should retire from business, giving place to their sons, who should thenceforth support them in comfort.—*Chris. Register*.

NO ARGUMENT.

It is no argument against endeavoring to enforce the liquor law that it cannot be perfectly enforced, any more than it would be an argument against arresting people for stealing because you cannot prevent them all from the commission of theft.—*District Attorney, N. Y.*

DEPLORABLE.

One of the most deplorable features of our public life is the eagerness with which journals which claim to be leaders of public opinion seize upon anything that seems to offer some temporary party advantage.—*The Presbyterian*.

NOT WORTH WHILE.

It is hardly worth while praying: "Let me die the death of the righteous" if we are not living the life of the righteous. If we are not willing to bring our lives into line with our prayers, what is the use in praying? God will not be moved by the supplications of hypocrites.—*United Presbyterian*.

WHAT IS FAILURE?

Was Columbus a failure because he was neglected and starved? Did Cromwell fail because his bleached bones were buried among the outcasts? Was

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Mozart a failure because he died penniless and sleeps in an unknown grave? No true man fails who has lived to the glory of God and for the betterment of man.—*M. C. Peters, D. D.*

COULD DO GREAT THINGS.

Some of the high authority in the Roman Catholic church earnestly favor temperance and better Sabbath observance. If this church, so large and powerful, would wield its whole power against the saloon and in favor of the right observance of the Sabbath, reform along these lines would be greatly advanced, and the Protestant churches might be aroused from their apparent indifference.—*United Presbyterian*.

WHY HE SHRANK.

An exchange tells the following story: One day, not long since, a Baptist preacher was out hunting, and during the day a rain storm came on, and in order to keep dry he crawled into a hollow log. When the rain began to fall the log began to swell, until our brother could get neither way. He thought his end had come, and he thought of all the wrongs he had done, and when he recalled that he had not sent his subscription to this paper this year, he felt so small that he crawled right out of the log without difficulty.—*Baptist and Reflector*.

EDITORIAL OUTLOOK.

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back a fight—probably instigates it—against the constitutionality of the deportation of alien engineers. If existing Canadian laws do not clearly meet the case, the sooner legislation to remedy the defect is had the better. Meantime, not a dollar of public money should be paid to the G. T. P. Company without their guarantee that aliens shall not be given the work that our own men can do.

BRIEF MENTION.

The new C. P. R. line from Toronto to Sudbury will cost \$8,000,000. It is being built without a subsidy.

Lord Dundonald was given a very hearty farewell at Ottawa and Montreal. Thousands of citizens participated in the demonstration in his honor.

Mr. Thos. McKelvie, for many years the travelling agent of the B. and F. Bible Society in the Maritime Provinces, died suddenly a few days ago. He was widely known and was much respected for his Christian worth.

The Pope's representative, Mgr. Sbarretti, visited St. John last week. He is making a tour of Canada and the United States.

Capt. Wm. Smith, master of one of the ships seized in the Red Sea by Russia, is a St. Martins, N. B., man, son of the late Rev. J. A. Smith.

A member of Parliament, I. Proulx, M. P. for Prescott, Ont., died Thursday.

It is reported from Pekin that the Dowager Empress has subscribed 10,000 taels to the medical college being erected there by the London Mission Society. This is her first recognition of Protestant missions.

The government analyst at Ottawa reports that out of seventy-four samples of jams and jellies analysed by him, only fourteen were found to be genuine. Five were doubtful, and the other fifty-five were adulterated.

Although no official announcement has yet been made, it can be positively affirmed that the rupture between France and the Vatican is complete.

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