

## Notes and Gleanings.

..It is said that only three per cent. of the inhabitants of Russia can read. Russian civilization does not do much for the bulk of the people evidently.

..There is in Scotland a patriotic society which insists that it is highly improper to use the word England as inclusive of Scotland and Ireland, and English as inclusive of all things British.

..In Japan there are no drug stores. The doctors dispense the medicines, and if the patients call on them, they charge for the medicine only.

..Transparent umbrellas are a late novelty in London. The substance of which they are made has the color of ivory, and its constitution is a secret of the inventor. Collisions are thus rendered unlikely.

..In 1832 the Government grant for education for the whole United Kingdom was only \$100,000, about a cent a head of the population. In 1902 it was \$60,000,000, about \$1.50 a head.

..The Austrian marriage laws are very severe. They prohibit marriages between Christians and Jews and between Christians and infidels. A marriage between a Protestant woman and a man who said he had no particular creed has just been annulled by the supreme court.

..The Cape-to-Cairo Railway, the scheme of the great imperial dreamer, Cecil Rhodes, is slowly nearing completion, and the engineers expect to reach Victoria Falls some time next month. The falls are to be used for power purposes. "The Dark Continent" will soon be a misnomer.

..The Japanese are certainly a patriotic people. The Japs in Hawaii have already raised a \$20,000 fund for Red Cross work, and many poor house servants who can only earn from \$2 to \$7 per week have given sums ranging from \$25 to \$50.

..Writing of Bombay life, W. E. Curtis says that the only uniformity in costumes worn by natives is that everybody's legs are bare. Gay colors worn by young and old make the street look like animated rainbows of the kaleidoscopes bought at 10-cent stores. Most men wear sandals; some wear shoes, but trousers are as rare as stovepipe hats.

..The Northwestern Railway of England has inaugurated electric traction over forty miles of its line, with four tracks most of the way. The trains consist of two motor-cars, with a passenger coach between them. One part of the system electric haulage is to be confined to passenger traffic, but freight also is to be handled on others.

..Korea's girls are nameless, save as they are known as "Daughters of So-and-So;" they toil for the laziest men in the world, loafers who lie about the streets all day smoking their gigantic pipes, which have a six-foot length of bamboo with a metal bowl and are carried tucked into the neck band and down the trousers leg.

..Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, thus frankly speaks his mind relative to the cigarette evil in a recent address: "I do not believe there is an agency more destructive of soul, mind, and body, or more subversive of good morals than the cigarette. The fight against the cigarette is a fight for civilization. This is my judgment as an educator." These are strong words, but possibly not too strong.

..The new issue of postage stamps for Hong Kong, on which King Edward's head is to replace that of Queen Victoria, will leave to Russia the proud position of possessing the only unchanged issue of stamps in the world. The first stamps of the design now to be superseded were issued in Hong Kong in 1859. The Russian issue with the double eagle and shield of St. George, which first appeared in 1864-5, will now take its place at the head of the list.

..The Trans-Siberian Railway now uses about 20,000,000 poods of coal a year (this was the estimated requirement for 1903). A pood equals thirty-six pounds. The railway pays 7 kopecks per pood for it, and has to carry most of the supply many hundred versts before using it. The capacity of the line is already heavily taxed, and the numerous coal trains which have to be run daily seriously complicate the traffic problem. The bulk of the coal comes from two localities, Ssudschenka (Toms) and Tscheremchow (Irkutsk). The Ssudschenka coal is the best.



### The Up-to-date Church and Foreign Missions.

The dominant thought in the teaching of Jesus was the kingdom of God. The chief business of the church is to bring to earth this "reign of God over-lying hearts and obedient wills." When we have the ideal church, the kingdom of God will not be far off. The up-to-date church is the nearest approach to this ideal.

1. The up-to-date church will have an up-to-date preacher. He will not be one who is satisfied to survey his parish from the top of the church's belfry, but will rather say, "The world is my parish." He will not be content to lie down comfortably with the sheep in the fold, but will look for the one that is lost and say, "Other sheep have I that are not of this fold; them also must I bring." He will not be satisfied to preach a half-hearted sermon on Foreign Mission Day, and take a collection, but will systematically, enthusiastically prepare for the day and then call for an offering. Every prayer will include the petition, "Thy kingdom come," and every sermon will have reference to the doing of the will of God in all the earth.

2. The up-to-date church will have up-to-date members. They will not be a hundred years behind the times, and say, "If God wants the heathen saved he will save them," nor fifty years behind and say, "We have heathen at home," nor five or ten years, and say, "We have a debt, or must shingle the roof, etc." They will have an interest in missions that is vital, not formal and mechanical, but living and breathing. They will read the religious papers, and look first for the news of the progress of Christ's kingdom. They will regard the sermons on missions as the best sermons; their heads will be full of missionary intelligence, their hearts with love for the missionaries, and their work, and their hands busy to earn a support for laborers in the world-wide harvest field. Their interest, too, will be not theoretical, but practical. They will not say, "What a grand thing it is to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and then keep their money in their pockets. The milk of human kindness needs not so much to be diluted with the tears of sentimental pity, as to be enriched with the gold of self-sacrificing offerings.

The interest will be joyful. The members will be sharers in the joy of the missionaries, the happiest people in the world.

When all the preachers shall be up-to-date preachers, and all the members up-to-date members, and have an interest vital and practical, we shall not give grudgingly and of necessity our paltry little gifts, but gloriously, hilariously, our large offerings. Then the Lord will love us.—*Chris. Evangelist.*



—The Bible Society agents in Persia are having serious difficulty in their work, the government having prohibited them in importing Bibles into the country. The British and United States governments have been appealed to, and something is likely to be done.

# HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

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JUVENILE SMOKING.—A law passed in Norway in 1889 prohibits the sale of tobacco to anyone under the age of 15 years. In Prince Edward Island the sale of tobacco in any form to a minor under 16 years is forbidden. Any minor under that age who has in his possession or smokes tobacco, is liable to a fine of five dollars and seven days' imprisonment. Bermuda imposes a small penalty on persons selling tobacco, cigars or cigarettes to children under 16 years of age. In France numerous societies have been formed for the suppression of this growing habit, and the French government have absolutely prohibited the use of tobacco in all their schools.



WHAT HE LEARNED.—Bishop Potter was preaching one Sunday evening in a small town in the Adirondacks, where he has a summer camp. When the services were over, a tall, gaunt man, with the air of a backwoodsman, came up to the Bishop with outstretched hand.

"I've heerd ye preach twice afore this," he said, "an' I like yer preachin'. I alluz 'earn somethin' new from ye. I rid ten mile tonight to hear ye, an' I'd a' rid ten more, fer as usual I heerd somethin' new tonight that I never knowed afore."

"Well, I am glad of that," said the Bishop, shaking the outstretched hand. "And what was it you learned tonight?"

"Why, Bishop, I found out fer the fust time in my life that Sodom and Momorrah wuzn't twins."



—John Kensit's monument, just erected over his grave in London, is a granite obelisk. At the foot is an open Bible, with the inscription, "The Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants."

—An interesting report was lately received by the French Bible Society from its colporteur in Indo-China. In one town when the report went abroad that a foreigner was selling "Christian books" the people came running, children first and parents after them. In six hours he had sold 488 volumes. One old woman bought twelve copies of the Gospel to give to her husband, children, nephews and cousins. Arriving in another town during the annual fair, the colporteur hired a stall and sold 1,250 volumes in a single day. In a tour among the villages he sold in one place 518 volumes, in another 1,102. Surely much may be hoped from such a distribution of the Bible or of portions of the New Testament.



### COMPENSATIONS OF PASTORS.

In the ministry service and salary are not coequal terms. The high office was not created for the advantage of the holder, and the calling is degraded into a mere profession when it is made the subject of money equivalents. The work of the ministry is more especially in the realm of the moral and spiritual, and therefore can never be "financially compensated in any exhaustive commercial sense." Nevertheless, the minister adapted by conduct and learning to his high calling ordinarily does have, and should have, a salary proportionate to the demands of the field he is tilling and compensations far more satisfying and worthy of consideration than salaries.—*February Century.*

### Deaths.

CHENEY.—On the 14th inst. at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Walter S. Cheney, of Grand Harbor, aged 43 years, leaving a wife and seven children to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate husband and father. The funeral was conducted by the writer, Sunday 20th.

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McMULKIN.—At St. John, March 23rd, Uta McM., aged 29 years, beloved wife of J. B. McM., and daughter of David Bostwick, of Wickham, Q. Co., leaving a sorrowing husband and an infant child of five weeks old, also father and mother, three sisters and two brothers. Sister McMulkin was a member of the Free Baptist church at Wickham. Her faith in God was strong and her hope of heaven bright. May the Lord comfort the husband and bless the little motherless child. The remains were interred at Cedar Hill cemetery. Services conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. McKim. D. LONG.

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