

Notes and Gleanings.

—The United States census estimates for 1903 places the population, exclusive of Alaska and the annexed islands, at 79,900,000, an increase since 1900 of well on to 4,000,000.

—The annual estimate of *The American Grocer* of the drink bill of the United States shows a large increase. It is \$1,451,633,379, of which more than half, that is, \$727,042,245, was for beer.

—Twenty-five saloons in Cheyenne have had to close as the result of an order by the Union Pacific Railroad Co. forbidding its employees to enter a saloon. Good for the railroad!

—A telephone service between France and a number of provincial towns in England, including Liverpool, Manchester, and Leeds, has just been inaugurated. Another chain binding the nations together in the fellowship of good-will.

—A rule of the American Treasury Department forbids the use of any banknote or bill of the portrait of a living person. A similar rule of the Postoffice Department keeps likenesses of living persons off the postage stamps.

—Mrs. Carrie Fulson Cole is an instance of a successful woman newspaper editor. She edits and publishes the *Valley Standard*, and has greatly increased its popularity. It is a well-printed and progressive sheet having a circulation of several thousand.

—A kitten was lately brought up on an exclusively vegetable diet by a London family of vegetarians. The result is that it will not touch animal food, and pays no attention to rats or mice that are purposely permitted to wander across its range of vision.

—Asiatic Turkey is to be rescued from semi-barbarism by the construction of \$140,000,000 worth of railroads, one of which will run through the Euphrates Valley, from end to end. The new roads will follow the old caravan routes and they will touch all the principal cities and towns of Bible lands.

—A prize for morals is given at Queen's University. The winner this year is a young man named Delong, from Gananoque. He should be a proud fellow, says the *St. Thomas Journal*, for the prize was awarded on a vote of his fellow students who were asked to cast a ballot for the purpose of choosing the one among their number who they conscientiously thought would do the right thing at all times.

—From \$12,652,000 to \$15,573,000 worth of butter is now exported from Siberia, or more than twice the value of the wheat export of 1900, the last favorable harvest year. The Siberian cow yields little milk, but the quality is notable for richness. About nineteen pounds of milk in winter and twenty-two pounds in summer are sufficient to make a pound of butter, while in Denmark twenty-eight pounds are needed.

—In 1861 the number of persons engaged in the tailoring trade in London was 37,000; in 1871, 38,000; and in 1881, 40,300; in 1891, 52,300, and in 1901, 80,074. This increase is far in excess of the increase in the population. Some people ascribe it to the fact that Londoners pay more attention nowadays to their dress and appearance than they did in the days of Pickwick and Sam Weller.

—The profit made by the monks of Chartreuse, in one year by the manufacture of their famed but dangerous liquor amounted to \$800,000. It is strange that such professedly religious bodies of men can see no wrong in manufacturing liquors which have been proved to be the greatest enemies to humanity—morally, socially, physically and spiritually. Those monks would better go into some other business. It is impossible to serve both God and mammon.

What Others Say.

WHAT IT LED TO.

Mr. Rockefeller spoke to a class of young men of the advantage of learning to be self-reliant, and said that at the age of seven he was taught to milk a cow. A simple thing, but it paved the way to milking the public later on. —*Buffalo Express*.

TWO KINDS.

Not very long ago we heard one of the greatest preachers of Christ we have today preach a series of sermons running over two weeks, and when he left the great throngs of people knew almost nothing of the personal history and achievement of the great preacher, but the city was moved profoundly towards God. Afterwards we were told of an evangelist who in two days had the whole place talking familiarly of his past escapades and personal peculiarities. The great preacher preached Christ.—*Baptist Argus*.

"SOFT SNAPS."

He who is ever on the lookout for an easy task, "a soft snap," is at the same time always hedging up for himself the way that leads to distinction and honor, especially in the ministry. Easy tasks are unknown to moral progress and real exaltation.

It is the young men who gladly accept the tasks, the positions which call for all the fire and flint, the iron and steel which the human soul can possibly command and utilize in noble endeavor that achieve success, come to the front, and rise to lasting honor and distinction in church and state.—*Rel. Telescope*.

CANADA'S ADVANTAGE.

Chancellor Burwash, of Toronto, in addressing the students of Victoria College on Tuesday, made an interesting reference to Canada's position in regard to the trade between Europe and Asia. This country, as he put it, is "the highway between Europe and Asia, and has the advantage of racial type and material resources. Standing between two great world forces, Canada will have to bear the brunt, whether the issue is war, or commerce, or civilization and truth to other lands."

From Liverpool to Yokohama, by way of St. John is 8,820 miles as compared with 10,165 by way of New York. The sailing time from Vancouver to Yokohama is two days shorter than from San Francisco to Yokohama.

As Canada grows in population and trade and wealth, direct steamship lines and straight and level railroads will give her the full advantages of her geographical position. Even the cutting of the Panama canal will not alter the fact that the trans-Canadian route is the shortest. The journey for men or goods between the Occident and the Orient, via Panama, will be 3,500 miles longer than by the route across Canada. —*The Telegraph*.

—The first British steamship ever built in which the whole of the internal space, exclusive of engines and bunkers, is to be devoted to the transportation of fruit, was recently launched from a Thames dockyard. The steamer will carry a dead weight cargo of 5,000 tons of bananas. Cool air is kept circulating through every part of the fruit space. The annual importation of bananas into England has increased in three years from 1,500,000 to 5,000,000 bunches.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

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Oil Cloths, Linoleums, Rugs,
Mattings, Art Squares.

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Lace Curtains, Curtain Muslins, etc.,
a big display.

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General Religious News.

—Rev. Dr. Torrey and Mr. Alexander are announced to conduct a second mission in Liverpool, to commence in November next, and continue for three months.

—Already the Roman Catholics claim 56,000 adherents in Japan, and the Greek Catholics half as many, while the Protestants have 55,000. The Protestants have 500 organized churches, 50,000 children in their Sunday-schools, and 12,000 in other schools.

—The national headquarters of the Salvation Army for Australia are at Melbourne, in a building which cost originally \$250,000. It was built by the Y.M.C.A. in boom times in Melbourne, and was encumbered with a debt of \$95,000. The Salvation Army bought it at a bargain at a forced sale.

—The celebration of the Centenary of the Primitive Methodist church in England, which will fall due three years hence, is already engaging the attention of the denominational authorities. A Centenary Fund of £250,000 is proposed, and it is thought that, with a membership of 200,000, besides friends and adherents, there should be no difficulty in raising the amount.

—The oldest Presbyterian minister living in Scotland is the Rev. James Yuill, of Peterhead, who was ordained in 1835, and is living in retirement in Aberdeen. He is in his ninety-ninth year, and wonderfully hale for a man of his years. He was a vigorous evangelical preacher in his day, and took a deep interest in educational affairs in the burgh of Peterhead. Mr. Yuill was one of the men who organized the Free Church in disruption days.

—The Church of Scotland is waking up, and going out in new directions. It is proposed to form a Church Army to lay itself alongside of the lapsed masses. A fund of £10,000 is to be raised for this purpose, and work of

an aggressive and social kind is in contemplation. This is a step in the right direction, and reflects credit on the promoters of the scheme. The lapsed masses in the large centres are increasing every day, and the churches seem helpless to cope with the evil. New methods become a necessity when the old ones fail.

—According to the Baptist Year Book, just issued, the total of Baptist churches in the States is 45,727, a gain of 898 during the year; of ordained ministers 31,895, a gain of 1,087; of baptisms 234,321, or 1,223 more than last year; of total membership 4,506,747, as compared with 4,330,462 of last year; meeting houses, 29,329, an increase of 1,581. The contributions for State Missions are \$516,761.29; for Home Missions, \$423,718.69; for Foreign Missions, \$550,202.78; all these are increases over last year. Total contributions for all purposes, \$15,994,341. There are 9 theological seminaries with 1,095 students; 97 colleges and universities with 31,934 students; 106 academies and institutes with 16,278 in attendance. The Baptist statistics of Great Britain show of churches 2,875, a gain of 72 in the year; of membership 388,357, a gain of 10,610. On new houses of worship and enlargements \$675,000 have been expended. The theological colleges have 214 students. Both in the United States and Great Britain the statistics show steady and strong increase.

Sore Throat!

Don't delay; serious bronchial trouble or diphtheria may develop. The only safe way is to apply

Painkiller

a remedy you can depend upon. Wrap the throat with a cloth wet in it before retiring, and it will be well in the morning.

There is only one Painkiller,
"PERRY DAVIS."