

Notes and Gleanings

..On a memorial just erected at the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore, near Windsor, is inscribed this tribute from Queen Alexandra to Queen Victoria: "In memory of the best of mothers-in-law." The memorial is a beautiful statue of the Saviour.

..Queen Wilhelmina's pet amusement is said to be taking photographs. She goes about on foot, snapping a passing peasant, a group of children coming from school, or a bit of scenery, whenever an agreeable subject presents itself.

..Kentucky has a bloody record. It is stated that within its borders during the past five years there have been five times as many homicides as in New York State, and only one-thirtieth as many convictions, and that in Breatitt County alone there have been thirty-seven homicides in two years. What effect the invasion of the feud district of the Salvation Army will have in the way of changing for the better this bloody record, will be noted with great interest.

..It is said that blind persons can very successfully learn and apply massage. *The Hospital* states that in Japan—where massage is much in vogue—the blind man who is otherwise healthy can always earn a livelihood, and a notable feature of any Japanese town toward evening is the blind masseur as he walks along, announcing himself with his peculiar sounding whistle, in search of work, which he can always find in plenty. If the blind can be assisted to help themselves by helping others, the result will be a cause for general congratulation.

..Rufus Choate, a most distinguished criminal lawyer, believed nothing was achieved without hard work. One day a friend remarked of a magnificent intellectual performance, that it was the result merely of accident or inspiration. "Nonsense!" replied Mr. Choate; "you might as well drop the Greek alphabet on the ground and expect to pick up the 'Iliad.'" That is a confirmation of the wizard electrician Edison's remarkable statement: "Genius is one-tenth inspiration." What the pulpit shows the lack of in these days is not so much the "one-tenth inspiration" as the nine-tenths perspiration in preparation.

..The Mormons need watching all the time. It is reported that more than 25,000 Mormons are to be located in Mexico within the next eighteen months. A Mormon bishop is said to be in the city of Mexico arranging with the government the details of a concession which he has obtained in behalf of his church, for the establishment of a number of colonies, to be located on the western coast of Mexico. The five Mormon colonies which were established in Northern Mexico a few years ago now number more than 5,000 people. They are not disturbed in living up to all the tenets of their belief, and Mexico is looked upon as a splendid field for the expansion of the church's power.

..A British steamer is in port at Baltimore, Md., which bears the name "Hatasu." The ship's name was suggested by what is said to be the oldest piece of furniture in the world—the throne of Queen Hatasu, who is reported to have reigned in Egypt 1600 years B. C. According to a tradition in the Nile Valley, whoever possesses the throne of Hatasu is destined to rule the world. The original throne, made of lignum vitae, is in the British Museum, but at least one British skipper appears to be of the opinion that the very name of Hatasu will bring commercial supremacy upon the seas.

..The Mexican Congress has recently voted a medal of honor to Miss Manuela Gomez, the eighteen-year-old daughter of the mayor of Linares, in recognition of her services during a yellow-fever



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..Something of social conditions in Russia may be gathered from a report of the famous annual fair just closed at Nishnevgorod. During two months of the fair, 30,340 sick and injured persons were treated at the hospitals. Of these, 696 received injuries from blows; 317 had been stabbed; and 11,669 sustained fractured legs and arms, injuries received as the result of sprees indulged in at fair dinners, famed throughout Russia for their lavishness, while many lost fortunes in revelings and by gambling when in liquor. And this is

"Holy Russia," so contentions for its religion that it discourages all dissent! The truth is that Russia is a semi-barbarous country. The rulers are shrewd and are masters of diplomacy; but the people are steeped in ignorance and superstition.

—The cyclone which swept over the island of Jamaica a few weeks ago did an immense amount of damage to the chapels and mission houses of the Baptist congregations. Thirty-three chapels were destroyed, and twenty damaged, six mission houses were destroyed and eleven damaged, seventeen school-rooms and eight teachers' residences were destroyed, and four more of both school-rooms and residences were injured. The general loss is estimated at not less than \$75,000. The chapels that were demolished furnished accommodation for about 13,000 people. The English Baptist Missionary Society has promptly responded to the appeal for help, and has opened a Jamaica Relief Fund.

The government has announced an increase of the stumpage on lumber cut in New Brunswick from \$1 to \$1.25 a thousand, and the charge for renewal of leases, \$8.00 a square mile, instead of \$4.00, at at present. The new stumpage rate will apply to this winter's cut, and the new charge of renewals will affect all future renewals.

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