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TWO IMPORTANT POINTS.

A friend in England sends us a clipping from the Birmingham Daily Post, which gives an account of a meeting in St. Augustine's Missionary College, Canterbury, at which the archbishop presided. An address was given there by the Earl of Stamford, on the subject of a mission to the Rio Pongo district of West Africa. After the address, the archbishop remarked that he would never forget what General Gordon said to him, just before that gallant soldier started on his last expedition to the Soudan, which terminated at Khartoum. His Grace had never seen Gordon before, but the general desired to consult him, as bishop, as to what would be proper and lawful to do under certain circumstances. He said;

"In the first place, should I be justi-fied in baptizing people myself if I could not get a clergyman to do it, if I were quite satisfied of their acceptance of Christian truth?" Dr. Temple re-plied. "Certainty you would be justi-"Certainly you would be justi plied: fied; but you must be quite sure of their repentance and faith, because it is a dangerous thing to baptize unless there is some security that the baptized Christian will have sufficient supports to maintain his faith'-for instance, if he took them with him and gave them the assistance of his continued presence, Gordon next asked whether would be possible to allow their native Christians to have more wives than one. To this he replied in the negative. pointing out that it was useless to call them Christians unless they were prepared to submit to the divine ruling in this matter, and that to allow them the title and privileges of Christians, and to permit them to consider themselves members of the Christian body while so distinctly setting aside the law concerning such an institution as marriage, could not possibly be done. Gordon said: "What a pity: if only we could let them have four wives each, which is about the limit they usually place upon themselves, I verily believe that in half a century you could make the whole of Africa Christian."

The primate went on to say, that this illustrated exactly one of the greatest difficulties that had to be faced. He added:

"There was a possibility of their being ready to join the Christian church on condition that their old instincts should be left untouched, We should have a great deal of trouble in the fu ture about this matter, and the lem had been worked out by this Pongo mission in precisely the right way. He did not believe that the superstition of the African people would stand in the way or that it would be difficult to get rid of their strange beliefs, but he did not feel quite sure that we should get very speedily to the point at which we could say that we had really conquered such instincts as that referred to by General Gordon. These would have to be dealt with by very slow and gradual practices, but they would have to be dealt with if we are to make the African nation a Christian people." It is strange that so eminent a scholar should give evidence of such a lack of clear understanding of scriptural Christlan doctrine, as is manifested in the paragraphs we have quoted, As to baptism, the necessity of faith life. and repentance as conditions preceding the ordinance, is absolutely correct. That is the New Testament order. It is Gospel teaching. But how does it comport with the Episcopalian theory of infant baptism? How can the unconscious babe who has water sprinkled in its face or is wetted on the brow, exercise faith, and of what sins can it repent? The insistence of these two acts as necessary precedents to baptism, gives a deadly blow to the heresy of baby sprinkling. And further, how can the ordinance be administered in the name of the Holy Trinity, by one who has no authority to use their sucred names? As to the other question, if the archbishop had interposed the secular law and the rule of the churches in Christian nations against the family relations in which the African peoples were involved, he would have been correct. But when he speaks of "the Divine ruling in this matter," he goes beyond the mark and treads on sinking ground. Under Episcopalian doctrine: "Whatsoever is not according to Holy Scripture and cannot be proved thereby, is not to be received as an article of the Christian faith." Any attempt to prove by the Old and New Testaments "the Divine ruling," as interpreted by the archbishop, must of necessity be a church, are not without interest. Mr. failure. The Christian churches may adopt such rules and ceremonles as they choose, to be complied with by candidates for membership. Christian nations may pass laws to regulate the conduct of citizens, within rational and constitutional limits. But "the Divine law" is another matter entirely, and there must be some authority for its declaration, other than secular statutes. and ecclesiastical forms, or it will not be received as doctrine by people who read and think for themselves. The obstacle in the way of sectarian proselytism mentioned by the lamented Gordon, has long been a barrier to the foreign missionary cause. It is likely to continue to confront evangelism, and will puzzle wiser heads than those of the soldiers and prelates of modern times. Perhaps during the twentieth century, the need of present Divine revelation and the possibility of its communication, may be impressed upon the Christian mind, and light may dawn upon the spiritual darkness and confusion of latter-day Christendom,

AN APPEAL FOR CHINA.

The agreement between Rucsia and hing, as now wired by Dr. Morrison to the London Times, is remarkable chiefly because it discloses the intention if the first mentioned country, to ussume full control over Manchuria, which, however, has been suspected all along.

By the terms, the Tartar General Tseng undertakes to profect the province and aid in the construction of rallroads. But he must disarm the Chinese soldiers and deliver their ammunition to the Russians. He is to maintain a Russian army, and dismantle all foris not held by the Russians. A Russian "political resident" is to be placed in control, and the Russian text of the treaty is to be the standard. That is to say, Manchurla is to be turned over to Rus-

sla in everything but name. It is not probable that the other powirs will endeavor to prevent this annexation, but, as the London Times points out, the question now raised is what Great Britain and Germany will do, These two countries have reserved their right to consider what steps must be taken, in case any other country pursues a policy of annexation, and this treaty would seem to justify the ex- virtually is the hired man of the mams ercise of this right. It would not be surprising, therefore, if, from now on, the game of grab were to commence in | for its object the emancipation of the earnest.

With this fact in view, the Christian world should pause a moment and consider the plea made in behalf of China, by the officials of the Japanese sects of Buddhism. It is courteous, dignified, particularly among the young clergyand earnest. It admits the good work done in the country by the missionaries of "Christian" nations, but it warns them from sanctioning anything that may appear in the light of persecution. It urges that the social customs of the people be not interfered with, for "nothing can be a greater mistake than to attempt to overthrow the whole organization at one blow with a view to substituting their own customs and man-

ners.' The following paragraph is a sample of the reasoning of this appeal from the Buddhist world to Christendom:

"A glance at history shows that the great teachers of every religion in an-tiquity despite the persecution which they have incurred, have not only not displayed any spirit of hostility or vendisplayed any spirit of nositity of ven-geance, but on the contrary have prayed, with compassion, to have the heavenly blessing bestowed upon the persecutors. It is earnestly to be re-commended therefore, that we, togeth-er with all the propagators of religion in the world, should be prepared to in-spire ourselves with the noble spirit of the endemic eages and instead of holdthe ancient sages, and instead of hold-ing inimical feelings against the Chlnese who have perpetrated so much havor and atrocity upon the missionaries, should endeavor to do good for evil, and to supplicate a permanent blessing upon this pitiful race." Shall the reply to this, by the "Chris-

tian" nations be only the roar of cannon, the smoke of burning villages and the misery of human beings in the midst of death and desolation? Some reply, we would think, the appeal should call for. And that should be, not from missionary societies, that do not, and cannot, speak for the nations, but from the governments. What has modern Christianity to say to Buddhism appealing for mercy in behalf of the benighted millions of Chine?

science, is arising among the people, acience, is arising among the people, And in the light of this conscience there are social and industrial wrongs and injustice at the very core of our social order. The result is a mammonizing and materializing of all tife and spirit-ual decline. This is at the rool of the second irreligion that prevails. "The competitive system as it exists todes must yield in co-operative indus-try. The strice of man against man and chass against class can only be palsied.

lass against class can only be paisted, and love be made law, by the en-bronement of peace expressed in the industrial democracy of the co-opera-

tive common wealth. "The brothers of the social crusade have set themselves to this three-fold task: In preach the whole social and industrial ethics of the new social conscience; to proclaim spiritual liberty to individual men-a liberty that finds our present nocial injustice a bondage; and to work for a moral social system in which justice shall prevail. This we bolleve is the gospel of the twentieth century.

It will strike some of our readers as peculiar that among the leaders of the new church are prominent Methodist elergymen. But this is not so very strange after all. A great many preach. ers in all the fashionable denominations know but too well that their position is inconsistent. Deep down in their hearts they feel the insufficiency of present religious methods, by which the minister, in too many instances, mon-worshiper, instead of the servant of the Master. A movement that has. lergyman from the tyranny of orthodoxy and the application of Christianity to trusts, labor troubles, moral wrongs, trade and commerce, etc., should command no small following

What the result will be of the proclamation of this new gospel must be left to the future. Whatever is good in it will undoubtedly remain, while that which is not founded on truth will parish. When the Gospel of Jesus first was taught mankind on the plains and mountains of Judea, amidst the mighty wonders and signs that accompanied it, one effect was the imitation of it by others not following the Son of God. It is so in this age. The Gospel, anew revealed, has many imitators, but the followers of the true Gospel know that it is contrary to the spirit of that message to "forbid them" to cast out demons in the name of Jesus, because they do not follow Him. They know that each one

will be judged by his own works and motives. Another religious feature of the time is also noted by Chicago contemporaries. It seems that at the turning

point of the centuries about thirty-six persons from various parts of the country had assembled themselves together in a second-floor hall in Chicago, for the purpose of praying that they might be

counted worthy of the robes of immertality, at the second advent of the Son of Man. They remained in session until the 3rd of January. One E. N. Kelly was the originator of that "wake." Mr. Kelly has given out this statement:

"After an untiring study of the Bible discern the fulfillment of all the prophecies that are to herald the second visitation of the Savior. We do not see their man-how any believer in the Bible can doubt ernments. that the event is near. It may be before this convention is over or it may be longer. We are here to study the bid-dings of the Lord that we may be ready to go with Him when He calls us."

Mr. Kelly's attention should be called to the fact that it is the testimony of

Lake county intend to meet with the county commissioners on Monday next, Jan. 7th, at 2 p. m., to discuss some Important questions relating to the distriet schools. Also that it is desirable to have other trustees, who have not been spoken to on the subject, attend at the same time and join in the consultation, As some vital questions will be presented, it is hoped there will be a general gathering of the school boards in the county on that occasion.

In Ogden, our correspondent tells us, quarantined people must keep their cats and dogs locked up, and if they are seen at large they will be shot. But if the great medical mogul who dictates such regulations for the whole State is right, there can be no danger, unless the animais themselves have had the disorder that makes such a panic. According to his theory, no one can carry contagion unless he has contracted the malady If the Ogden precaution is all right. which we do not dispute, then the gutocrat's theory is all wrong, and vice versa.

The Los Angeles Times, which is ordinarily a wide awake and influential paper, issued an elegant New Year's edition on extra fine paper, and in compuct and portable shape. The reading matter comprises almost everything that relates to the growth, products, manufactures and general interests of California, and the beautiful City of the Angels, of course, comes in for a good share of the general write-up. The fllustrations are chiefly half-tones of fine execution, and the entire issue is highly commendable. It is in three parts of 32 pages each, and speaks loudly for the enterprise of the Times management and the talents of its brilliant corps of editors and contributors.

The news from London today says that naval guns are being landed at Capetown, to defend that place from the Boers in case of a general uprising. If that is being done, then the British must feel that the situation in South Africa is very grave, for Capetown would be the place of final derense. Besides it is so strong naturally that with its present fortifications the whole Boer army could not take it. With the fortified Table Mountain as a defense on one side, Lion's Head on another, and the impassable swamp on the remaining land boundary, Capetown is in no danger, as the present state of affairs in South Africa is described: With a general uprising, it would be much easler for the burghers to swoop down on Port Elizabeth.

THE CHINESE CONCERT.

Springfield Republican.

The question to which it is necessary to return, finally, is this! Is the United States in the concert or out of it? If our government is in it, then all the ob-ligations imposed by the "irrevocable" note upon its signatories rest upon the United States as well as upon the other powers. Mr. McKinley cannot honorably sign such a document as the pow-ers have presented to China and then repudiate more or less of its stipula-tions, or shirk the burden of enforcing their mandatory character to other gov-

Chicago Times Herald.

Policy and principle both suggest that the proper course non is the humane one, and we have no doubt that the United States will be repaid many thou-sand fold for the moderation it has shown. When peace is thoroughly restablished the Chinese will not turn assistance in the development of heir country to those who have shown the greatest activity in despoiling them and who have engaged in the ruthless, inexcusable slaughter of their country men in sheer wantonness. They will look rather to those who have sought no more than justice from them and sought who have endeavored to stay the hand of the spoiler.



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NEW RELIGIONS.

One of the features of the time is the springing into existence of numerous religious denominations, differing with one another. They seem to multiply as by parthenogenesis, sometimes flourishing but for a short time and then wilting into oblivion.

One of the newest denominational appearances is that about to be founded by Dr. George D. Herron, who recently was forced to resign from his position at an lowa college, on account of his so-called heterodox views on some subjects. The main feature of Dr. Herron's religion is said to be the application of the teachings of Jesus to the social, industrial and other problems of

According to an account in a Chicago paper, that city is to be headquarters for the new sect. Its preachers are to be called apostles, and they are to travel from place to place. The start has been made by the formation of what is known as the "apostolic league," of five members. They are, besides the founder, Rev. J. Stitt Wilson, who resigned from the Erie Street Methodist church to take up the new work; the Rev. William H. Wise, who left the College Avenue Methodist church of Green Castle, Ind.; the Rev. Benjamin F. Wilson, who left the Crete, Ill., Methodist church; Franklin H. Wentworth, a

young Chicagoan who was secretary of the recent anti-trust conference. Dr. Herron and the three other ministers will travel. Mr. Wadsworth will act as business manager and editor of a monthly paper known as the Social Crusader, which will be the official organ. An office has been opened at 609 Ashland block.

The new movement is to be publicly launched next Sunday, January 6th, when the first of a series of lectures will be delivered at Central Music Hall In the near future New York and other large places will be visited.

The explanations given out for publicution by the lenders of the Herron Wentworth is quoted as follows:

"The movement will be well backed financially, Many assurances of support have already been received from mer who are able to contribute large sums few years the new system will be of the strongest known. Dr. Herron, unhampered by college or church ties will prove a power for good. "Our belief is that the theories and principles of Jesus should be literally and fully followed. We do not

think that the churches of today enter-tain this belief more than nominally. The literal application of some one of the theories of Jesus to every wrong vill be overcome if the example of the savior is followed. We do net think e New Testament teachings are out date and impracticable. We oppose

the relegation of them to an ornamen-J. Still Wilson has this to say:

"It is acknowledged on all sides that the closing decades of the intertenth century have been marked by great so-cial and industrial changes-greater than have ever occurred in the same length of time in the history of man. "These changes have precipitated upon us a distinctly social age. Our prob-lems are social problems. And we are

face to face with serious moral and re-ligious problems as a result. A new conscience, called by some the social con-

the ministers of the Gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that has impressed itself upon the Christian world, and made not a few expectant of the second advent. In order to obtain further light on that subject, he and his followers should study further that Gospel. For only so can they be preserved from the error of the Thessalonians, to correct which an inspired epistle had to be penned by an Apostle. It is easy to fall into error, even by a student of the Bible, as was

evident in the case of the believers in Thessalonica. The constant guidance of revelation can alone keep even the honest in heart from mistakes. A big snowstorm is what the presum-

edly weather wise are predicting to be coming within a few days.

The woolgrowers of the West have held their wool a long time for good prices, but the market is coming up to their terms now.

Lyons, Colo., has a coal famine, and the people are hanling wood. They are fortunate to have the fuel handy at this inclement season,

There are notable indications that Ia. grippe may become epidemic in this country the next two months. It is well for people to guard against neglected "colds."

Some of the Nebraska legislators want to make kidnapping punishable with death. If they were to insist that the present low on the subject should not be too lame for use, there would be an improvement.

The Boers are advancing into Cape Colony, but it is noticeable that no great battles such as indicate permanent success are being won by the burghers, who are likely to retire as quickly as they came unless they can arouse the Afrikanders of Cape Colony.

From the Chinese situation, the South African situation, the Eastern situation. and the European situation, there would be no surprise in having a great European war in the opening year of the Twentleth century, with Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia to choose from as the leading combatants.

The Cuban constitutional convention seems disposed to grant every reasonable concession to the United States. in the way of naval stations, and to stand for the maintenance of the Monree doctrine. Any other course by Cuba would be inconsistent, but it is gratifying to observe the Cubans voluntarily doing the right thing.

It is said the money paid by Millionaire Cudahy for the ransom of his son was all marked so it could be identified and that the various banks of the country have been notified. The marking

story may not be true, but if it is, then the banks should not have given the case away, for the money could be used somewhere else, and thus find its way to innocent persons who are not informed as to the marks used.

We have been requested to state that the Big Mines," Eugene Boylan Palmer: "Kis Last Check," short story, Ethel Watts Mumford, "A Water Color,"

New York Evening Post..

The "declaratory statement" which Minister Conger reports that he filed along with his signature to the Chinese Joint Note, has not been cabled in detail, but it appears to be a nobly Pick-wickian document. It practically says, if the accounts of it may be believed, that the President authorized Mr. Conger to sign only against his will and with many misgivings, and, besides, n tifies China and the powers that Mr McKinley has not the Constitutiona power to do what the note says he will, even if he wanted to, which he doesn't. This, we believe, is called diplomacy. By any other name it would appear as foolish.

Chleago News.

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o understand that by this article China,

if she accepts the terms, will entail up-

on herself vast demands proportioned only as the consciences of the several

governments may permit. The exces-sive sum first named was so enormous

that it was simply impossible for China to pay it. By this article she probably binds herself to equally impossible con-ditions. This, however, will depend up-

on the generosity or the rapacity of the

San Francisco Chronicie.

No matter what the outcome may be the policy of abstention from further interference if adhered to by our au-thorities will be best for the American people. It is not the business of the

nited States to save a moribund nation

from the consequences of its violation of the usages of civilized peoples. On the surface that appeared to be the pur-pose of those who advocated the pres-ervation of Chinese integrity, but it re-quires little knowledge of the real alms of men to divine that the underland

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