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## Notes and Comments.

### The Bible.

Study it carefully  
Think of it prayerfully,  
Till in thy heart its precepts dwell.  
Slight not its history;  
Ponder its mystery;  
None can e'er prize it too fondly or well.  
Accept the glad tidings,  
The warnings and chidings,  
Found in this volume of heavenly lore.  
With faith that's unailing,  
And love all-prevailing,  
Trust in its promise of life evermore.  
May this message of love,  
From the Father above,  
Unto all nations and kindreds be given  
Till the ransomed shall raise  
Joyous anthems of praise,  
Hallelujahs in earth and in heaven.

—Selected.

### The Ideal Minister.

According to a New England religious journal as quoted by The Christian World, the ideal minister must be a paragon in learning. It says:

It is not an indulgence, but a duty, for him to be well acquainted with all the great writers. He must know not only the historians and essayists and poets, but the chief novelists, who are prime revealers of heart secrets and instructors in human nature. It is his business to keep in touch with the best books of the day, to know all about current events, not to be ignorant as to political economy and the science of government and social questions.

This is true with man-made, man-called, man-inspired and man-directed ministers who regard the ministry simply as a learned profession and follow it as they would follow any other learned profession. But a God-called, God inspired and a God-directed minister who regards the ministry as a means instituted by Christ for the salvation of a lost world, and who preaches the preaching that God gives him, may be, in a large measure, ignorant of the historians, essayists, poets, novelists and their work; of the books of the day; of current events; of political economy, science of government and social questions, and yet be, in the things most essential to his calling, an ideal minister. We must not forget that "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." A God-called and God-filled

man, without special learning, is mightier in the pulling down of the strongholds of sin and Satan and the building up of the kingdom of Christ than even a paragon in learning without these divine equipments.

### Indiana and Whisky.

Mr. Johnson, the state statistician, has just completed the statistics of Indiana on the whisky business and they show that, notwithstanding the remonstrance campaign, the year 1903 had an increase of 181 saloons in the state, the number at the end of the year being 4,835. They also show that there are in the state 44 breweries and 84 distilleries and 8,455 liquor dealers; that the state revenue from the business was \$26,612,342 as revenue, while the cities of the state received as license fees \$777,005, and that the income from the breweries to the school fund was \$483,500. The only "dry" counties in the state are Brown and Pike.

At this rate, how long will it take the Nicholson law to dry up the business? It is certainly time that the virtuous and sensible people of the state see the folly of trying to regulate the infamous business and demand its absolute prohibition.

### Independent Journalism.

The New York World thus gives its idea of independent journalism:

To be independent is not, in The World's view, to be a free lance in journalism—believing in the principles of neither party and attacking both without discrimination, simply to make a point or a sensation. An independent newspaper is rather one with settled convictions as to what is right and what is wrong—what is wise and what is foolish—in human society and government, and with freedom and courage to express and defend its opinions, recognizing no authority save conscience, no obligation except to the people who trust it. Such independence The World has tried to maintain and will continue to practice.

### Ahead of the Weather.

The government at Washington is arranging to establish stations along the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts and thus to establish uninterrupted wireless telegraphing communication with all classes of vessels on the ocean for a distance of 300 miles out from the coast. These stations will also be in direct communication with the Weather Bureau, and in

this way the storm conditions on the ocean may be known, and people along the coast be notified of the approach of a storm landward. Prof. Willis Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, in speaking of the advantages of the arrangement says:

You can realize the importance of this when I tell you that all of the storms come from the west and as we will be able to maintain communication 300 miles at sea, which is about one day's movement of a marine storm, we can keep at least one day ahead of the weather on the coast.

With the 300 mile margin the bureau will be able to keep all coast points advised of conditions prevailing at sea, and to forecast the direction and intensity of these storms and to issue warnings to ships at sea many hours in advance of the gale.

### Testimony of Mark Guy Pearse.

After an extended tour in Canada and the United States to which much time was given, Mark Guy Pearse on his return to England made the following statement to a reporter when being interviewed. "I never saw a woman in any public-house in Canada or the States, I never saw on any table, or even in the dining-cars, or in the hotels, a glass of beer, wine, or spirits. I never saw a drunken man until I reached an English port. I was deeply impressed with the self respectful bearing of the people. They walk with a firm step, as if they knew whose world it is, and felt that they had a share in it."

### "The Potters Field."

The above is the heading of a page in last week's issue of the New Voice on which Bishops, editors and smaller fry pay their respects to Bishop Potter and his saloon. Some in the form of prose and some in the form of poetry—some in a view of seriousness and some in a view of humor, but none of them offer the bishop a crumb of comfort by an approval of his course.

### The Sunday-Rest International Congress

Will meet October 11th, in Festival Hall, at the World's Fair in St. Louis. Extensive preparations are being made in its interests. Speakers of national reputation will be present and take part and eminent persons in other countries have been invited and a number have signified their purpose to be present. Prospects are flattering that the Congress will be a most notable and influential gathering. It is greatly desired that the influence going out from the Congress will bring about a general Sunday-rest in the interests of humanity.