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While the year just closed has not been revolutionary in religious circles, it has witnessed some significant moves as summed up by the Globe-Democrat in the following:

In matters religious the year just closing has been remarkable in at least five particulars. The first of these five, in significance, is the marked tendency toward federation and even consolidation. Hardly second to it, however, are the two movements, fully developed during the year, affecting doctrine and Bible study. Presbyterians north revised their creed, and in some measure displaced the historic Westminster standards, and Roman Catholics appointed a bible commission, that must in some degree displace the no less historic Vulgate of St. Jerome. The next two developments of the year were money raising, in which Methodists led, and the organization of an educational board whose chief work is and long will be in the south. True, the latter is not distinctly religious, but its promoter is the largest contributor to Baptist causes in the world, and religious convictions are behind his benevolence. These five features of the year touched almost all religious bodies.

We have many distinguished visitors from abroad, but no other has accomplished more good or brought more sunshine than Dr. Adolph Lorenz of Vienna.

Mr. Rockefeller has no doubt made enough in the recent rise in the price of oil to endow several national universities that will beat Carnegie's all hollow.

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EDUCATION IN ENGLAND.

Birmingham Evening Post: Great interest in England is now taken in the question of national education. But that interest sems to be chiefly directed to the question as to how far the day schools may be used to impart "religious instruction" according to the particular creed of the parents of the children attending such schools. However important it may be that their bearing upon a future life should be imparted to the scholars, there can be no doubt of the necessity for a more thorough education in matters pertaining to the life that now is, if our country is to hold its own in the competition of the near future. In this connection the example of the United tates in regard to a system of national instruction in scientific temperance is well worthy of the consideration of the British people. The effects of intemperance upon national deficiency have nowhere been so closely studied out and so thoroughly acted upon as in the United States, and nowhere else have the good results of abstinence been so closely demonstrated. We have all been made familiar with the power of American capital, the stress of American competition and the superiority of American workmen; but there has been great reluctance in this country to acknowledge how much of these are due to a system of national education in scientific temperance in its bearing upon national efficiency.

Let us recognize that the consumption of alcoholic liquors in the United States is only about half the quantity per head of what is consumed in the United Kingdom, and we may see our way to the solution of the perplexing labor problem. Yet, although the consumption of drink is so comparatively low, so convinced are the educational and commercial authorities of the states of the evil effects that they recognize the need for a more extensive instruction in temperance matters and a more stringent application of that knowledge in daily life. By the laws of the demand of the owners, the machine of all the states, instruction in scientific temperance is given in all the public elementary schools. Under these laws there are more than 26,000,000 of children of school age in the United States under this instruction. And all this has taken place within the last 20 years. The result is that the properly instructed are entering into their inheritance of commercial supremacy in the world. The importance of temperance instruction is recognized has lifted the question out of the category of "fads," to which so many badly instructed people in the country consign it, and there the subject is one of the indispensable elements of knowledge. In some of the states a penalty is attached to the neglect of it; in some the topic must occupy one-fourth to one-fifth space in the books on physiology, and in others no teacher who has not passed a satisfactory examination in the subject is allowed to teach.

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