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LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

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To the Editor of the Freeman's Journal.

REV. SIR.—One of the most difficult

problems of the day is how to

diminish intemperance in the use of

drinking. The licensing bill of the

Government has done something in

this direction, but even this something has

been done in a manner which has

excited the animosity of those inter-

ested in the manufacture and sale of

beer, wine and spirits. The Church of

England and the publishers and spirit

merchants have taken sides in the election

of members of Parliament, and ousted

some of the supporters of the Gladstone

Government. But the Church seems to

feel that she has done wrong in taking this

step, and in addition to this in a former

communication, I now refer to the

action of the deposed Bishop of Ripon.

At his Visitation in various towns the

Bishop has proposed to his clergy and lay-

men the question for discussion, "What

can the Church of England do to promote

the cause of temperance and to check

the progress of the great vice intemperance.

One thing seems to have been taken

for granted, namely, that the poor man

could not get his beer, wine, and spirits.

It is curious to note the opinions

on such occasions from those who neither

want to be teetotalers themselves nor their

parishioners to become such.

One clergyman thought that it was

wrong of the working man to purchase

beer on the Sunday, and urged that he

should supply himself with a large

quantity of beer on Saturday, and

on Sunday to top up his supply, by

doing so he would drink as fresh and

lively, as if he had drawn from the

barrel on the Sunday. The proposal

was however greeted with laughter, and

the next speaker did not think the

system would answer the end desired.

One of the laymen thought that

education would in a few years

diminish drunkenness greatly, but

Bishop Ryan, the Vicar of

Bradford, dissented from that opinion.

Another clergyman entertained a strong

opinion in favour of the fact that

it sometimes kept back persons from

the Holy Communion, and this fact

seemed to throw overboard any

encouragement to the continued

advocacy of entire abstinence

views. At the Leeds Visitation, one

clergyman, the Rev. E. Jackson, very

wisely and ably spoke in favour of the

order of Good Templars, which was

making great progress, every week

50 to 60 lodges being

founded. He said the result of a

canvass in Liverpool had been, and in

Leeds would be, a decided majority of

working men in favour of the closing

of public houses on Sunday. Last

Sunday a public house in Leeds was

watched, and though it was

opened only after divine service

hours, yet it was thronged, and from

eight o'clock ninety-nine persons

entered the bar.

Bishop Fraser, of Manchester, on a

second visit and address at

Asbury's Railway Carriage and

Iron Works in that city, referred

to a remarkable circumstance that

had come to his knowledge. It was in

connection with a match, chains, and

other articles, which he had

made a speech when previously at

that place, in which he had expressed

an opinion that to be a temperate man,

one must be a total abstainer. He

understood that one of the men who

had become a total abstainer

became a drunkard, on the ground that

Bishop had told him he need not keep

from drinking to be a temperate man.

He must say that he was sorry that his

language had been so perverted.

The *Rock* newspaper says that the

Rev. John Shaw, of the Church

missionary in Peking, is to be the

Bishop of Hong Kong.

The Jews in England are converting

some property they have bought at

Portsea into a College for the

education of Jewish

children. Some time ago an earnest

missionary, the Rev. J. A. M. A. A. A.

has bequeathed £25,000 towards the

establishment and support of such an

institution, and the College is to be

called Aria College in honor of him.

The celebrated Dr. Tholuck, Professor

of Theology at the University of Halle,

Germany, on April 7th, celebrated the

fiftieth anniversary of the commencement

of his studies.

Some benevolent ladies residing at

Nice a few days ago organized a

musical service for the benefit of

were hermetically closed and endorsed.

"Inviolably Sacred." "To be destroyed."

A question arose about opening it, and

they soon decided it was their duty as

executors to have the parcel opened to

contain two documents,—one a

dispensation from the Pope of Rome,

permitting the deceased to retain his

position as a clergyman in the Church

of England, though actually a

priest of the Church of Rome, the

other a list of such clergy in his diocese

or near him who are likewise

possessed of such dispensations,

and upon whom he might therefore

rely for friendly co-operation and

sympathy.

The Ritualists have taken great

offence at the Archbishop of

Canterbury taking his

dinner with the Queen on a Friday

evening, and the season of Lent.

The Rev. Frederick Wesley Farrar, D.

D., son of the late Rev. A. C. Farrar,

and nephew of the Rev. John Farrar,

Headmaster of Wesleyan College, Leeds,

both Wesleyan ministers, presided at the

special service before the University of

Cambridge at St. Mary's Church, on

Sunday last. The church was

crowded. Mr. Farrar who is

Head Master of Marlborough College

and Chaplain to the Queen, in an

eloquent sermon combated the

atheistical tendencies of the

present day, making some direct

allusions to the presence of

atheism among men of high

intelligence and educational

attainments.

A zealous Somersetshire

clergyman, the Rev. E. H. Cosins,

referring to the reduction of the

Income Tax by a penny in the

penny, says, "How honorable it would

be to our people and what an

evidence of their godly principle

and faith, if multitudes of them

would make an offering of the

remitted penny in the pound for

mission work. The sum

remitted is £24 million

sterling. Ritualists in the

past have not been without

paying for it. Rev. Mr. Chope, of

St. Augustine's, says that every

man in it is in duty bound to

pay one-tenth of his income to the

parson of his church, and that the

sum of his church, and that the

sum raised shall be spent by the

clergy without any lay interference.

The United Methodist Free

Church Mission meeting was held

in Exeter Hall, London, on

Monday, and had been looked

forward to with great interest, the

speakers being the Rev. Luke

Wiseman, the President of the

Wesleyan Methodist Confer-

ence; Rev. Charles Newman, Mis-

sionary from New Zealand; and the

Rev. J. S. Withington. The Free

Church has missions in Australia,

New Zealand, China, East

India, and Western Africa, and

St. Bartle Frere had visited the

Missionary station at Rile opposite

Zanzibar, the missionary, Rev.

Thomas Wakefield interpreting

his address to the small native

congregation assembled to hear it. The

Society employs 40 missionaries,

having churches with membership

of 3,573, and an income of

£17,000.

The library of Sir Richard Tait, Bart.,

has been sold in Paris for £5,000. It

included a beautiful quarto M. S.

(Horn) of the fifteenth century, pro-

foundly illustrated in vellum, which

fetched £1200.

The London School Educational

Board has adopted Dr. Lieberich's

proposed school seats and desks

for the whole of their schools, and

the supply required will amount

to twenty-three miles of desks.

It is calculated in a recently

published work that 90 millions of

people speak the English, 50 mil-

lions the German, 45 millions the

Spanish, and 45 millions the

French language.

The British and Foreign Bible

Society have printed the Gospel of

St. John in the Japanese language.

One of the Ultramarine newspapers

at Rome is making a loud outcry

against the proposed alterations in

the Prayer Book recommended by

the Synod of the Irish Episcopal

Church, and is too thoroughly

Protestant.

Monsieur Tucht, Romaniat Bishop

of Basle has been banished from that

Divinity Bursary or Scholarship of

£75 in the University of Aberdeen, but

the University Court, led by the Rev.

Dr. Pirie, of the Scotch Establish-

ment decided that none but

members of that Establishment were

entitled to the honors and emolu-

ments connected with the Theologi-

cal Faculty of that University.

J. L.

VALEDICTORY MISSIONARY SERVICE.

A very interesting valedictory

service was held in the Metropolitan

Church, last Wednesday forenoon,

to bid farewell to the Rev. George

Cochran, and the Rev. Davidson

Donald, who are going as the first

missionaries of the Canadian Wesleyan

Missionary Society to the

Church, among whom were many

of our ministers from surrounding

circuits. The service was

opened by the President, who, after

singing of a hymn, called upon the

Rev. W. Scott, Secretary of Confer-

ence, to read a portion of

Scripture, after which the Rev.

Dr. Green led the congregation in

prayer. The President made a

reference to the mission to Japan

in the midst of its progress, and to

the interest and liberality which

it had evoked generally. He then

called upon the Rev. Dr. Wood,

the Secretary of the Wesleyan

Missionary Society, to give some

further account of the origin of this

enterprise.

Dr. Wood said: we are all firm

believers in the doctrine of Divine

Providence; God superintending

our individual destinies—our fami-

lies—and above all the Church, with

the precious blood of Christ." With

the poetic sentiment of Pope we may

say—

"He sees with equal eyes, as Lord of

all, a hero perish, or a sparrow fall;

for in opposition to this, it is written,

"The Saviour of all men, especially of

those that believe;" there is an

incomprehensible distance between

the soul of a man and the falling

of a sparrow. He drew attention to

several movements connected with

our church history within the last

twenty-five years, which

indicated divine guidance: such as

the incorporation of Wesleyan

Methodism in the Lower

Canada with the Canadian Confer-

ence, and the hope of speedy

reunion of the Wesleyan Methodists

of the West Indies with the

Provinces organized into one

united church; the appointment

of several members of this

Conference to the Parent Society;

Indian missions at Lac La Poudre,