

any nourishment saving the weakest of weak broths. Now, as this special fever is usually brought on by over-heating, and consequently should be treated by a cooling system, they succeed in producing the disease in all its glory, rash and all, and they then set about curing it, which, of course, becomes a doubtful undertaking, so weak is the patient from heat and fasting.

"A friend of mine, spending a few weeks in Florence, was taken ill with what proved afterward to be an internal cancer. She sent for Doctor Z——, one of the most noted of the Florentine doctors. It was August, and very hot, and his orders were not only to shut out the air and cover herself with blankets, but to remain entirely immovable—not to stir hand or foot. She carried his wishes out faithfully for twenty-four hours—not even raising her hand to brush a fly away—and then, becoming nearly crazy with nervousness and weakness, she sent for an English physician. If you had seen the look of horror when he came into the room!

"Open the window," he almost shouted; "take off these coverings; get right up and lie on the sofa. In a week you will be able to go on to Paris."

"And in a week she did go on to Paris.

"The Italians love medicine, and have the greatest faith in it. They take it not only for every little ailment, but after a fit of anger or grief."

STATISTICS OF THE WORLD.

The number of languages spoken is 4,064. The number of men is about equal to the number of women. The average of human life is 33 years. One quarter die before the age of 7, one-half before the age of 17. To every 1,000 persons, 1 only reaches the age of 100 years; and to every 100, only 6 reach 75 years; and not more than 1 in 500 will reach 80 years. There are on the earth 1,000,000,000 of inhabitants. Of these 33,333,333 die every year; 91,824 die every day; 7,780 die every hour, and 60 per minute, or 1 every second. These losses are about balanced by an equal number of births. The married are longer lived than the single; and, above all, those who observe a sober and industrious conduct. Tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more chances of life previous to 50 years than men, but fewer after. The number of marriages are in the proportion of 76 to 100, and are more frequent after the equinoxes—that is, during the months of June and December. Those born in spring are generally more robust than others. Births and deaths are more frequent by night than by day. The number of men capable of bearing arms is about one-fourth of the population.

TRYING TO BE ORIGINAL.

A good many young people try to be original, and make a miserable mistake in the endeavour. They imagine they can turn the world round by some eccentricity of dress or behaviour, or by some method of speech. In general, they offend their friends and delight their enemies. As a matter of fact, people had better let well alone, take up the customs of those about them, and rest assured that what the collective wisdom of the world agrees to do, is on the whole best. Here and there may be room for change, and possibly for improvement. It might be better, for instance, that engagements only lasted six months; that drawing-rooms should be abolished as useless, or nearly so; that wedding breakfasts were improved off the face of the earth, and that a dozen other alterations were made in our social customs. It is very noble, possibly very heroic, to pose as a regenerator of society. All the same, people who are content to take things as they are will find the world wag much more easily with them than if they themselves troubled to try to regulate the laws of gravitation. In nine cases out of ten young people will find the path of safety in following customs which are the rule. Originality may be exciting, but, in the majority of cases, where it is tried, it will be found to entail a great deal of trouble, and not a little personal worry.—*Amos.*

GENTILITY OF LABOUR.

The day will come and may I do something to help it hither—when the youth of our country will recognize that, taken in itself, it is a more manly, and therefore, in the old, true sense, a more *gentle* thing, to follow a good handicraft, if it make the hands black as a coal, than to spend the day in keeping books and making up accounts, though therein the hands remain white. Not but that, from a higher point of view still, all work set by God, and done divinely, is of equal honour; but where there is a choice, I would gladly see a boy of mine choose rather to be a blacksmith or a watchmaker or a bookbinder than a clerk. Production, making, is a higher thing in the scale of reality than any mere transmission, such as buying and selling. It is, besides, easier to do honest work than to buy and sell honestly. The more honour, of course, to those who are honest under the greater difficulty. But the man who knows how needful the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation," knows that he must not be tempted into temptation, even by the glory of duty under difficulty. In humility we must choose the easiest, as we must hold our faces unflinchingly to the hardest, even to the seeming impossible, when it is given us to do.—*George MacDonald.*

HUMAN OMNISCIENCE.

Like all of the virtues, so omniscience may be carried to an excess. Of course, it is probable that the man who differs from us is a fool, but still there is a possibility to the contrary. It is, of course, more than likely that the man, the poet, the teacher, the philosopher, whom we do not understand, is an idiot; but, since there is room for a shadow of a doubt, charity suggests that we give him the benefit of that shadow. Festus thought that Paul was mad; a drunken man is pained with the marks of inebriety in all his neighbours; in the eye of the world, a man who does not live for

the main chance is an incomprehensible being, and presumably a maniac; the wise, the sagacious business men of Judea were quite sure that Jesus of Nazareth had a devil and was mad. Every reformer has been considered an impracticable fanatic; every prophet as a dreamer; every mountain-soul, as more or less disordered. But there is perhaps one chance in a million that people may be in error in their estimates. As George Eliot has said: "We are none of us aware of the impression we produce on Brazilian monkeys of feeble understanding; it is possible they see hardly anything in us."

THE VANISHED STARS.

("Stars may have been smitten out of existence centuries ago, but their poured-out light is yet flooding the heavens.")

Like to those stars that vanish from our sight,
But leave us still their waves of golden light,
Are God's dear saints; though called to native skies,
Their light still shines—their influence never dies.
Oft has the mem'ry of a holy life
Inspired to nobler deed—to sterner strife—
'Gainst sin, the world, and all that would oppose;
Has made us conquerors over secret foes.
Though we be called to pillow a dear head,
To take its last long sleep beside the dead—
We do not shroud their light beneath the clod;
It still illumines some pilgrim's path to God.
Yea, though the just sleep on for many a year,
Still will the radiance of their light appear.
That praying mother, now to glory gone,
Who, while on earth, yearned o'er her wayward son;
Though great her faith, God's answer was delayed,
Yet did she press her suit, and prayed—still prayed;
But now, with "clouds of witnesses she stands,"
And sees him cry to heaven with outstretched hands.
The mem'ry of her counsel and her prayers,
Have been his safeguard—turned him from the snares
Of sin and Satan—till he calls on God
To lead him in the way his mother trod.
It was the light from his loved star! though set,
Its saving influence is around him yet.
So like those stars that vanish from our sight,
But leave us still their floods of golden light,
Are God's dear saints, though called to native skies,
Their light still shines—their influence never dies.

—*Mrs. W. Fawcett, in Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine for October.*

COMMUNION WINE.

(Published by request of the Montreal Women's Christian Temperance Union.)

Take twenty pounds Concord grapes and add two quarts of water. After crushing the grapes put them into a porcelain kettle; when at a boiling heat the juices separate from the pulp and skins. Then strain through a tin sieve or cullender, using a little more water; add six pounds granulated sugar. After the sugar is all dissolved, strain through a thick cloth. Then heat hot and pour immediately into stone bottles, and seal tightly while hot. The above will make three gallons, and if properly put up will keep any length of time; but all air must be kept from it till wanted for use. It is better to use bottles that will hold the quantity needed for each Communion.

Or this:

Take twenty-five pounds of grapes and a pound of sugar, mixed with a quart of water, bring to the boil, and when cool squeeze through a jelly bag. Mix the juice with four pounds of sugar, boil fifteen minutes, and skim and bottle while hot in bottles taken out of boiling water. Seal with beeswax and rosin. This makes a very excellent article.

Another recipe is—

Take one gallon of grapes, mash them well, add half a gallon of water, and let stand in an earthen jar for three days. Then run off the liquid which is at the bottom, being careful to disturb as little as possible the skins and seeds that have risen to the surface. Add a pound of sugar to each quart of grape juice, bring to the boil, and while at that temperature can in self-sealing jars or sealed bottles.

These directions are published in the hope that temperance ladies throughout the country will take the matter up, and see that the churches are provided with a pure wine for the Communion table. In regions where grapes are not to be had, arrangements might be made with a Woman's Christian Temperance Union in some other place to provide the necessary quantity at a reasonable price.

PROF. SALMOND, of Aberdeen, delivered an able address in German at the Luther Festival at Wittenberg, and, in the unavoidable absence of Principal Cairns, conveyed the fraternal greetings of the United Presbyterian as well as of the Free Church to the German people.

MR. CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER is preparing a series of lectures on literature, to be delivered before the senior class of Princeton College. It is a part of the plan of Princeton to invite specialists in each department of knowledge to supplement the regular courses of instruction.

THE Bishop of Melbourne sanctioned an exchange of pulpits between one of his clergy and a Presbyterian minister, but just before the latter ascended the pulpit a layman and a minister proceeded to the communion rail and read a protest against the admission of the "unordained" minister into the pulpit.

THE Rev. R. M. Thornton has been presented by his late congregation at Wellpark, Glasgow, with £55 to replenish his library, and a drawing-room timepiece for Mrs. Thornton. Ex-Bailie Millar presided at the farewell soiree. Dr. Marshall Lang, minister of the Barony, was present on the occasion.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

BLANCO, Texas, voted: For prohibition, 122, against prohibition, 33.

A LARGE proportion of the engineers on the East Indian railways are natives.

It is announced that the Comtesse de Chambord has decided to take the veil.

THE city fathers of Ocala, Fla., passed an ordinance forbidding concealed weapons.

PITTSBURGH'S Methodist and Presbyterian clergymen have frowned on Sunday newspapers.

SCARCELY a day passes that strangers do not place flowers on the grave of Abraham Lincoln.

BARTHOLOMEW Tarney, of Bath, N.Y., walked three miles on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

FROM the café concerts, etc., on Champs Elysées the city of Paris nets about \$30,000 a year in licenses, etc.

THE first consignment of Russian petroleum reached Liverpool this month. The oil is described as of a very high test.

THE pulpit at the City Temple, London, on the three last Sundays of Dr. Parker's holiday was occupied by Wesleyan ministers.

UPWARDS of fifty applications have already been received from candidates for the vacancy in the parish of Dunlop, Scotland.

DR. ALEXANDER M'LEOD, of Birkenhead, lately opened the new church at Viewforth, which has been built for Broad Street congregation.

THE Scott liquor law has yielded \$2,000,000, and this sum they are distributing in charities and employing to increase police efficiency in Ohio.

ALTHOUGH Cambridge University is generally regarded as second to Oxford in the classical curriculum, she has educated the principal English poets.

PROF. J. S. NICHOLSON, of Edinburgh, has published an essay on the land question, in which he dismisses the theories of Mr. Henry George with contempt.

PROF. ROTHROCK, of Philadelphia, says that at the present rate of destroying American forests the country will be without woodlands thirty years hence.

AN American missionary, Rev. William Clark, has succeeded beyond his expectations in a scheme for establishing a Protestant college for women in Florence.

THE Forfar Free Presbytery has instructed the ministers within its bounds to give a series of lectures on the Sabbath, with a view to stop the prevalent desecration of that day.

SAMUEL ROGERS, the poet, in his youth wished to be sent to the Manchester Presbyterian College, but instead he became a clerk in his father's bank, and eventually a partner.

MR. GLADSTONE received his first critical congratulation on his recent translation of Cowper's "Hark, my soul, it is the Lord!" into the language of Dante from Cardinal Manning.

THE Boston "Post" says: "President Arthur drinks three kinds of wine at dinner, and asks no blessing. Mrs. Hayes' husband omitted the expense of the wine, and asked a blessing."

AN income of \$350,000 a year, derived from certain old benefactions in "city" of London parishes, where very few persons now reside, is henceforward to be devoted to promote public objects in the Metropolis.

AT Lairg, in Ross-shire, there is said to be at present neither minister, session clerk, nor beadle, and a marriage had to be postponed a few days ago because the bride, who resided in the parish, could not be "proclaimed."

It is said that the largest grapevine in the United States grows on the premises of Mr. Madden, in Pike county, Ga. It is eighteen years old, is thirty-four inches in circumference at its base, is a quarter of a mile long, and yields five waggon loads of grapes.

THE Town Council of Bombay has refused to sanction the vote of \$25,000 granted by the municipality for defraying the expenses of a public reception of the Duke of Connaught, declaring \$1,000 to be the total sum that could be allowed for the purpose.

In some English churches a number of persons make a point of marching out as soon as prayers are ended. Lately a rector caught his congregation by delivering the sermon first. The next Sunday they caught the clergyman by coming an hour later.

REV. E. BRADLEY, popularly known as "Cuthbert Bede," the author of "Verdant Green," has been presented to the vicarage of Lenton, Lincolnshire, worth £700 per annum. He was at one time stationed in Kintyre, on which he has written an amusing book.

THE Bishop of Glasgow, in his charge at the diocesan council, said the great need of the Church at the present time was fit men for the work of the ministry. He thought it better to work with fewer men than ordain men who were incompetent or injudicious.

THE facts are admirably noted by "Society" that, during his stay at the Châlet Cecil, Lord Salisbury is not only a constant attendant at the pretty little church in Dieppe, but actually goes on foot with his children, while a carriage is employed for his servants!

THE Bishop of Brechin, in his charge at the diocesan synod, stated that advance was being made towards union with the English Episcopal churches in Scotland, and that in a short time he expected all these churches, with one or two exceptions, would come over.

THE Mansion House, London, was erected with money wrung from Dissenters by fines exacted under an Act of the Restoration era, by which every person who accepted an office under the corporation without taking the communion according to the rites of the Established Church had to pay a penalty of £500.