## NOTES AND COMMENTS

"It was good to live in that age. poets and essavists have exclaimed in singing the praises of certain periods of modern history. Certainly, it was good to live in the age of Pericies, in the age of Shakespeare and Milton and so on. But let us be just to our age and recognize our own privileges and opportunities. It is natural to idealize the past, but it is not necessary unduly to disparage the present. Ours, too, is a glorious and romantic age; ours, too, is an age of progress and achievement, of soul-stirring events and inspiring tasks and responsibilities. We should guard \$ against an anti-modernity bias.

The other day an eminent educator warned a graduating class against crowds and demagogues, chatter and superficiality, torrents of talk and dislike of mental effort, all of which things he declared to be peculiar to our age. But while ours is undoubtedly an age of all- of identity, either by personal expervading papers, best-sellers, cheap magazines, mass meetings, inventions and improvements which destroy solitude and militate against contemplation, it is not true that chatter, superficial thinking and sophistry are new under Bertillon system. The nature and the sun. Every age has its dema- position of the mark could be made gogues, its sensation-mongers, its to indicate the character of the ofcrazes and follies. There were de- fense. A French criminologist, magogues in ancient Greece and copying the procedure of the Rome; there were demagogues in beauty parlor, proposes the injecmerry old England.

complained of the "great number of books and amusements" which came in one's way, of the "multitudes who read merely for the sake of talking," of the general unwilwas always plentiful, but, as the past.

planes and wireless communication, its enemies. of empire building, of international arbitration, of social reform, of scientific industry, of the peopleization of knowledge, art and cul- Never be a United People Until ture, of successful campaigns against dreaded disease, of child-Ethnologists divide the Chinese into from three to ten different of vice and crime. These things require thought, and they are done by our contemporaries. An age of ignoramuses and noisy crowds, an age of rant and vulgarity, would have no such entries to its credit.

Ethnologists divide the Chinese into from three to ten different of the differ We repeat, be just to your own age and appreciate its opportunities and privileges. We, too, "were same as is born in Arcadia."

French and German criminole gists are casting about for some plan for putting physical marks on habitual offenders. The day is past, of course, when branding would be tolerated; a criminal like Balzae's Vautrin is no longer to be identified by means of a smart slap between the shoulder blades to bring

### NEAK KIDNEYS KILL QUICKLY tre You Irritable. Depressed? Joes Your Back Ache? Have You Nervous Fears?

Any lilness of the Kidneys Means a Sick Body All Over. Note the Symptons.

Are you weak?
Feel tired out?
Full of aches, pains?"
Have you bad headacaes?
Does your back drag?
Are your loins painful?
Have you rheumatic pains?
Are your ankles weak, swelled?
Any puffiness under your eyes?
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They proved capital get any relief.

They proved capital get any long from the seme in a way unintelligible to the people across a river or on the other side of a mountain. There can be no real progress in China until they have a really written language which is spoken the same in all parts of the great Empire.

NO CHANCE.

"Don't you ever get homesick?" asked the domestic man.
"No," replied the traveler. "I'm never home long enough."

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some means for giving assurance amination or by correspondence, would often considerably simplify and expedite the course of justice.

The Germans propose to revive tatooing, as a supplement to the tion of paraffin. This substance, in hardening, forms a small lump un-Writing in 1726, Bishop Butler der the skin, and if the paraffin is removed a betraving sign will remain. In either case the man is marked

Against these proposals there is lingness to think hard and suffer the objection that such methods "the pain of attention.' Thought tend to deprive the offender of a was always "fatiguing," and talk fair opportunity to redeem the The ultra-sensitive might London Times points out, our age even feel that they in some way is really doing something to coun- contravene the dignity due to huteract the aversion to the trouble man nature in general. Perhaps a out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroy. of independent thinking and judg- slight tattooing, placed on some of independent thinking and judg-ing. Instead of losing mental ef-part of the body where the officers caused by Catarrh, which is nothing ficiency and intellectual strength, of the law could find it, yet where we are gaining and advancing in nobody else would commonly see it or think of looking for it, might for any case of Deafness (caused by give society a fair yet not undue After all, this is the age of aero- advantage in its warfare against

## RACES IN CHINA.

They Have Common Language. One That Claude Says Is Ancient,

Ethnologists divide the Chinese less eyes, set obliquely, and a low nose with little or no bridge. This generality of features is about the same as is found in European Nations, and does not interfere with the division into separate races. The average height is five feet four inches, and the average cranial capacity about 1,200 cubic centimeters, or about 100 cubic centimeters or about 100 cubic centimeters below the European average. In the low the European average. In the low the European average. In the low the European average or about 100 cubic centimeters below the European average. In the low the European average or about 100 cubic centimeters below the European average or about 100 cubic centimeters below the European average. In the low the European average of the low the European average. In the low the European average of the low t less eyes, set obliquely, and a low I never heard it, and it happened nose with little or no bridge. This tween the shoulder blades to bring the red letters to legibility. Yet infusion of Malay blood. There is also a race which seems to be that of the original inhabitants of countries and it went down with a grand the south depends and it went down with a grand the south and seem to have a decided infusion of Malay blood. There is also a race which seems to be that of the original inhabitants of countries and it went down with a grand the south down also a race which seems to be that of the original inhabitants of country who wers overrun and partially assimilated by the Chinese coming from central Asia and descending into the valleys of the great rivers. These people seem to be most nearly akin to the Hindus. Over all are the Manchus, who are thought to represent about 20,000,000 people, or one in 20 of the entire population.

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The greatest difficulty in the unification of the people and their progress is the lack of a common language. Instead of having a phonetic alphabet and written words, such as civilized peoples do, they have a picture alphabet which represents things. The alphabet belongs to what is called the ideographic and not the phonetic class. It is something like the hieroglyphs of Old Egypt and Assyria. The Manchus have words for all these pictures, and these are learned by the official class, but each of the Provinces and many divisions of Provinces have ther own words for these pictures and pronounce them in a way unintelligible to the people across a river or on the other side of a mountain. There can be no real progress in China until they have a really written language.

MOTHER'S SPHERE There's never a place on the whole

wide earth, There's never an hour or minute, But something happens—for grief or for mirth-

There's always a mother in it.
Oh, maybe a Little Boy Blue has Or maybe fledgling linnet.

Somebody's darling and somebody's pride-There's always a mother in it.

There's always a crown or coveted seat-Someone stands to lose or win it: Thate'er the issue be, or sour or

sweet. There's always a mother in it. Whether a wedding dress or whe-ther shroud, There's always a hand to spin it.

Sighing and sad or radiant and There's always a mother in it.

Oh, maybe it's just a bonnet or

cap
That's needing a pin to pin it. Oh, maybe a cry for cookie or snap, There's always a mother in it. Oh, maybe a lesson so hard to

Curlylocks fears to begin it Wherever you go, wherever you turn. There's always a mother in it.

For everywhere in the round of this And in every day and minute,

Come joy or pain, or come peace or come strife, There's always a mother in it. Oh, maybe a little Christ Child is

born, Or maybe nestling linnet someone is happy at night and

morn. There's always a mother in it! -Edward Wilbur Mason, in Na-tional Magazine for December.

### Deafness Cannot Be Cured

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But Which Is New to Her.

# TAKING HIS MEDICINE.

Visitor - So you've had three dogs, eleven cows and two horses killed by autos so far this year. "Don't you ever get homesick?" asked the domestic man.
"No," replied the traveler. "I'm never home long enough."

NO CHANCE.

Why don't you put in a complaint?
Farmer—Never! I'm willing to take my medicine. I was one of the yaps that kept hollering for good roads.

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON. DECEMBER 31.

Review. Golden Text, I. John 1. 9. If we confess our sins, he is faith-

ful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness .- 1 John 1. 9.

One Truth This Lesson Teaches.

That the fulfilment of prophecy and the climax of sacred history came in the birth of the King.

The Aim.—To show that the King of Love came to seek and to save

Clue to Pupil's Interest .- The re-

viewing of troops.

Introduction.—Did you ever see soldiers marching before a government officer for inspection? In June I saw some boys and young men in a military school stand such a test. There, for hours, they marched back and forth before the government inspector. In and out, across, up and down the field they They pitched their tents and built their camp fires. They showe ! all that they had learned to perfection. Not one made a mistake. The officer was "reviewing" the company and they were reviewing what they had been learning all of the

Lesson Story. We have come to day like that in our lesson study. We are to review what we have been learning and to prove our been learning and to prove our faithfulness along the way by what ing actually led to the detection of has come. If we have really studied criminals we know now that the review day has come. If we have really studied criminals, we will know the answers to the following questions:

did they lay a foundation for a sec-ond temple? Who wrote a song of deliverance for them? Why?

they saw the body of the farmer lying in a well in his farmyard.

The men were laughed at because

REMARKABLE CASE.

A story of a very extraordinary
dream of this nature comes from What brave queen risked her life

noble, unselfish prayer to God? How was his prayer answered? What difficulties beset him in his work and how did he meet them? What was the Feast of the Trumpets and how was it first celebrat-

What King came as a fulfillment of prophecy? Why did he come?

How long shall he reign? Whom did he come to seek and to save?

# "WATER ELEPHANTS."

The scientific world is still discussing the reported discovery of a new mammal in the Congo State, a mammal known to the natives as the "water elephant." M. Le Petit, of the Paris Museum of Natural History, recently reported that he saw five of these animals plunging into the water on the northern shore of Lake Leopold the

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them for years.

## HAPPY THO' MARRIED?

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An Investigation by a Magistrate Brought to Light a Terrible

In quite recent times there been instances of dreams not

we will know the answers to the following questions:

What prophet was called to be a watchman?

What was the meaning of the vision of the great stream that flowed from beneath the temple?

Who led 'the children of Israel on their return from captivity? Why all the same they saw the hody of the farmer tould not be found. Two men living in distant villages had the same dream one will age a well-known farmer suddenly disappearately ages at the same that flowed for the farmer could not be found. Two men living in distant villages had the same dream one will age a well-known farmer suddenly disappearately ages at the farmer could not be found. Two men living in distant villages had the same dream one will age a well-known farmer suddenly disappearately ages afraid someone had come to arrest them and in the dead of man at first stoutly denied his first stoutly denied his first stoutly denied his first stoutly denied his the found. They went to a magistrate and told him that in their dreams the found. Two men living in distant villages had the same dream one will age a well-known farmer suddenly disappearately ages are afraid someone had come to arrest them and in the dead of man at first stoutly denied his first stoutly denied his first stoutly denied his first stoutly denied his the first stoutly denied his first stoutly denied

no one ever knew of the existence of a well at the place mentioned.

a Mr. Williams of Scorrier House, for her people?

What was the meaning of Bel
of a well at the place mentioned. a Mr. Williams of Scorrier House, in Cornwall, who dreamed on May What was the meaning of Belshazzar's vision and who interpreted it?

What kind of a leader did Ezraprove himself in the long journey back to Jerusalem?

Why did Nehemiah make his noble, unselfish prayer to God? it. Officers were put on the case anew, and it was proven that two nephews of the farmer had killed him. They were executed for the

him. They were executed for the crime.

Charles King and Edward Hayward were fellow prospectors in Western Canada. One day Hayward was missing. The Northwest mounted police, assisted by Indian mounted police, assisted by Indian Mexico and Mex mounted police, assisted by Indian trackers, found Hayward's remains,

BURNED AND CHARRED,

among the ashes of King's camp fires. Hayward's brother, living by a man named Bellingham. Mr. among the ashes of King's camp fires. Hayward's brother, living in Northern Minnesota, dreamed that he saw his brother shot. Two days later he received a telegram from the Canada police, informing him of his brother's death and asking the appear as one of the witing him to appear as one of the witnesses at King's trial. King protested his innocence, but he was found guilty of murder.

One night a traveler arrived at the House of the

found guilty of murder.

One night a traveler arrived at an Arkansas town, footsore and very tired. He went to a little hotel and retired. Soon he was dreaming. He dreamed that he of Oxford University was robbed by tempted to scream, but could not, and awoke in a sweat.

Two policemen were sent with the traveler to make an investigation. Nothing was found suspicious in the cottage, and they went to the gar-den in search of the well. The presence of the policemen naturally attracted a crowd of people, and when they began talking about a well an old woman, leaning heavily not overlook the importance of on a crutch, exclaimed:
"A well? Why, that has been gone

these 30 years. I remember distinctly when I was a little girl dropping stones into it and listen
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TWO MEN HAD SAME VISION

Picks and shovels were soon brought, and when the men had dug about two feet they same upon a row of bricks. These were quickly removed and disclosed some boards. These, too, were soon removed, and an old oaken chest was found in which the partially prefound in which the partially pre-served body of a man.

tound in the served body of a man.

The old man of the cottage was immediately arrested, but his wife was gone. Later she was found in the woodshed. She constitution in the woodshed. Brought to Light a Terrible
Crime.

There are many people who do not believe in dreams, and there are some who have the greatest faith in them. It quite recent times there money and they murdered him for it. They put his body in the box in him. The old woman said In a small western village a well-crown farmer suddenly disappear-were afraid someone had come to

### REMARKABLE CASE.

the Williams house. It's was Williams's son, who brought the news that Mr. Perceval had been shot in

The Reverend Mr. Pearing, vicar

and awoke in a sweat.

He tried to go to sleep again, but his nerves were so unstrung that he could not sleep. He dressed himself and went out for awalk. who had died a few days before and himself and went out for awalk. The father dreamed that the was surprised how familiar every church. The father dreamed that himself and went out for awalk. He was surprised how familiar every thing was to him. There was the old church with the Gothic portice and the bypath. Then he knew he was realizing what he had dreamed. He came to the old house and saw the garden full of weeds. But he could not find the well he had seen in his dreams.

He returned to the inn and the next morning asked the landlord for some particulars concerning the old cottage. He was told an old couple lived in it, but that they were so unsociable and morose that no one ever took notice of them, and they seldom left their little abode. The traveler was not satisfied with the explanation and went to a magistrate, to whom he told how every fact in the dream had been verified excepting the FINDING OF THE WELL.

Two policemen were sent with the traveler to make an investigation.

who had died a few days betofe the vaults of the vaults of the vaults of the vaults of the vault she to a the vault of the vision of the saw that his son's shroud spotted with blood, and che expression of agony on his face. The lad cried, "Father, come help me; they will not let me rest." The father awoke, greatly excited, but dismissed the dream from his mind. No sooner had he fallen asleep again than he dreamed again of his son in agony, and crying, "They are tearing my body to pieces." As soon as it was dawn the minister went to the vault. The clerk tried to explain that his son had taken the keys to the repair shop. The vicar secured a crowbar and pried open the door of the vault. Then he saw that the coffin had been disturbed and that his son's body had been to a magistrate, to whom he told how every fact in the dream had been verified excepting the told how every fact in the dream had been verified excepting the fallen asleep again than he dreamed again of his son in agony, and crying, "They are tearing my body to pieces." As soon as it was dawn the repair shop. The vicar secured are the vault. The clerk tried to explain that his son's body had been to a magistrate, to whom he told

# IMPORTANT.

making his foundation firm.

The stranger asked the whereabouts of the well.

"As near as mayb" just where you are standing," was the reply.

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the dodo; but two others, equally were a huge, nameless bird a once existed on the Island of Ret once existed on the Island of Ret and the gigantic, flightless piges the Island of Rodriguez, known a "solitaire." All three are extinc was inevitable, because, in their lution, Nature had had no forethe of the appearance of man upon scene—a creature who can the sea without wings—with weakness for killing everything weannot escope from him. cannot escape from him.

And the dode, it must be admi And the dodo, it must be admi invited killing. It was the auto of the Island of Mauritius, ralarger than a swan, with remark plump and heavy body, wings were of no more use than feath opaulettes, a huge hooked beak, sthick legs, and an absurd tuff curly feathers for a tail. To sail from Northern lands, accustomed such birds as sparrows and rooks tuch birds as sparrows and rooks. rom Northern lands, accustome uch birds as sparrows and rooks, preposterous, waddling monster se ed a practical joke dressed up

The fare of sailors in those d The fare of sailors in those d was hard and stale and salt, though the dodo may not have be particularly good eating, who co help—in those days, two hund years ago—walking after it; litting it on the head with a stile Away up in the North, nature if roduced, side by side, races of hirry, clever men, struggling agab difficulties for bare existence, a faces of swift and active birds, cut ding to dodge a missile or avoid rap. Away down in the soft a sunny South she had, at the sai me, in the absence of man, allow unny South she had, at the sai ime, in the absence of man, allow he birds to fall into easy habits. T edo, with his huge, hooked bea fould have made short work of do, with his had, ould have made short work of andering bird of prey. So he gre and fat. He nev