

United States.

At a meeting of the Board of Missions, recently held in Brooklyn the Rev. Dr. Matheson speaking upon Missions generally, and of the Jews in particular, said:—"If we compare fifty years ago with the present, we may be sure there has been growth of religious sentiment. Fifty years ago to urge missions was to be regarded as fanatical. Now things are much changed. We feel that to be indifferent or cold toward the needy anywhere is against Christian consistency. Fifty years from this time the Church will look with surprise upon our supineness, just as we are now astonished at the indifference of the past. The Church to-day has not before her a clearer obligation than is imposed to preach the Gospel to the Jews. There is not a more inviting field for missionary work than among them. It is not commonly thought so. Look at some facts. Seventy years ago missions for the Jews began. Then they would not take the New Testament; now they accept it eagerly by hundreds. On the continent of Europe there are 20,000 converts. Four converted Jews have been made Bishops in the Church of England, and 100 Presbyters are converted Jews. We have made two Bishops and received many clergymen from their ranks. We are awaking to a sense of our duty, and lately a society for the Jews has been formed in New York, which is meeting with encouraging success. The converted Jew seeks at once our Church, attracted by our liturgy and historic relation to the early faith. He avoids Rome because of its idolatry, and because he has been persecuted the most by that communion. The only State that has excluded Jews from office is Roman Catholic Maryland."

NEW YORK.—Bishop Potter's Anniversary.—The New York Independent says:—"The commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bishop Potter's consecration as Bishop of the Diocese of New York, the particulars of which we note in our Religious News columns, is a notable event in the history of the Episcopal Church in this section. During this twenty-five years the advance of that Church in membership, wealth and influence has been uninterrupted, until now its beautiful church edifices, its large charities and its great mission work place it in the front rank of religious organizations. The city of New York especially has witnessed a growth in which all disinterested observers will rejoice. The work of the Episcopal Church among the poor of this city has obtained a magnitude which would probably greatly surprise those who are not acquainted with the facts. Trinity Church, with its ancient traditions and strong ecclesiastical feeling, Grace Church, with its fashionable congregations, and St. George's Church, with its earnest and tireless activities, have all contributed to a religious and practically helpful work which has left a permanent impress for good on our city."

England.

Mr. A. N. MALAN writes from Wimbledon. "Numbers of persons were skating Monday, 17th. Nov., on Ruskens, the pond on Wimbledon-common. The elms are still well covered with leaves, which on some trees have scarcely assumed their autumnal tints. Such an unusual spectacle ought hardly to be let pass without being recorded."

The Abyssinian Prince Alamayu was buried in the catacombs of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on Friday the 20th ult.

The Victoria Cross is to be conferred on Captain O'Moore Creagh, of the Bombay Staff Corps, for his conduct during an action with an overwhelming number of Mohmunds. Sir F. Paul Hafnes says that but for his coolness, determination, and gallantry the detachment would, in all probability, have been destroyed. The Cross will also be bestowed upon Commissioner Dalton, of the Commissariat and Transport Department, for his conspicuous heroism at Rorke's Drift.

The Albert Medal of the Second Class has been given to Charles Morgan, collier, for his intrepid conduct after the Abercrombie explosion, on the 11th September, 1878, when ninety lives were saved.

The Worshipful Company of Mercers of the City of London have forwarded a contribution of fifty guineas to the National Committee for the Restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey. £5,000 is required.

Miscellany.

THE BIBLE MUST BE STUDIED TO OBTAIN A KNOWLEDGE OF CHRISTIANITY.

Would mathematical science thrive if Euclid and the Principia were to cease from the studies of our youth? Would the public watchfulness of the people over their rulers thrive, if they were to refrain from perusing the daily intelligence, and conversing of public affairs? Will Religion thrive, if the Word of God be not studied, and its topics contemplated? If, at that season, when our youths of first talent and ambition are preparing their minds for guiding affairs, by courses of early discipline in public schools, and those of second rank are entered to the various professions of life; if, then, no pains be taken to draw their attention to the sacred writings, and impress principles of piety and virtue upon their minds, how can it be expected that religion should ever have a chance? Why, when the future lawyer is studying Blackstone or Lyttleton; the future physician, Hippocrates and Sydenham; the future economist, Smith and Malthus; the future statesman, Locke and Sydney; each that he may prepare for filling a reputable station in the present world, why is not the future Immortal, at the same time studying the two Testaments of God, in order to prepare for the world to come, in which every one of us hath a more valuable stake?—Ed. Irving.

WHAT IS MY HOPE?

An infidel passing through the shadows that hang around the close of life, and finding himself adrift amid the dark surges of doubt and uncertainty, without anchor age or harbor in view, was urged by his skeptical friends to "hold on." He answered, "I have no objection to holding, but will you tell me what to hold on by?" Here is a question which men would do well to consider before they reach the closing scene. If they are to hold on, what are they to hold on by? Where is their trust? Where is their confidence? What certainty have they as they go down into the shadows? Surely a man who comes to his dying hour needs something better than infidelity can give him; he needs the guiding hand of Him who is the resurrection and the life, who has conquered death and triumphed over the grave, and who is able to bring us safely off at last. He needs that hope which is "as an anchor of the soul."—The Christian.

TRUTH.

TEXT: Ps. cxx 2 "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from a deceitful tongue."

It is said that the ancient Persians taught their sons three things: to ride, to shoot, and to speak the truth. When a boy had learnt that, they thought his education was complete.

In at least one of these three things they were right: for the first lesson of a man's life is to be true. Till you have learnt that, you have learnt nothing. Truth is a firm rock on which you may build up the other virtues. Without it, all your trouble will be in vain.

A man whose life is a lie is nothing but a miserable sham of manhood. There is no greatness possible where there is no truth.

Better be a poor man all your life than buy a fortune with one lie. Better go hungry all your days than buy the devil's bread by earning his wages.

Once learn what a precious thing truth is, and you will be able to sacrifice wealth, employment, love, age, and happiness, rather than soil your hands and heart by insincerity.

Keep your soul clean. Let it be your pride to make your whole life so transparently pure and true, that men may trust your word as though it were a king's.

Let it be said of you, as it was once of a great ruler, that your word is as good as another man's bond.

And remember always that a man may lie by his silence, as much as by his speech. He may lie by concealing the truth as much as by denying it. By whatever means you wilfully make another believe the thing which is not, you are so far lying to him.

It will cost you much to be always true, but the truth is well purchased at any price. You are going off to your work. Do not forget it to-day. "Buy the truth and sell it not."—Standard of the Cross.

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