

## THE DECAY OF THE INDIAN RACE.

In 1820 when John C. Calhoun was Secretary of War, an agent was sent to the nations of Indians to estimate their number and gather other information concerning them. After careful examination the agent, Rev. Dr. Morse, reported the number in the United States, as the States then were, at 425,766. In 1880 the census gave the number at 225,938, showing a decrease of 166,828, and this when our States and Territories covered an area twice as large as they did in 1820. The enumeration in 1880 included all the Indians in all the States and Territories except Alaska. In the territory added to the United States since 1830 there were estimated 38,306 Indians. Deduct these from the whole number of that date and then the decrease will be 203,134 in sixty years. No wonder that the *St. Louis Christian Advocate* exclaims, "these figures are astounding and seem to sound the death-knell of the race. If there anything may be done by Congress or by any other earthly power for the benefit of the Indian let it be done speedily." But there is another and fairer side to the picture. Within twenty years the tide has turned, as the result of the better policy of the government, and the Indian population has been gradually increasing. This is a strong encouragement to the friends of the Indian to continue their agitation in his behalf, and to the Church to expend their most earnest efforts for his evangelization.—*Christian Statesman*.

## TOUCHY PEOPLE.

"Perhaps nothing detracts more from a person's own comfort in this world than being over-sensitive. The touchy person is always fancying that people intend to slight her; and quite often she thinks herself wounded and hurt when nothing is hurt but her vanity. Cultivate anything else, girls; but as you value your peace of mind and the happiness of your neighbours, and the contentment and enjoyment of your own homes, do not be foolishly sensitive."

"The Presbyterian Church of the United States, all branches, have over 15,000 churches, 11,500 ministers, 1,500,000 members, and expends annually in her work \$16,600,000; has also 46 colleges with 5000 students; 20 theological seminaries with 1,900 students; 34 female seminaries, with 4000 pupils."

## THE POWER OF A CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Mr. Stanley says, "In 1871 I went to Dr. Livingstone as prejudiced as the biggest atheist in London. I was out there, away from a worldly world. I saw this solitary old man there, and asked myself, 'Why on earth does he stop here?' For months after we met I found myself listening to him, and wondering at the old man's carrying out all that was said in the Bible. Little by little his sympathy for others became contagious; mine was awakened: seeing his purity, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness, and how he went quietly about his business, I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it. How sad that the good old man died so soon!"

## THE TWO HOUSES.

The public-house and the private-house cannot both thrive. The earnings of working-men are not sufficient both to supply the wants of their own homes, and support an army of lazy landlords and well-fed landladies. One must go to the wall. Where the public-house goes up, down goes the comfort of home; where the homes grow warm and happy, the spirit-shops are deserted and shut up.—*Rev. Wm. Annot*.

Many great men have left grand sayings that have passed down into history. Few of these sayings have been grander or spoken by truly greater men than that penned by the late Emperor of Germany. When near his end and unable to speak from the disease which ended his days he wrote:—"I have tried my best to do my duty to my God and to my country. I feel that the end is now near. God's will be done." How simple yet how grand. A fitting close to a truly royal life.

"It is reported that Joseph Rabinowitz, the Christian reformer among the Jews, has recently been warned by the Russian government to cease from his missionary labors among his brethren in the south and west of Russia. The work he had begun was most promising, and a great movement toward the Christian faith on the part of Russian Israelites seemed just at hand. Shall it be hindered by the interference of anti-Christian rulers?"