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THE COREA MISSION, under Bishop Corfe, seems to have taken quite a leap forward of late. The Bishop has appealed for a large increase in his staff of priests, both for the Japanese and Chinese elements in his diocese. There is a demand also for doctors, as well as for nursing sisters and teaching sisters also.

"MASONIC ERRORS" are charged against the present French Republic by the Bishop of Grenoble, who has lately issued a manifesto calling for the rehabilitation of what he calls "Catholic influence" in the councils of the French nation. He indicates the solid organization of the "Catholic party" as the best antidote to the evils of "naturalism."

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES being somewhat misrepresented from statistics published in English newspapers, is ably defended by Dean Hale and others. They show that her progress has been phenomenal; that she has risen of late years from 7th to 4th place, and is drawing rapidly into the very front rank of religious organizations there.

BLAVATSKY-BESANT THEOSOPHY.—The irrepressible Mrs. Besant has come out in a characteristic manifesto—retiring from the London School Board contest—airing her sentiments. She says, "I elect . . . to devote myself wholly to the less understood and less attractive duty of pressing the claims of a spiritual (?) philosophy on a public largely dominated by materialism."

EAST LONDON AND THE COLONIES.—The important fund for the evangelization of the Bishop of Bedford's diocese has not only received help from sailors' collections at Whitechapel and from Lancashire mill hands, but even from Canada and from

Melanesia they receive many a dollar and many a pound from those who have seen or can appreciate such noble work among the poorest poor.

"THE DIVINITY OF HUMAN REASON," one newspaper says, Rev. Chas. A. Briggs upholds. If so, he is worse than he has been painted. When men can invent such high-sounding, but senseless phrases, to support the last new thing in theology, it shows that there is something wrong with the action of their brains. They should rest until they find out what divinity means.

PROVINCIALISM IN CHURCH MATTERS is a term of reproach found in our English files of late which bespeaks a rise in the tide of Catholic feeling and a much more wholesome and healthy tone in religious life. "Fresh air from Calcutta"—bread cast on the waters and returning after many days—is the way one speaker describes the effect of mission work in India upon Church life at home.

"THE WIDOW GAVE TWO MITES."—Such was the reproof of Spurgeon—who has said many good things in his day—to a fine lady, who presented him with a large cheque for one of his numerous charities, with the remark, "There is my mite." The result of this delicate insinuation was that the lady doubled her cheque before leaving, and even then felt herself far behind the poor widow.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL COMMITTEE on the Lincoln case was so evidently disposed to fair hearing of all possible evidence, that some of the Church Association advocates are quite disheartened lest the legal settlement which has resulted from our arduous and costly struggle be wrecked. They do not like the admission of more light into the dark corners of former decisions of the Committee.

ONE THOUSAND BOYS AT ETON—besides many thousands more at Winchester, Rugby, Cheltenham, and other great English schools—form a grand output for the future management of Lords, Commons, and Colonies. At Eton's Ninth Jubilee the other day, it transpired that the Viceroy, all the Governors, and the Commander-in-Chief in India, were all old Etonians. They had telegraphed congratulations.

CLERGY PENSIONS AND LIFE INSURANCE was the subject of a very spirited and interesting debate in the Canterbury Convocation. The discussion was not free from the patronizing air assumed by wealthy and fashionable laymen (or their clergy) towards the poorer clergy; but there was also a consciousness that men too poor to live without debt, could not be expected to invest in superannuation and insurance speculations.

FRANCE AND THE SLAVE-TRADE.—It was in 1793 that France earned the glory of the first emancipation proclamation ever issued—that respecting the slaves of Hayti. Now, 100 years later, in a fit of spleen or fury at England's domination, they threaten (in the Chamber of Deputies) to wreck all efforts for the suppression of the trade on the high seas, refusing to allow England's cruisers to search ships behind the waving tricolor.

REFLEX INFLUENCE OF MISSION WORK has received many illustrations of late—notably in the speeches of Mr. Gladstone and others, at the Jubilee of the Colonial Bishops Fund. The Bishop of Calcutta

also dwelt on this feature of mission-work experience; the making of experiments of method with a free hand, afterwards transferred with improvements to the home field. The Calcutta Brotherhood has originated several similar movements.

THE SUNBEAM MISSION is one of the most beautiful developments of modern Christian life in England. Its object is to interest the children of the rich in promoting personally the happiness of the children of the poor. The first branch was recently opened at Weston super Mare. They sent off books, flowers, toys, pictures, clothing and kind letters to East London and other large city communities of the poorer class.

SALVATIONISTS AT EASTBOURNE are still in conflict with the authority of the local "Improvements Act," which aims to suppress their Sunday musical (?) processions. A "Watch Committee"—a kind of English authorized "Vigilance Committee"—has had several of them fined £5 and costs each or one month's imprisonment. They prefer imprisonment and propose to keep up the excitement by similar disorderly proceedings all summer.

THE ANGLO-CONTINENTAL SOCIETY is a very important adjunct of Church work in Europe. The Bishops of Carlisle and Salisbury lately spoke at the public meeting very strongly in support of the agency of this society in making continental churches understand and respect the catholic character of the Church of England. General Lowry, and Dean Hale, of Iowa also spoke. The Old Catholics and Lutherans were referred to in fraternal terms.

BISHOP MOORHOUSE, having been attacked by *John Bull* and other English newspapers for the latitudinarian tones of a recent sermon, has replied to his accusers with a cleverness which was to be expected of him. He refers to the imperfections connected with the Mosaic divorce regulations, and makes large use of modern antiquarian theories, in supplementing our information in regard to Enoch, Abraham, and other O. T. characters.

CHURCH BROTHERHOODS AT CALCUTTA AND DELHI.—The Oxford Mission at Calcutta, and that of Cambridge at Delhi, are characterized by the same system of operation—community life. These men are not "pale brothers kneeling on split peas," but active teachers and evangelists, always on the alert for work, and more often abroad than "at home." They "man" the schools to a very large extent, and are thus leavening the mass of Hindoo superstition with Christian culture.

ENGLAND AND THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.—The protective union of Germany, Italy and Austria is evidently backed by the moral support, if nothing more, of the British Empire, and to this fact, more than anything else, probably, is due the stability of that alliance. European powers disposed to encroach or infringe feel that they will have to reckon with the formidable arguments which England can bring to hand against those who interfere with European equilibrium.

PURE WATER is one of the most essential elements in the preservation of *mens sana in corpore sano*, if the earthly organ of the immortal soul is to have wholesome and smooth action as such. Impurity of water is a strong excuse for much intemperance. Florence learns from the report of the recent com-