

Selected Articles.

CLEANSING FIRES.

Let thy gold be cast into the furnace... Thy red gold, precious and bright...

In the cruel fire of sorrow... Cast thy heart, do not faint or waver...

I shall know by the gleam and the glow... Of the golden chain you wear...

OVERWORK? OR OVERWORRY.

A great amount of very pernicious twaddle has lately been published on the subject of the alleged overwork in which many of the greatest, and possibly some of the least, men of the present generation indulge...

so little is known of his life, that we cannot say what his physical constitution was, or what were the causes that led to his removal from the world, at an age when he ought to have been in the full use of all his intellectual and bodily faculties.

Who wears the first, must keep his body pure... From toe to crown, by daily ablution...

To this comprehensive formula need only be added the suggestive warning that nervous irritation, produced either by alcoholic intemperance, or by the deprivation of the proper and natural amount of sleep, are the main causes of the physical break-down...

THE DUTY OF A RIGHT EXAMPLE.

BY HON. SEAL DOW.

I was reading an English paper the other day, and paused over one passage in it a long time and thought out a little sermon.

Among the notabilities present at the meeting was the Bishop of Manchester, who made a speech. And such a speech!

On the last Sabbath, he said, he was preaching in a neighboring parish; and after the service the rector asked him, "Wouldn't he like a little something?"

after the Bishop had taken a little something (what ever it was) he "felt himself a great deal the better for it."

And so this bishop proclaimed himself to be a champion of the practice of moderate drinking, and of the continuance of the liquor traffic in the country, from which such infinite miseries result to the nation and such infinite miseries to the people.

And so this Christian bishop had been preaching on that holy Sabbath day; and after that he drank intoxicating liquor of whatever kind, and declared himself to be "the better for it."

I am sure the Bishop must assent to all this. Drunkenness is absolutely inconsistent with God's will, and cannot exist in his kingdom; drunkenness will forever exist as it now is, if not worse.

Temperance men are often spoken of as uncharitable and intolerant in their judgment of those whose opinions and practices do not harmonize with their own views; and this charge is well founded.

REV. MR. KNIGHT, DUNDEE.

The committee appointed to consider Mr Knight's sermon and article which appeared in the Contemporary Review, entitled "The Ethics of Creed-Subscription," met on Monday, and, after three hours' deliberation, resolved upon a report to the Presbytery.

CHRISTIAN SKINFINTS.

Most men are curiously illogical in their character, but the Christian skinfint is the oddest contradiction of all. It sounds something like cold fire and stony water.

WILL-O'-THE-WISPS.

Will-o'-the-wisp has sometimes been set down as a rank impostor, but despite the anathema hurled against this luminous vagabond, the "mad fire" still flickers his brief hours of existence over marsh and fen.

THE POOR IN HEAVEN.

Dr. Talmage, in a recent sermon, thus encouragingly speaks to the poor: Here comes a great column of the Christian poor. They always walked on earth.

PROGRESS OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

A retrospect of half a century in any art or science, in these days of rapid advance, gives us a striking indication of the rate at which it is progressing, and the life that is in it.

PASTORAL LIFE A PLEASANT LIFE.

Rev. Dr. Dowling, in a recent sermon on the completion of forty years from his ordination, preached on the occasion of resigning his charge at Newark, in order to return to New York, said that his entire pastoral life had been a happy and favored and peaceful one.

A QUAINT ESSAY ON DOGS.

The following essay on dogs was written by a small New England boy this summer. "As this is the tale of a dog, it may be supposed that every dog has a tail, and that every tail has a dog."