

5. The whites have 61 of 1 per cent. divorces; negroes, 67 of 1 per cent. The whites have more than two thousand years' advantage in civilization.

6. In the whole country there are 25 negroes to 75 whites who own their homes: the proportion should be 1 negro to 6 whites.

7. Of the negro homes, 87 per cent. are freeholds; of the white homes, but 71 per cent.

8. Of farms owned by negroes 89 per cent. are unencumbered; of those owned by whites, but 71 per cent.

9. Forty-one per cent. of negroes are engaged in gainful pursuits; while only 36 per cent. of whites are thus engaged.

10. Government reports show that the negro is the best soldier in the regular army.—("The Future of the Negro," by President W. H. Council in the July Forum)

KURDISTAN.

There are 3,000,000 people in Kurdistan consisting of Kurds, Yezides (Nestorian), Chaldean, Christians and Jews. All Kurds are Mohammedans; they have no literature or education. The Yezides are devil worshippers, and are equally ignorant. Yezides and Kurds speak the same language, and that is the great business language of the country. The Christians suffer greatly at the hands of the lawless Kurds, and their distress is hardly known in other countries. The need of sympathy, relief, education, and evangelization is truly great. Work among these people has for some time been in progress under the care of Pastor Khamis and his three sons.—(London Christian.)

BOOKS BY THEIR FRUITS.

"The Hindu shastras have given us India; the Koran has given us Arabia, Turkey and North and Central Africa; the doctrine of Gautama Buddha has given us Burma, Tibet, and Siam; the teachings of Confucius have given us enfeebled, distracted China.

The Bible has given us Britain, Germany, the United States—nations which, though unhappily afflicted with numberless evils because the Bible is not yet allowed full supremacy in the individual and national life, are in the van of human progress, enlightenment, and civilization.

In five hundred years no really useful invention or valuable discovery has originated in any land outside the pale of Christendom.

Neither Asia nor Africa for twenty generations has contributed a single idea from which the world is reaping comfort, enrichment or uplifting impulse. How is this? Are men blind that they fail to perceive the philosophy of such a state of things? Truly, the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not.—(Indian Witness.)

WHAT HE HAD DONE AND EXPECTED.

An old Buddhist, bent with age, nearly blind, scarcely able to walk, spoke thus to a Wesleyan missionary in Ceylon of his hope for the future: "I am ninety-six. I have climbed Adam's Peak (where Buddha is said to have left his footprints) twenty times; I have visited the 'Temple of the Tooth' in Kandy seven times; I have had a number of Buddhist books copied and given to Buddhist priests; I have never killed an animal, only on a few occasions have I caught some fish. So you see I have plenty of merit, and I shall be born well in my next life.—Missionary Review.

ROME IN ENGLAND.

As an illustration of the extent to which the ritualistic party in the Church of England has drifted Romeward, prebendary Webb-Peploe, at a recent meeting, in London, gave the following from "one of our own bishops": "What language of man can speak the dignity of the priesthood and the greatness of the priest? He is a man who every day, when he pleases, opens the gates of heaven, and, addressing himself to the Son of the Eternal, to the Monarch of the world, says to Him: 'Descend from your throne! Come.' Docile at the voice of this man, the Word of God, He by whom all things were made, instantly descends from the seat of His glory and incarnates Himself in the hands of this man more powerful than the angels, than the august (?) Mary. And this man says to Him, 'Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. Thou art My Victim,' and He lets Himself be immolated by this man, placed where he wills, given to whom he chooses: this man is the priest."

Lord Halifax, a leader among the ritualists has been advocating the use of the title of Mother of God to the Virgin Mary on the grounds that a refusal to do so is equivalent to a denial of the Incarnation. If Mary is not Mother of God, he argues, either the Word was not made flesh, or the Word was not God. Even the Ecclesiastical Gazette pronounces this statement of Lord Halifax as one of the most extravagant it has ever heard.

The gospel of happiness is one which every one should lay to heart. Set out with the invincible determination that you will bear burdens and not impose them. Whether the sun shines or the rain falls, show a glad face to your neighbor. If you must fall in life's battle, you can at least fall with a smile on your face.—Wellspring.

The truest saints are saints in the small things of life, as well as in the large ones.