

Miscellaneous.

AGED CHRISTIANS.

They are resting from their labors Ere the final call shall come— Ere they quit their earthly dwellings For their long prepared homes.

Mr. Newdegate's Motion.

Now that the strife and bustle are over, we may better estimate the value of Mr. Newdegate's recent motion. The honorable member for North Warwickshire has not gained all he sought, but he has gained much for Protestantism at large.

Although inquiry into the character and discipline of the so-called "religious houses" will not take place, it is not a small gain that the public will have the means of knowing what and where they are, and how supported.

Nor will it be a loss, but a gain to Protestantism that the brotherhoods and sisterhoods of the so-called Anglican Churches may be inquired into by the same Committee, and their resources ascertained.

True Protestants will have noted while this discussion proceeded that two instances have been produced of nuns having been absolved from their vows—namely, those of the Colwich nun and of Lady H. Douglas. This, too, is gain.

Mr. Winterbotham's remarkable deliverance cannot have escaped attention. It is a curious illustration of the proverb that extremes meet when Congregationalists and Socinians agree with Tractarians and Romanists to uphold the inviolability of the nunnery.

From the Christian Guardian. Notes from Lucknow. Sir—It is just ten years this month of March since I took leave of a circle of kind friends on a Canadian "Circuit," and commenced that career of wandering, which in a few months brought me to India.

This warm, Lucknow March evening, fragrant with orange blossoms, spangled with roses of various hues gleaming in the moonlight, resonant at intervals with the soft music of the frogs from the river that laves the garden walls—this delicious March evening, so perfect in its temperature that all idea of heat or cold vanishes, reminds me by the very force of contrast, of my last March in Canada.

Who will condemn my partiality for India? When I walk in my garden beautified and enriched with the gifts of both temperate and tropical climates—when I ride rapidly and comfortably upon the finest roads in the world—where ruts are impossible and mud unknown—when the unvarying climate allows the itinerant to spend months in his tent without fear of frost or rain—when the blessings of Indian life pass before my mind, I instinctively commiserate my weather-beaten, bespattered, bearded brethren in Canada.

But there are imperfections everywhere in this world of ours, and even the Indian missionary sometimes finds dark clouds hanging over his path. His winter unfortunately does not last all the year; and when his December has passed into May, and the fierce prostrating heat makes life a burden and compels illness, he feels that there are even worse things than Canadian winters. I have been according such hearty sympathy to my brethren that they will not in turn be unkindful of my complaints, though a want of common experience in the matter I am about to notice may render it impossible for all to fully realize the conditions of the case.

These ladies, three in number, are the first of their class who have embraced Christianity in Lucknow, and the Mahomedans are highly excited over this defalcation from their ranks, and have doubtless succeeded in bringing considerable pressure to bear upon the officers of government in the city.

These converts are the firstfruits of our Zennah schools. They have been carefully reading the Bible for years, and their rejection of Mahomedanism has been made after thorough examination of the claims of the two religions, and in the face of trials with firmness and constancy, though we regret that their peculiar circumstances render it impossible for them to enjoy the privileges of the Sabbath and the sanctuary, and also deprive them of the opportunity of giving them that spiritual comfort and encouragement which they so much need.

Mahomedans, believing in the right to propagate religion by the sword, and accustomed to see the religion of the ruler enforced among the ruled, cannot understand this neutrality of the British Government. I have been told, times without number, that the British Government regarded the Mahomedan and Hindoo religions as better than its own, and for this reason does not enforce Christianity among the people.

Special Religious Services will be held for four days, in a beautiful grove near the Village of Inmanna, commencing on Friday, the 17th of June, 1870, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

GLANFORD CIRCUIT—CAMP MEETING. The Camp-Meeting will be held on the old ground in Barton, near the city of Hamilton, on Mr. Jacob Terrybury's farm, to commence, June 24th, 1870.

COOKSVILLE CIRCUIT. Zion Church, on the Cooksville Circuit, will (D.V.) be re-opened for divine service on Sabbath, May 29th, when sermons will be preached as follows:—In the morning, at 10 o'clock, by the Rev. Dr. Green; at 2 p. m. by the Rev. James Goddardham; and at 6.30 p. m., by the Rev. G. Cochran.

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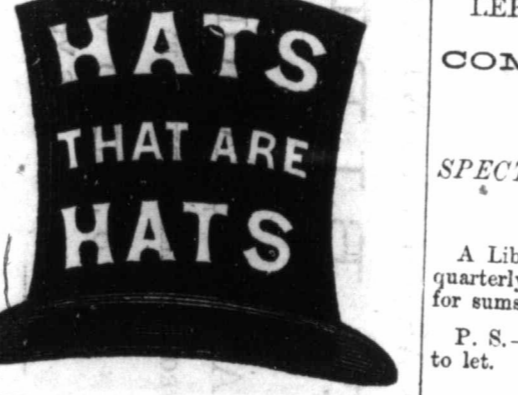
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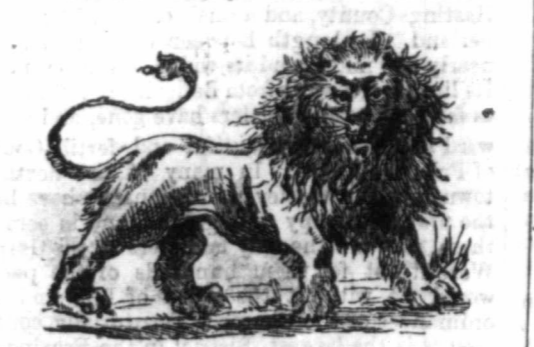
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