

Pagan Religion.

The natives of Ternate, one of the Molucca Islands of the Pacific Ocean, exhibit little show of religion, and never speak of it to a stranger. But they have temples, and the priests go thither, at stated periods, with an assemblage of persons, when they silently point to an inscription on a pyramid, which embraces nearly the whole system of ethics: "Mortals! adore your God; love your brethren; and study to be useful to your country." Even in christian countries, there are very many who might profit by this recommendation.

From the Boston true Thomsonian.

Croup.

The season of the year has arrived in which cases of croup frequently occur, and it would be well for parents to be constantly provided with such simple remedies as may be necessary to afford immediate relief.—Children who retire at night in usual good health, are frequently awaked suddenly by an attack of croup. To prevent the disease from a fatal issue, prompt and energetic treatment becomes necessary. Warm, stimulating medicines should be administered without delay, and an emetic of strong lobelia tea, or common tincture, as soon as practicable.—In some cases the patient is so choked with phlegm, that it is difficult to swallow medicine: in such cases, we immediately give a sufficient quantity of lobelia, by injection, to produce copious vomiting. The vapor bath is very serviceable in croup. Let two or three injections a day be given to the patient, and tinctures of lobelia, or weak lobelia tea, in small doses, till the patient is out of danger. The disease sometimes suddenly returns, after it is supposed the danger is past: parents will bear this in mind. A prompt administration of emetics, injections and the vapor bath, will invariably control this alarming and frequently fatal disease, if seasonably resorted to.

Scotch Degrees.

When the University of St. Andrew's sold her honors, a certain minister, who deemed that his ministrations would be more acceptable and more useful if he possessed what the Germans call the doctors-hat, put £15 in his purse, and went to St. Andrew's to purchase for himself a good degree.' His man-servant accompanied him, and was present when his master was formally admitted to the long desired honor. On his return, the doctor sent for his servant, and addressed him somewhat as follows: 'Noo, Saunders, ye'll aye be sure to ca' me the doctor; and gin onybody spiers at ye about me, ye'll be aye sure to say the doctor's in his study, or the doctor's engaged,

or the doctor will see you in a crack.' 'That a' depends,' was the reply, 'whether ye ca' me the doctor too. (The reverend doctor started.) Ay, it's just so,' continued the other; 'for when I fand that it cost sae little, I e'en got a diploma myself. Sae ye'll just be good enough to say, 'Doctor, put on some coals, or doctor, bring the whiskey and hot water, and gin onybody spiers at ye about me, ye'll be aye sure to say 'the doctor's in the stable, or, the doctor's in the pantry, or the doctor's digging potatoes, as the case may be.'

The World.

The world contains nine hundred and seventy-two million of inhabitants. Of these six and a half millions are Jews, one hundred and fifty millions Mohammedans, one hundred and seventy-five and a half millions Christians, and six hundred and forty millions Pagans.

New Zealand Physicians.

We read that in New Zealand, physicians remain with their patients night and day, never leaving them until they recover or die, in which latter case the doctor is brought before a court of equity, composed of all the chiefs for many miles around. We guess if the M. D's. of this country were inspected as closely, many dark deeds would be brought to light.

LAW.—A celebrated barrister, retired from practice, was one day asked his sincere opinion of the law. 'Why, the fact is, rejoined he, 'if any man were to claim the coat on my back, and threaten my refusal with a lawsuit, he should certainly have it, lest, in defending my coat, I should lose my waistcoat also.

A certain King of Hungary took a bishop in battle, and kept him prisoner. Whereupon the Pope wrote a monitory letter to him, for breaking the privilege of the holy church and taking his son. The King sent an embassy to him, and sent withal the armor wherein the Bishop was taken, and this only in writing: 'Know now whether this be thy son's coat or no.'

DIFFUSION OF BOOKS.—If it is true that a wise man, like a good refiner, can gather gold out of the drossiest volume, and that a fool will be a fool with the best book, yea, or without a book; there is no reason that we should deprive a wise man of any advantage to his wisdom, while we seek to restrain from a fool that which, being restrained, will be no hindrance to his folly.—*Millon*.

TIGHT LACING.—A learned doctor, referring to tight lacing, avers that it is a public bene-