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A Canine Collector was the famous English railway dog "Help," who wore a silver collar bearing a conspicuous announcement of his office as travelling agent for the orphans of railway men killed on duty. He was thus instrumental in procuring no less than £1,000 for the Orphanage of which he was an "official."

The Religion of Islam—Mohammedanism—has been receiving special attention at the Victoria Institute. An able lecture by Sir George Stokes traced the origin of it in corrupted Judaism, a mixture of Arabian and Persian superstition added thereto; and a practical divorce between the ideas of religion and morality.

THE TINNEVELLY BISHOPRIC has been provided with an endowment by the united contributions of the Christian Knowledge Society, Gospel Propagation Society and Colonial Bishoprics Fund, on the same general plan as the Chota-Nagpore scheme. The Church Missionary Society, judging by a note in the Rock, is not pleased with the scheme.

A World-Congress of the Church is one of the features proposed for the great and peculiar "Columbia Exposition" at Chicago in 1893. Our enterprising neighbours are bound to make their "Great Exhibition" the most remarkable thing of the kind since the London Exhibition of 1851—and hard to beat thereafter! They will succeed.

"NATALIS INVICTI Solis," we are reminded by "Peter Lombard" in the Church Times, was the title given to the period after the winter solstice, or "shortest day," among the ancient Romans. The name of the festival has a greater significance

when transferred, at our corresponding feast of Christmas, to the Nativity of the conquering "Sun of Righteousness."

Extempore Prayers.—A correspondent of the Baptist Examiner has indicated a natural evil in extempore prayers, that very often a "good homely talk" is incorporated and delivered—in a very awkward and unseemly fashion—to God. Preachers are apt to express sentiments about people in praying which they are afraid to put point blank in their sermons.

From Jaffa to Jerusalem on a French railway, is one of the luxuries of modern travel in Palestine. Think of the brakesmen calling out "Ramleh," "Lydda," "Naane," etc., as we "wisk" up an inclined plane of 2,650 feet in a run of sixty-one miles. This sort of thing seems scarcely reverent, but the world "do move" in that as well as other localities.

Gore's Bampton Lectures have been greeted with a cordiality very different from Lux Mundi. This treatise on the Incarnation of our Lord is a practical correction of the painful impression produced by the former book, and a worthy sequel to the famous lectures on our Lord's Divinity delivered by Canon Liddon under the same auspices twenty-five years ago.

Benefit of "Hard Lines."—One M. Soufflot, a bachelor of ninety-nine years, and director of the Messageries Maritimes, accounts for his longevity by the fact that his youth, inherited from hardy and healthy parents, was characterized by the absence of those luxuries which enervate and masculate too many youths. He had to be sober and regular—therefore, hardy and healthy.

EUROPE UPSIDE DOWN.—So must a good many tourists and invalids think when they find the thermometer at 34° in Biaaritz on the same day that it is reported as high as 40° at Bodo in Norway (north of the Arctic circle), or 25° in Paris, when they had it as high as 46° at Christiansund, away north. Even in London it was at 38°, while Munich had to be content at 19°!

Church Schools versus Board Schools is a war by no means ended in England. The Board schools seem to be getting the worst of it. The Church candidates are carrying the elections as trustees, in order to save the country from a wild and useless expenditure of funds, with results not half as good or solid as were formerly received when the Church managed all education.

Anuradhapura, the once mighty capital of Ceylon in the Singalese days over 2,000 years ago, is one of the most massive and cyclopean structures remaining in substantial integrity so long. According to Sir Emerson Tennant's calculations, quoted in the Gentleman's Magazine, it contains enough material to build a wall from London to Edinburgh one foot thick and ten feet high!

A KNEELING PERSUASIVE CHURCH SEAT has been devised by the Vicar of St. Botolph, Aldgate. The peculiarity of the patent is that a man who tries to simulate a kneeling posture while balancing on the edge of his seat has an uncomfortable time of it. This is a worthy successor to the mediæval monastic seat which bounced (in a back summersault) any monk who tried to lounge during service

Church, or Auditorium.—The tendency of Protestantism, divorced from the Catholic Church, is to allow the idea of public worship proper to slip out of sight and degenerate into mere listening ("hearers"!) to the speeches and songs of preacher and choir. "Church vagrancy," says the Baptist Examiner, "is a legitimate outcome of this Sunday Lyceum view." They go round to hear things.

Temperance Reform in Norway forms the subject of an interesting paper in Nineteenth Century by the Earl of Meath. The writer attributes the diminution of drunkenness in that country to the rigid regulation of the drink traffic by direct Government management of the details. It is a purely business affair, with uniformed waiters like policemen—no gin-palace glitter to magnetize the unwary.

BISHOP FORBES ON FASTING COMMUNION.—Those who long to be as reverend as possible to the Blessed Sacrament and respectful to Catholic tradition—but sometimes find it hard—will be pleased to know that the famous Scotch Bishop once said:—"We can do very little fasting in this climate . . . besides, we are to do no murder, we are not justified in deliberately injuring our health."

Dean Hart, of Denver, adduces some startling facts. In 1850 there was one criminal in 4,001 of popu'ation; in 1880, it had become one in 1,254. Meantime the number of children being educated had tripled, and the cost of education more than doubled! This is only one straw showing the natural effects of irreligious education—namely, degardation!

Support of the Roman Clergy.—The Dean of Chester has lately well said:—"The money that the priests in Ireland receive was not voluntary offering. . . . They had large incomes, but from what did their incomes arise? Not from the freewill offerings of the people, but from payments made to them on the distinct understanding that their prayers were releasing the souls" of friends from Purgatory!

A BISHOP OF PRONOUNCED VIEWS.—Speaking of the new Bishop of Truro—Dr. Gott—a Congregational minister has said:—"Speaking as a non-conformist, he might say they were glad Dr. Gott was a Bishop of such pronounced opinions as a Churchman. He (the speaker) thought it always better for those who differed from a person to find that person holding decided views. They then knew where they were."

"CAROL, BROTHERS, CAROL!"—Our enterprising contemporary, the Living Church, treats its readers to an autograph copy of Dr. Muhlenberg's famous Christmas carol. The work is a photogravure of a paper sent by Dr. Muhlenberg himself, in 1842, to Bishop Kerfoot, at that time rector of St. James' Hall, Maryland. The students sang it then, and have done so ever since, while engaged in decorating their chapel at Christmas.

Modern Marries.—We are forcibly reminded from time to time that the work of missionaries among heathen nations—while it has much that is exciting and adventurous and full of lively interest—is open to the same perils and dangers as