

pressing effects of mental anxiety and intellectual labour too ardently pursued, tend to diminish bodily vigour; but this is not all. Among the present members of the Houses of Parliament, those who are known to be subject to gout are among the most distinguished for an ancestry rendered illustrious by 'high thoughts and noble deeds,' for their own keen intelligence, for the assistance they have afforded to improvements in art, science, and agriculture, and for the manner in which they have led the spirit of the age. If it were proper to mention names, I believe I could prove this to be the case; and I never met with a real case of gout, in other classes of the community, in a person not remarkable for mental activity, unless the tendency to gout was clearly inherited — *Wells on Gout*.

A Converted Pugilist Preaching.—Mr. Richard Weaver, a Staffordshire miner, formerly a noted pugilist, known by the name of "Undaunted Dick," because he was never beaten, is now preaching with great success at the Victoria Theatre, London.

IGNORANCE.—Ignorance is often the source of the most intrepid action, and the most implicit faith—since there are none so fearless as those who have not light enough to see the danger, and none so confident as they who have not sufficient knowledge to discern their own errors.

Population.—The average population to a square mile in Europe is 93, Asia, 60, Africa 22, America 5, in Australia 1. The greatest density is found in single districts of Rhenish Prussia, where the population to a square mile is 700; in Belgium it is 535.

The Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has issued an anathema against tobacco users, and will in future refuse to receive any person into full connexion who smokes "the obnoxious weed."

What makes Heaven?—A little boy on being asked by his mother where heaven was, replied, "It is where God is." "Why do you think so?" she asked; "Cause I shouldn't think it could be heaven where God is not."

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The attention of the Christian philanthropist is directed at the present time to many parts of the world, which seem to present striking evidences of an interposing and overruling Providence, tending to the demolition of idolatry and the overthrow of despotism. Great events, such as are now transpiring, cannot happen by chance; and we are authorized to anticipate as the result of national humiliations and revolutions, the prevalence of religious truth and human liberty. China just now claims the calm consideration and prayers of the Christian world. Not now for the first time, because long years ago a deep feeling of desire and hope was awakened in behalf of the millions who dwell in the vast empire of China.

The public discussions and governmental negotiations preceding the treaty of 1842, increased the national knowledge of the self-conceited "celestials," and it was thought that the ignorant exclusiveness of Emperors and Mandarins would be checked by some experience of Britain's power and policy. On the 5th of January 1840, an imperial edict was issued, directing all trade with England to *cease for ever*. We cannot here discuss the merits of the opium question. In principle the Chinese government was right in attempting the entire suppression of the traffic. But there can be no doubt that subordinate officers of the Chinese Government aided and abetted constantly in innumerable acts of smuggling, and this being