

A GEM

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DR. HOLLAND ON THE SABBATH QUESTION.

Of the importance of the observance of the Sabbath, in the vital economy of the American people, there is no longer any doubt. With all the periodical rest it brings us, we still find ourselves overworked; and the wrecks of paralysis are strewn around us on every hand.

There are certain other facts connected with the observance of the Sabbath in America which are quite as well established as the one to which we have alluded, the most prominent of which is, that the high morality and spirituality of any community depends uniformly on its observance of the Sabbath.

The most religious and earnest of the Catholic clergy in Europe lament the fact that the Sunday of their Church and their several countries is a day of amusement.

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can never sit with comfort. They have not the centre of their homes; and they must go somewhere, and really need to go somewhere. Christian courtesy demands that they bring them into Christian acquaintance, and ought to do a thousand things more.

THE REV. C. H. SPURGEON ON RITUALISM.

In one of his latest sermons at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon said—it is miserably amusing to mark the way in which our so-called national Church tries to win the favor of God by the means of ritualism.

GIVE AND GET.

Two travellers in a mountain pass were overtaken in a snow-storm. As the night drew on, they were still far from their journey's end; their strength failed rapidly, and their limbs became stiffened by the cold.

THE DRUNKARD AND HIS CHILD.

People say to me, "How is it that the Lord blesses your labors so?" Well, I don't know, except it is because I trust in God. There is nothing else. Only believe on Christ, and you will be saved.

"Aren't the Lord, awake, awake?" "This own immortal spirit put on; With terror shook his kingdom wide, And set the world on fire with day."

The blood of Jesus was shed for you. You feel yourself perhaps a poor degraded character; too bad to go to school, too bad to go to work, too bad to go to church, too bad to go to bed.

SLEEPING FLOWERS.

Almost all flowers sleep during the night. The marigold goes to bed with the sun, and with him rises again.

INDIRECT DAMAGES.

We are none of us over-laid in law, or overcharged with common-sense; but whatever of the latter we may possess we may practice without a license, and ask no favors of High Commissions or Boards of Arbitration.

Meanwhile the law comes in and takes cognizance of Mr. Brown's violence, and taken before a justice. The accused becomes convinced of the facts of the assault, and with the status in such cases made and provided before him, sentences Mr. Brown to pay a fine of ten dollars, in default of which payment he is to be imprisoned—we will say—

First. With the ruin of his wife's health, and the loss of her housewife services.

Second. With the loss of the labour of two boys for a given period of years.

Third. With the cost of the liquor which his domestic trials have induced him to drink.

Fourth. With the value of the labour which his drinking habits have induced him to squander.

Fifth. With the loss of the satisfaction that come from his possession of a healthy and happy wife, and a pair of affectionate and industrious children.

Sixth. With the loss of his self-respect and the respect of his neighbors.

Seventh—But there is no end of the list, and no possible footing-up of figures in the column. It may amount to five thousand, or ten thousand, or twenty thousand dollars.

New if Mr. Jones has sense enough left to comprehend the situation, and candor enough to acknowledge his error, there is no reason why he and Mr. Brown may not sit down and smoke a pipe together in their old—

We want more of the Bible in our church life; its knowledge, spirit, and power! Its well-spring of salvation; part a robustness to us spiritually we cannot do without. The church is not to be a lying-in support for a number of wretched, cold, and unenterprising, etc., they would simply show themselves the enemies of good neighborhood and common-sense.

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THE OLD CATHOLICS.

WRITING BY FATHER HYACINTH'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTOR.

Writing from Rome on May 15, the London Times correspondent says: The Father Hyacinth left Rome for Paris early in the present month. His high qualities and his remarkable eloquence were strongly to have impressed all who attended his five conferences.

Firmly attached to the faith, established in the Church by Christ and His apostles, we accept the faith which comprises all the traditions of divine origin and all legitimate doctrines of the Catholic Church. But we absolutely reject the human traditions which have become mingled with the results of revelation, as well as the abuses of authority by which it has been obscured and obscured.

We demand as did our fathers in the faith, the reform of the Catholic Church in the persons both of the pastors and of the flock. We believe in reform in all that we need necessary and more urgent than ever by the very reason of the obstinate refusal to accomplish it, and of the intolerable excess of the evils we suffer from.

In the violent and essentially transitory state in which the Catholic Church now finds itself, the different committees are organized throughout its extent are to combine to give unity of direction to the movements of resistance and reform, and to prepare the meeting of a really free and Ecumenical Council, and the choice of pastors faithful to the ancient faith and to the spirit of eternity and liberty which ought to reign in the Church of Jesus Christ.

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