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COTEMPORARY OPINIONS.

The Turks. (From New York Courier & Enquirer.)

We naturally regard the Turks as a species of outside barbarians, and it is a little difficult to survey them with a perfectly unprejudiced eye; yet an honest view affords much that can be contemplated with satisfaction. Their gravity of mien, soberness of gait, and rich flowing robes give them an air of gentlemanly dignity, in pleasing contrast with the hurried expression: the impertment carriage, and the stiff angular garments of Franks; and there is a natural ease ! and delicacy in their social forms and eliquette, that is far superior to anything ordinarily observod at home. Personal cleanliness is not among them as among us a half-neglected "semi-virtue," but a scrupulously fulfilled religious obligation. Propriety and courtesy distinguish their mutual intercourse, and hospitality, rendered to all, without distinction of country or condition, is an inviolable duty. Quarrelling is extremel, rare among them. and their treatment of the brute creation is far kinder than ours. The Koran prescribes the giving of one-tenth of their income to charitable purposes, and henevolence with them is no transfent impulse, but an abiding sacred principle I look here in vain for the squalidity and beggary that used to meet my eyes everywhere in la belle France and "Mer rie England." Intemperance, the curse of so many Christian lands, is driven away from the followers of the Prophet by the divine law which forbids the use of wine. In truth and honesty, they are inferior to few other people, and are certainly far superior to the Jews and Christians that dwell among them. Polygamy is tolerated by the law, but public opinion decidedly condemns it.

It is the magnates of the land only who have a plurality of wives ; even they seldom havemore than two or three, and the Sultan himself never more than seven. . The Koran permits husbands to chastise and divorce their wives at pleasure ; but these privileges are not often abused. Children are trained to honour and submit to their parents, and great affection and kindness usualy pervade their family relations. The women. instead of being kept in that strict restraint so generally imagined, are in reality more free than in any continental country in Western Europe. They repair to the mosques, range the bazaars, ted by a real or factitious fanatici m." says one and ride into the country on pleasure parties in perfect liberty. Multitudes of them of all classes go every Friday unattended to the valley of the Sweet Waters, five miles up the Golden Horn. It is true that Mahometan females are not allowed to appear in public un-veiled; but this is no great hardship, since the ywshinee, which is of white muslin, is usually, especially if the face is pretty, so thin and transparent, that the features are easily discernible. The Sultana frequently issues edicts, prescrib-

gle, which is as untranslatable into any foreign

tongue as the English melody of Hi-diddle-did-There is a general impression among the Mahometans that their religion will soon begin to decline. This impression is derived from two traditional sayings of the Prophet: " My religion will first increase and then docrease :" and, My religion will survive a thousand years, but not two thousand." A few respectable schools have lately been

established by the Government in Constantinole and Smyrna; but no such thing as a system of public instruction yet exists in the Sultan's three others of a kindred character found in the dominions. It is not among the wants of the people. There is no inclination to inquiry-no disposition to learn. Intellectual vacancy is as precious to the true Moslem as physical repose. He is perfectly content to go on believing that the earth is flat, and is suspended by four great chains to a tremendous volcano, whose eruptions cause earthquakes -that the sun sets in a sea of mud, which makes it cool in the morningsky by Divine Merey, to please poor mortals ;yes, well content is the true Moslem to believe

all this, because with him "ignorance is bliss," and "thought would destroy his paradise."

(From Ev. Chrislendom, Febry. 1950)

Bavival of Attacks and Calumnies against the Disciples of the Reformation in France.

The situation of Protestants is becoming more ritical in France than formerly. There is a revival of calumnies against them, especially in the southern provinces. "Some writers, animaof our religious journals, " are undertaking the cial body." In the opinion of these writers, it is the Reformation which, penetrating the estab-this. Where there is nodirect tie of consanguinlishments of public instruction, under the name ity, youth instinctively shrink from entire conof philosophy, corrupts youth, and transforms fidence in mature age. those asylums of infancy into schools of pesti- thy, of affinity. But this can be overcome by

it seldom insults, and never paraecutes them forty years; for under the rolan of Napoleon, in when idly totages are deally with his fair tare

it sellom insults, and never persecutes there forty years; for under the releas of Nuppieron, in when distances are dealed with lishin tance, who have never been the followers of the pro-phet. The upper class of society are generally have, this population was only done it individed it when due to never, he will do so and by a feed infidels, and conform externally to the regulation was only done it individed it when due to never he will do so and by a feed infidels, and conform externally to the regulation was only done it individed in when all charted of unionalizing it me infidels, and conform externally to the regulation it is well to add, that the dows of facily course like by the barries of packets, it is well to add, that the dows of facily course like by the barries of packets, it is well to add, that the dows of facily course like by the barries of packets, it is well to add, that the dows of facily course like by the barries of packets, it is well to add, that the dows of facily course like by the barries of packets, it is not be proved on the civil was and of public opinion. The great body of France, since o a have have granted the same play in the fact when it courses the private the people class to their religion, not from fanation is to the pople as to other inverses. The fact is call a when the story of the s their civit and social relations, and is completely grand-Rabbin is ct. Mciz, in the ancient pro- decaye cooleding a sine to share one. He said he identified with the history of their country.— viace of Louraine; there, also, is the school where could go is to his shap and harmar out a ber. They know their creed only in its broad that there dontors are educated. Abave receives a torder reter is skew and the outs in these. Having no priesthood, they receive but, namerous colory of Jews. Paris possisses a synt. Children and disk when a listed y saw a times. Having no priesthood, they receive but, numerous colony of Jews. Paris possesses a syn-little religious instruction. Ignorant of Arabic (arogue, very renowned, of which, M. Nollas, place wild helid me great and our receive wrong, the Koran is to them a scaled book; it has no- | child are the pillars. There are a few Israel. So I sat down and wrote six our dical piece ver been translated into Turkish," because, for-ites engaged in agriculture; their ordinary pro-sooth, its only charm consists in its Arabic jin-fession is that of bankers or merchants. This the best way of keeping by ten rethis the best why offeeping by temper. I think it more likely to give me a fair mane with good

FAMILY CIRCLE.

Household Affections and Virtues.

A Hint to Trachers.

people, than those evening detences."-Am.

Some twelve, or this seen years ago, there was Dr. Doddridge once said of a cotemporary in the Franklin school an exceedingly dull boy. that "he brought joy into every house he en- One day the teacher wishing to look out a word tered, but most of all to his own home when he took up the lad's Dictionary, and on opening it returned to it." If we accept the eulogium pass- found the blank leaves covered with drawings. ed upon the patriarch Abraham, and two or He called the boy to Lim:

" Did you draw thes?" said the teacher. inspired Writings-each of which by recogni-sing an elevated perfectness of character recog-"Yes sir," said the bey, with a downcast look. "I don't think it well for boys to draw in their books," said the teacher, " and I would rub these nised also the perfection of the domestic virtues -perhaps higher praise was never bestowed up- out, if I were you ; but they are well done. Did on man. We feel constrained to bless alike him ; you ever take lessons ?" who uttered and him who was the subject of the

"No sir," said the boy, his eyes sparkling. "Well, I think you have a talent for this thing; commendation, which suggests the impersonation of those sweet affections that lie at the ba- I should like to have you draw me something sis of everything that " is lovely and of good re- when you are at leisure, at home, and bring it to and that the stars are big lamps hung in the port," and that constitute the charm and joy of me. In the meantime see how well you can resocial existence. The encomium awakens a cite your lessons."

train of reflections which in this department of The boy felt he was understood. He became the paper may perhaps be freely indulged in animated and fond of his books. He took dewith propriety. We have always felt inclined light in gratifying his teacher by his faithfulness to place strong confidence in men who are re-spected and beloved at home. There a man portunity to encourage him in his natural dewears his undress; and he who can sustain his sires. The boy became one of his best scholars influence in the domestic circle must have some and gained the medal before he had left school. cardinal points of excellence, while the mutual After this he became an engraver, laid up money love of parent and children is a " wall of brass" enough to go to Europe, studied the works of the around a man's character and principles. old masters, sent home productions from his own

Leaving out of view, for the present, all mi- pencil, which found a place in some of the best nor points, we desire to direct the reader's collections of paintings, and is now one of the thoughts to the general subject-to the duty, most promising artists of his years, in the counobligatory upon all heads of families, of the cul- try. After the boy gained the medal he sent the tivation of the domestic affections and virfues. teacher a beautiful picture as a token of respect; These alone can insure filial confidence, and up- and I doubt not, to this day, that that teacher, task of calumniating Protestantism, and placing on filial confidence must ever rest parental in- by the judicious encouragement be gave to the it under the ban of humanity, by accusing in the new condence must ever rest parental in a natural turn of his mind, has had a great moral giving birth to all the evils which trouble the so- thing-a moral sensitive plant-is filial confi- and spiritual effect on his character.

The Affectionate Daushier. There is nothing more beautiful in the human There is lack of sympalence. It is the Reformation, which, propaga- the parent. It is a law of our nature - a most loving towards a parent, is to return, in some ting among the people ideas of foolish indepen- wise provision and guarantee for the happiness small measure, what has been received in a very ing the thickness of the weils, and the mode of dence, provokes them to permanent insurree- and permanency of family relations--that off- large measure. Few children can ever have an

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work, drink, and sleep: but now he that God had given him a mind, and his daty to cultivate it. He could a own name when he joined the teeto agliteen months a relation since the sai up night the man to asto one h now what did they think the fee doue for him ? Why they and mal retary to a treastal association. Il working hitherto for the publican an can's wife, but naw he wordt d for 1 for the beautiful solitons of a crot dis was not a hopped a markin fin-hand their humble to evana. M. Coranae k. ding to the Liberieus Livnre of the and the alternations of heat and co-he was exposed. McCormack wound pressing his conviction that work, an 100, could be much better done wit caling drittly than with it.

Mr. Carrie, bricklayer, then pre-self. He had been a blocklayer 40 at one time was very latemperate sail plight indeed. The weet to work hard, lived hard, and if he had not al by the principle of total abstine grace of God he should have filed in to hell at last. He had now been 12 years, and fortune hat smiled From being a journe vinten brickla to building houses - first, one, the four, then eight, an I at last a who addition to that, he had now got a of his own, he owed no one any t 2500 to lay his hand on when he v Le Lui all the comfor s which Leafs conscience could impart. - Bristol

Honourable Judge Marsh

We have been favoured with a n a friend, of Judge Marshali's lab happy to find him so encreetically astically engaged. He writes : -ing here from Aberdeen in July, roaming about in various quarter. the good cause as used. After a member of the Peres Cargoes at mediately after visited and 1 etc lands of Jersey and Guernsey Southampton, Plyr south, and othe southern and eastern parts of Eug ing as far south as Falm outh, and near Land's End. During the L I have been lecturing in various lages in York shire. Duch un, and land, as far as Nowepstie. I lins on hand for the two causing w. and prospects for vills which wi the spring for fulfilment. I to that your abstimence can be is a vourably. It is doing very haid parts of England, as fur as I care Nearly all the moothings I have several mottles just have been some of them even overlowing;

everywhere, and the compliance is but tempo- by degrees the opinions and manners of Payan-Tary.

ism, perverts the masses, sanctified in the middle It is true, that among Mahometans, women are ages by Catholicism. It is the Reformation, not ranked so high in the scale of creation as which gives birth to Socialists and their subvermen ; but the prevailing idea, that females are sive Utopias. In fine, it is the Reformation, which ber deemed to have no souls, is a strange it is nocessary to annihilate, in order to remist k .. They are regarded as immortal be- establish healthy principles of authority, and to ings, and as such subject to religious obligations settle disturbed society: These unjust accusaand responsibilities. tions, employed with perfidious skill, are accom-

Slavery still exists in Tarkey, but with none panied with significant acts, which are both their of its blacker elements. Its type is much like commentary and their consequence. Men the that of the slavery of ancient Scripture times .most eminent, simply because they belong to

The slave, instead of being a soulless chattel, is the Reformation, are ostracised."

really a member of his master's family. He is These facts are important. French Protoneither despised nor degraded; he possesses his fants must not deceive themselves; the time of rights and his privileges, and has many facilities trials and struggles is not for them fini led. They for elevating his social condition. His comput- have yet need of patience, strength, and devosory term of service is only seven years, and to mess. We have before us obstinate adversawhen he leaves his master the latter is bound rice and skillnl enemies, who strink and from to settle upon him a peculium He is subjected any means of gratifying their religious hate. to no such task work as is imposed upon the Among a people well instructed, the calumnies American slave, since his business is not field labour, but attention to the personal wants of who have a lit'le studied history, know perfect. his master. Slaves in Turkey frequently rise

to the highest places of trust and dignity, and the Christian faith-that it does not favour the point of a thousand cheristic hopes and atlogcorruption of morals" that it does not preach in- tions which owe their brightness and beauty to in-law of the late Sultan was priginally a Georsurrection to the popular classes, and is not in this radiance. Yet how few parents seem duly gian slave. Circassian slaves are now comparaany way the promoter of Socialist Uter is. But to weigh this. Tew comparatively seem to be tively rare, not however on account of any unn France religious education is low. The peo- aware of their vast inducnce, and fewer still apwillingness on the part of Circassian parents to p^{1} know not the first word of the reformed does pear to feel their responsibility. Parents seems entrust their children to Turkish control, but times, and their passions are easily excited. At because the Russians ; revent as much as possiready some elective magistrates have lost the their own homes and to make the hearts of their ble their exportations from the Plack Sea porte. suffrages of their fellow-citizens; others are threa-- The few that in spite of all obstacles find their tened with the same fite. Truly, this is not the

(From the same)

State of the Jews in Trance.

way to Constantinople, are never exposed to moment for us to sleep. We must awake, mainpublic sale, but are to be purchased only at a few private houses in the suburb of Tophane from the Lord the spiritual succour which he has There is even no longer a market for black Afripromised to his corvants. The reformed of can slaves. It was at olished by the late Sultan, France have presed through many evil days with and will never again be tolerated.

out being concurred. Let us hope t'at they feets may throw in the way. The Turks still continue to wash with "Ori- will have the same firmness under present cirental scrupulosity." and to resite their names comstances. five times a day with a punctilion-ness that cannot be surpassed. The mass of the people yet exhibit a fidelity and devotion to their fuith that ought to make Christians blush for shime. Bat the Moslem religion has lost much of its fire

and energy. It has abated its fierce intolerance.

pring naturally love and trust their parents - opportunity to repay half the tender care and There is a mysterious affinity, or sympathy, be- watchful anxiety which a kind mother bestowed tween them; a freemasonery of the affections, on them when in infancy. It is true that they were that silently but potently appeals to the tender- unconscious of it all, and it is very difficult to perest emotions of the heart. This is the strength suade them that such constant attention to their and sinew of family peace and comfort-the little wants and dangers was necessary. But finely strung nerve that ever vibrates sympho- when they see what other infants require, they niously with the joys and sorrows of home-the can readily understand what had to be cone for quick eye that reads at a glance the varying in- them when they were themselves the same little lices of the parent's face- the life's blood of the helpless creatures. social system and the bond of domestic perfect-.

So that nowhere can a man diffuse so much happiness-and nowhere can be work so much

ness.

Beauty, thou art twice blessed, theu blessest misery-as underneath his own root. The de- the gazer and the possessor : often at once the efmestic hearth is the sphere of his most potent feet and the cause of goodness! A sweet dispoinfluences. There he can excite intense sorrow, sition, a lovely soul, an affectionate nature, will or awa' on most thrilling joy, by the mere ex- speak in the eyes, the lips, the brow, and become pression c his eye or modulation of his voice; the cause of beauty. On the other hand, they he very echo of his tootsteps is painful or have a gift that commands have, a key that commands have a set of the set of th pleasure, and his feaser or spile mars or makes all hearts, are or linarily inclined to look with the happiness of all. He is the sun of a system, happy eyes upon the world, to be cheerful and to which I refer would be of no importance. Men and the light of his face withdrawn or beelond serene; to boye and confide. There is more ed, each revolving orb fiels the gloom and par- wisden than the vulgar dream of, in our admily well that Protestanism is not the pregation of ticipates in the disconfort. He is the local ration of a fair face .-- Motherwell.



Temperance Meeting, Excter Hall, Londoc. to forget that their first duty is to diffuse joy in

Beanty.

Mr. McCormack, a blacksmith's hammerman. children dance with joy at the first sound of particularly strong hearty looking map, addresstheir returning foststeps. Yet this is man's ed the nateting When he took intoxicating first social duty. How it is to be accomplished drinks, he was had he wasn't able to do his tain energetically our rights, and especially sook we need not point out. Every priorit's heart work : has be didn't get drunk now-- be never prompts to the nears, and failure is impossible had since he had signed the pledge, and he was where the de 're to neomolish is superior to now able to do his work as well as any blackevery obstruction which schickness or other de- smith's hammerman in London, he didn't care who he was. Some friends who used to know bin said. " What is that McCorn ack that used Ito get so drunk ?" Yes, that is the nan--teetotaiism had done for him beyond al imagination. The man that had not a place to lay his head

ble numbers have been added Temperance Advacate.

Another Voice from the

Sketch of a visit to Pachenan. cuted in St. Louis, for the La rate "I was intoxicated," sold he " If I hadn't been intoxi sted, and keeping I would never i ave bee have been a bar-he gar, I have a reflections, and was affaid I don Inever accounted to pays be would be tacking a mark of it. . up selling that articlian A me byjous to be in that burlings by he is injuring his tellow and its I knew all the time I was a sour juring my fellow-nen and make miserable. Oh! I have seen e: myting. I have often had bud www.m.n.to.whora I sold going h illes. But these fielings world My mother often worked me to li jaor, and follow my time! de. Lain analoss to do ail lawe behind. And I should !! ers against the indian stor la Those my example will Loa I would warn all y star men From what I and e . the last is genes, I am country can see a little of a fonally via domined. They, seen a gre ble nearly fith's way and h had miner about to comes and los the lines. I have some thes in come of the enough procession in a section wrote to be Freedy as a first order of whose models for a first of the second sec ly familie and in the transfer Contraction of the second s A carta d State - N. C. Comman

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onghe of scandal. There is a propensity in tectotalism such a debt of gratitude as he could The number of Israelites, according to the last human nature to cover its own defects by pra- not find words to express. He wished to God official tables, is 85,910 sould. It appears that the of the misdeels of others. And it is not easy he had language to tell them what he felt. He and, though it still threatens apostasy with death, they have considerably in record during the last for the Christian even, always to hold his peace used to think that he had nothing to do Lut to -

Few men in public or private life escape the has now a good house of his own. He owed to