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Evening.—Isa. 43, or 44

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CHURCH LIBRARY FOR JAPAN.—Bishop Hare's appeal for a library for Trinity School, Tokyo, has met with a very fair response. Books have been flowing in streams to him from all parts of the Union; and already \$2,000 in money has been sent in. That is the way to do! If we wish to hit the moon, aim at the sun.

THE VIALS FULL OF ODOURS have been misunderstood commonly enough, and no less a person than Phillips Brooks has slipped into the error of supposing that the vials contain the "prayers of the saints," whereas they are the prayers (Rev. v. 8) and contain those odours which are (Psalm cxli. 2) the symbols of Christ's merits.

"COLUMBA, THE MASS-PRIEST," quotes the *Churchman* (magazine) from the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, "came to the Picts and converted them to the belief of Christ." Then it goes on to describe the singular use of Hy (Iona) to have a priest-abbot rather than bishop at its head; all Scotch bishops being under his authority.

THE AMERICAN MISSION SCHOOL IN ATHENS, founded by Dr. Hill sixty years ago, is prospering bravely nowadays under the care of Miss Muir, a converted Scotch Presbyterian. It is largely patronized and helped by Greek priests, and even by the Archimandrite Anthimos Mamsopoulos, who represents the Archbishop officially in this matter.

THE "IRON CROSS" GUILD—that striking American adaptation of English Church methods, has very much enlarged and improved its special organ, *The Iron Cross*, and works away manfully

at its special function of impressing on the boys of America—"the child is father of the man"—the hard duties of "Temperance, Reverence and Chastity."

"LEAVE YOUR BROTHER-FREEMAN ALONE," a phrase from one of the Khan's poems (our Canadian Bret Harte), splendidly recited by Colonel G. T. Denison, aptly sounds the keynote of our proper relations with the United States. They should "live and let live." Both lecture and poem should become Canadian classics.

"MORALIZATION" OF PROPERTY.—Several bishops in England and America—notably those of Manchester, Ripon and New York—have recently, with a sort of unconscious "cerebration," treated their wealthy people to a view of the duties of wealth-owners and property-holders not often taken. It is more important to moralize than to equalize property.

PERIPATETIC PREACHERS.—The celebrated W. H. Staunton, of St. Alban's, Holborn, is one of those excitable (and exciting) preachers who walk up and down the aisles. Once, at St. John the Divine, Kennington, an old lady became so alarmed at his vehemence (he got quite to the west door before he finished) that she rushed out crying, "I can't stand it any longer."

HISTORICAL CRITICISM AND DR. SCHLIEMANN.—The first gun fired against those impudent conclusions of "Higher Criticism" which have made the very term a byword, was fired when the intrepid German archaeologist proved the substantial truth of his dear old Homer and Virgil. Other discoveries in other branches of archaeology carried on the war which he began.

COPE, MITRE AND STAFF are thus justified by Bishop Ellicott as part of the Episcopal use:—"The Cope brought into prominence that canon of the Church which prescribed its use in their cathedral churches. The Mitre was an ancient symbol of the Church of Christ, and the Staff symbolized duties, which he trusted he would ever bear in mind." So reports *The Rock*.

THE CLAY-TABLETS OF TEL-EL-AMARNA reveal the fact of a line of priest-kings as successors of Melchizedek. They tell us of "the God Salem whose temple stood on Mount Moriah." One priest, Ebed-Tob by name, seems to have presided on Mount Moriah at Jerusalem about five centuries after Melchizedek and Abraham's days, about the time of the Exodus from Egypt.

BISHOP OXENDEN ON RITUALISTS.—The Bishop says that he is often filled with wonder at the ease with which very High Church Missioners lay aside "their special conventionalities and fanciful observances" and proclaim "Gospel truths as simply and as earnestly as their 'Evangelical' brethren." Why should he fancy that they do not hold the essence as well as proclaim it?

AUSTRALASIA VERSUS "GENERAL" BOOTH.—The Trade and Labour organizations are up in arms against the Booth scheme as likely to prove a curse to the colonies. They propose to oppose the scheme as thus detrimental to the interests of the people—"resisting inch by inch and step by step any encroachment" on the dominion of industry in that "workingman's paradise."

WE WANT \$600,000 FOR MISSIONS! is the bold demand of the American Board of Missions this year, though they closed last year with a debt of \$20,000. They surely have sublime courage and faith in the virtues of reaction and of venture. Still, the children's Lenten offerings last year amounted to no less than \$50,000. Now they ask for \$100,000 from the children.

THE CEDARS OF LEBANON—the survivors of the great forest of Solomon's days—are, as we learn from a correspondent of the *Times*, now in danger of extinction by Arabic vandals, who hack, cut and carve them apparently without let or hindrance. A society for the preservation of these natural monuments would be a good thing. They are almost as venerable as the "everlasting hills" themselves.

THE IRISH BISHOPS have met and discussed their Archbishop's action in the case of the Spanish ordination—result for the present, *nil*. The *Guardian* thus comments upon the proceedings:—"The persons least to be envied in the whole business are those of the Irish bishops who were either too indifferent or too timid to express so much as an opinion on the Archbishop of Dublin's action."

THE OXFORD MINIATURE BIBLE is about the smallest specimen that can be imagined: less than four inches by three and not an inch thick. The letterpress is perfectly legible, though necessarily formed in "diamond" type. Some former tiny editions have been printed on such very thin paper as to be almost illegible from the print on one side "showing through" to the other, and thereby confusing one's eyesight.

THE USE OF TONSILS has long been a puzzle to scientific men, and they have been cut out and burnt at will as useless obstructions—possibly vestiges of some former organ of life. Now, however, the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* proves the vestige theory unnecessary in the premises, holding that the tonsils are factories of white corpuscles for the blood, and guards against the attacks of innumerable microbes of disease at the throat.

ROME'S TACTICS are well illustrated by the treatment of Old Catholics in Bavaria, where the Romanists have got the upper hand. Their policy is to deprive Protestants of all "glory, beauty and decency" in public worship and ritual—contrary to nature and Scripture—and so wean people of taste and sense away from this puritanism to their own bastard catholicity, under cover of their aesthetic and Scriptural style of worship.

ST. AIDAN, THE APOSTLE OF ENGLAND.—Mr. Green-Armytage, whose pen does good service oftentimes for the Church, has lately directed attention to the way in which the fame of the Roman mission of Augustine (which failed) has been permitted to displace that of the great Bishop of Lindisfarne, who led a Celtic mission from Iona to Christianize England—and succeeded. Bishop Lightfoot claims him as the true "apostle of England."

THE AGGRIEVED PARISHIONER'S RIGHTS extend, it seems, to the right to leave the church if an obnoxious parson ascends the pulpit—at least, so it has been decided against the vicar, wardens and side-men of Darwen in the Blackburn County Court.

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