

OUR EXCHANGES.

40,000 copies of Lord Beaconsfield's "Endymion" were sold in four days by Harper & Brothers, in their Frank lin Square Library edition. There are said to be a dozen Hebrews

in New York worth upwards of a million of dollars each, and more than one hundred worth upwards of two hundred thousand dollars.

Dr. J. G. Holland is having a steam yacht built for him in which to ply the waters which surround the picturesque Thousand Islands ; and out of which we may expect more novels and poetry to issue in due season.

Mr. Vanderbilt has issued an order that the sale of all "flash literature" be discontinued in the depots and trains of the N. Y. Central Road. In order to avoid evasion. he has taken the pains to specify the sensational papers referred to, including some of the most widely circulated.

Yale College has abolished the two freshman secret societies-Delta Kappa and Kappa Sigma Epsilon. The organizations thus destroyed are chartered fraternities, having branches at Dartmouth and other colleges. They have existed there, the one since 1845, and the other since 1840.

The late Mr. W. A. Vaughan, of Aldgate, Eng., left by will £1,000 for the erection of a Wesleyan Chapel at Hakin, Pembrokeshire, his native place. A few days ago Sir Charles Hill gave judgment in an action, and the gift was declared void through some defect in the wording of the will.

and reverential.-Nashville Advocate. Bishop Cotterell, of the Scottish Episco-

pal Church, who has been on a visit to America, said before leaving for home that he had been amazed at the wonderful growth of the human mind, and manhood generally, under the Free Church system of that country. Would it not be a good thing to send a few Euglish Bishops and Church dignitaries over there to become the subjects of a similar amazement .--London Methodist.

In a draft of 150 recruits sent out from Great Britain to Afghanistan eighty have already died from physical exhaustion and forty have been invalided. How to maintain the stamina of new recruits in Eastern climates is a question which is causing the British authorities considerable trouble just now, since almost all the political disturbances in which England is interested and which threaten warlike consequences are in Eastern countries.

Mr. Robert Ward maintains in the Journal of Science that the assumption, that all but the crust of the earth is a mass of liquid fire, is a fallacy. His argument is, that if such a radiation of heat as would arise from such a mass of molten matter were actually going on, the waters at the bottom of the ocean, now at or near the freezing point, would long since have been permanently warmed to a considerably higher temperature.

Mrs. Alexander St. Louis, postmistress at Sandwich, Ont., died on Wednesday night of diphtheria. A few days ago her little girl, aged six years, died of the same disease. Dr. Coventry cautioned the mother not to kiss the little one, but in the latter's last agomies of death the mother's love conquered the fear of contagion, and bending over her darling, she

by Mr. Firth, and accompanied by a modest note which enhanced the value of his gift.

The Methodist Recorder says of him :-His illness was short, less than a fortnight; and his death took place on Sunday morning last, a little before noon, just when public worship had entered upon its closing half hour. Calmly and peacefully his once active spirit entered into the rest that remaineth for the peopie of God. Twelve days before he had left his house in buoyant joy and hopefulness, remarking how well he felt that morning. Whilst reading a letter in his offices at Norfolk works, and trying to say how " satisfactory" it was, he falter. ed, fainted, and never fully recovered from the unconsciousness which supervened upon an attack of apoplexy, followed by paralysis. Never before has Sheffield been so deeply moved with a grief which manifested itself in suspended breath and widely-felt consternation at the news of his sudden illness. It seemed as if the people reeled beneath a blow of surprise and calamity from which they could not recover. Newspaper offices were crowded, bulletins eagerly read and information was brought that the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold, and otuer distinguished personages of State, once his guests and the witnesses of his bene-

factions, had sent telegrams of kindly inquiry and sympathy. Mr. Firth rallied a little after a few days, but he gradually sank and died, as we have said, at the beginning of this week. The funeral was a public one by public request. Mr. Firth was born at Shefield in the

year 1819, and was the son of Thomas Firth, founder of the famous steel refining answered her appeal to "Kiss me, and steel manufacturing firm, known as mamms." The result was as the doctor that of "Thomas Firth and Sons," and with a reputation which extends through the civilized world. The firm commenced about the year 1845, with about six workmen.; they have since employed in busy times 1.500 to 2.000 hands. The eldest son, who is the subject of our sketch. evinced rare business ability, and under his energetic management the firm added one department to another, and extended its commercial relations till it became the most prosperous one in Sheffield. As an instance of foresight and push we may observe that as soon as crinolines came into fashion the firm set up the most ample machinery for the rapid production of crinoline steel, and having netted a splendid profit out of it, had the commercial good fortune to sell the whole of the plant before the crinoline craze went out of feshion. The bulk of Mr. Mark Firth's weelth, however. was sealised by his taking the side of steel guns and steel snot against those firms which sided with and built armour-plated vessels. The heavier the plates the stronger and more penetrating he made his steel guns and shot. With the most powerful Nasmyth steam hammer in the world he forged the 100-ton guns now fitted as the armament of the world famed enormous Italian ironclads, the Duilio and Pandolo. Mr. Firth and his brothers have furnished nearly all the ordnance of English and French ironclads ; and it is "Firth's steel," which alone is used in the manufacture of steel gune for the English Government. Let the reader, as he goes through the Woolwich and other arsenals, observe the brand of "Firth" on mearly all the steel implements of war now in use. The London Times describes his gifts :-The immense wealth possessed by Mr. Mark Firth is solid evidence of his marvellous success as a man of business, and that he applied his riches wisely is apparent from his enormous acts of munificence. His first gift of any magnitude was £1,000 which he added to a legacy of £5,000 left by his brother Thomas for the erection of a college for the training of young men for the New Connexion ministry. In 1869 he erected " Mark, Firth Almshouses" at Ranmoor, near his own residence, at a cost of £30,000. In this building there are 36 houses, accomodating 39 persons, which are left to the poor of the town for ever. The inmates have free occupancy, and receive a weekly allowance of 10s. for a married couple and 7s. for a single inmate. His next munificent act was the gift of "Firth-park" to for the benefit of the people of Sheffield. The park was opened in 1875 by the Prince of Wales, who, with the Princess of Wales, was for some days Mr. Mark Firth's guest. But the most useful act of

Master Cutler with honor and dignity, Thanksgiving Fund, contributed, unasked, and gave his support to nearly every movement calculated to benefit the town and to elevate the condition of its inhabitants.

## AS YE GO. TESTIFY.

Jesus laid great stress on a gool testimony of his truth and of himseli. On a certain occasion he said to one, for whom he had done wonders. "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him. and all men did marvel." To his disciples he declared before he left them, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me unto the uttermost part of the earth." This injunction they obeyed, and when their blessed Tord had ascended to heaven and the "promise of the Eather" had come, they began to testify of the great things which Jesus had done and was doing in their midst- Whenever a miracle was wrought, or sinners were converted, or believers were filled with the Holy Ghost, the honor was ascribed to God and not to man ; Jesus received praise from his witnesses. The result of this was glorious. Wherever a clear testimony was given of Jesus he blessed it to the good of others. The preaching of the apostles at, and soon after, the day of Pentecost consisted largely in testifying of Jesus. Behold what a power their testimony exerted over those who heard it ! The Lord is still doing wonders. Sin-

ners are converted, and believers are sanctified. And the honor of God as well as the fitness of things requires that these things be told. And when told in simplicity of heart, not boastingly, but with humble confidence, the Lord will add his blesslag. We need more pointed wit- persons who do not intend to stay. Above nessing for Jesus and holiness, in the all, we want men and women, not only church and in the world. Be willing to fully consecrated to God, but also those

usually at war, petty kings have to be dashed, and even then they often detain one days and weeks, sometimes on no pretense. Their personal effects, books, provisions, etc., to be carried on the heads and backs of natives-they often deserting or plundering, or both; and then to have all this between one and his base of supplies! The matter of going by land is simply preposterous. Now my purpose is to demonstrate that we can reach it by water transportation, that we need not be cut off from our base of supplies, mail facilities, etc. The commercial and agricultural advantages of the Niger are great, and then there is a population of millions, who have been sitting ages upon ages in the region and shadow of death.

" My course is this: to go to Bonny, at the lower mouth of the Niger; wait, perhaps, for a trade steamer, to go to Acassa, at the junction of the Bonny with the Niger; wait my chances to go up the Niger by trade steamers again. Traders live in hulks on the river. There will undoubtedly be some inconveniences connected with it, but I expect to get something to eat and a place to swing my ham-mock at night. My only fear is, that the season is to far advanced, that is, the rains too near over to go very far up the river.

"My wish is to get the information which will determine the Missionary Society to take a new departure-of going right into the heart of Africa, and taking the continent for Christ. It can be done; it should be done, and done without further delay. I shall gain all the information I can on every point that is or will be dearable. I see no lions in the way. Why not make an appropriation for work in the valley of the Niger, or call it "interior," if you will; the Church is familiar with that name. There is no use of sending who will consecrate their lives to the work

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predicted. The Congregationalist says aptly : We

sometimes hear it said of churches that they want a minister who will build them up. Think of the contrast between what is usually meant in such cases and what Paul meant when he said, 'And now brethren, I commend you to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build

Macmillan & Co., will publish immediately the Archbishop of Canterbury's new book, under the title of "The Church of the Future." The subjects are: Its Catholicity, Its Conflict with the Atheist, Its Conflict with the Deist, Its Conflict with the Rationalist, Its Dogmatic Teaching, Practical Counsels for its Work, Its Cathedrals, Appendices, etc., etc.

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Harvard freshmen must now, by the rules of the faculty. get 40 per cent. in every course, or be conditioned. Only 333 per cent. has been reguired of them heretofore. One-hour examinations are limited to three in any one course during the year, and no one hour examination can be made up. Irregularity of attend-.ance will not be permitted hereafter.

It is inconceivable that it should happen in this year of grace; but it is a fact that three English clergymen are in jail for their method of worshipping God. And it can't be helped under English law, so long as the Church of England is established. Every such incarceration is a stanning blow at Establishment.-New York Independent.

The Churchman says: "In one of the counties of Pennsylvania, Potter by name, at the last term of the criminal courts not a single indictment was found. In that county no licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors have been granted for the last twenty years. The two facts stand related to each other as cause and effect : where drunkenness is impossible you find the least crime.

The Episcopalians of St. Louis are fully committed to the theater. Their churches clubbed together lately, hired a theater for a week, paid the manager the salary of the players, selecting, of course, a moral play, stirred up their friends to patronise the play, and at the close turned over the profits to the local charity for the sake of which this new departure was made .--N. Y. Independent.

The U.S. bank controller, Gen. Knox, finds that some two or three hundred million dollars have got out of the circulation, and he attributes it to hoarding. Many people have paid their debts and are putting away money in old stockings for a rainy day. This theory does not seem entirely plausible, since nearly all American people who have a favorable balance stocking .- N. W. Advocate.

Scientific men have been making all sorts of suggestions to prevent or remove the terrible fogs which envelop the city of Londen. The latest proposal is to blow away the fog by a great explosion of dynamite in some large open space, such as Hyde Park. The Court Journal says: Any one who has had to live for months together in an atmosphere of the density and color of pea soup will forgive the apparent lunacy of this brilliant suggestion.'

Frof. James C. Watson, of Wisconsin. begueat ed his property, valued at \$60,000 to the N tional Academy of Sciences of the Unit d States, excepting the sum of \$3000 and \$200 annuity set apart for the support of his wife, and \$150 anouity to his mother. Mrs. Watson is possessed of considerate property in her own name. and is whole v independent of her husband's estate. Having no children, it has long been the expressed purpose of the Professor and his wife to give their property after death, to aid the cause of science.

Jane Brown, a colored woman, bought a ticket entitling her to a first-class passage from Corinth to Memphis, on the Memphis and Charleston railroad. She took her seat in the ladies car; the conductor ordered her to go forward into a smoking and emigrant car; she refused to go, and thereupon she was ejected with great violence. She brought suit for damages in the Federal Circuit Court, and a jury of white men awarded her \$2,000 .-N. Y. Advocate.

According to the Rock, the elaborate Ritualistic practices at Mr. Dale's church only enceeded in attracting a congregation averaging fitteen in the morning and thirty in the evening; but the candles and the great display of grain in the harvest festival decorations have proved so attractive to the rate that they have been seen barging on to the pulpit, and marching about the church in troops of six and eight together, in such a manner that the sextoness has been afraid to enter the place in order to perform her duties. Ferily this is an musing outcome of Ritualism.

In the controversy on the doctrine of predestination, now going on in the Letheran Synodical Conference, Professor Walther and Professor Schmidt are the champions of the respective parties. Prof. Schmidt holds that God, elected to eternal life those whose faith he, in to eternal life those waose land he, in include on the purchased the Page-ball his omniscience, foresaw; though faith is the town. He purchased the Page-ball not to be looked on as something meri-estate for \$29,600, and set apart 36 acres not to be looked on as something meritorious. The Walther view rejects : "1. The two-fold election, i. e., election of some to salvation and others to damnation. 2. The notion that the general invitation of the Gospel is not seriously meant. 3. That Christ died only for the elect." At his life was the foundation of Firth Colcan people who nave a involution on anterest. I nat Ourist died only for the close, and the state of the stat Very few Americans bury their talents or discuss the subject, 600 pastors from all in 1879. The college, which forms a Very few Americans bury their talents or discuss the subject, out pastors ito a all in 2000, which is a Unuren, from on board the steamer Crisco, prominent part of a pile of imposing Sept. 22d: "Here I am where the castle educational buildings in the centre of the -N. Y. Independent.

testify for Jesus, as if you were the only one in the world. Be neither fearful nor doubtful, nor ashamed to let the church apprehend, can point to more failures and the world and the devil know that you stand up as a living witness of entire sanctification. Neither shrink nor waver. Stagger not at the promise of God through unbelief. Live up to your profession. Do it all to the glory of God; to him all the praise belongs. Many have done much good by their simple testimony of full and led to the fountain of fulness. Let others go and do likewise. What a mighty work the Lord would accomplish through would be faithful and continually stand as witnesses for Jesus.

"As you go, testify !" Testify of full salvation to the glory of God! Testify; inquiring hearts way be encouraged and led to the cleansing blood, and washed whiter than snow! Testify; it may warm up the heart of your minister, and stir him up to greater diligence in seeking boliness, or if he enjoy it, it will encourage him. If you are a minister, testify; hold up the banner high, press forward, be definite and decided, say come and not go, in the work of boliness; it will have a wonderful effect on your congregation. Testivy; it will have a great influence upon yourself. and God will bless you in so doing; for he honors those who honor him. Testify, lest you lose the witness of your full salvation, grope your way in darkness, retrograde in religion, fall under condem. nation and from grace. Confess Christ in all his saving power, that he may confess you before the heavenly Father and the holy angels. Fvery time you have an opportunity to testify for Jesus and holiness think it might be the last time, and, if convenient, say a word for the Master. Soon your lips shall close in death, your tongue lie silent in the grave, and you will no longer be able to speak of Jesus' power to save to your friends and neigh bors ; then improve the opportunities ; let no one accuse you in the great day for not having testified. Think of the good year testimony may, under the blessing of Ged, accomplish. If you are "faithful,' the Lord will say, " Well done !"

We need more holiness in experience, profession and life. We need more witnesses of full salvation, more holy men and women who are pointed, definite and radical in the work of boliness, and will testify of its fullness continually. Who will be one of them? Let myriads answer -" I." The Lord continue to raise up hosts of faithful, growing witnesses of the truth that Jesus saves to the uttermost .-Zion's Watchman.

## THE DARK CONTINENT.

Mary Sharp writes to the Missionary Secretaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, from on board the steamer Crisco, educational buildings in the centre of the of Elmiral stands, on the crest of a hill, of consequences .- Baltimore Presbyterian.

in Africa; and no field in the world, I in her missionary forces than Africa.

"At Bonny, I am told, the Wesleyans have a boys' school of 200. They have a building too, for a girls' school, but lack women teachers. The principal tribe and language is the Fantee. Above here, at Axim, the port where we landed, there are gold diggers, and the Wesleyans have salvation. Hearts have been stirred up a large self supporting Church of natives; they support their own school besides. At Creektown, at old Calabar, the Scotch United Presbyterians have a membership those whom he wholly sanctifies if they all of 186, who give an average of \$5 per member. They now propose to raise among themselves the salaries of their native teachers and preachers. It strikes me that what has been done by others can be done by us."

## ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

The Herald and Presbyter in an editorial says: "We frequently hear of the profound education of Catholic priests, and even among Protestants are some who think Catholic schools superior to others. An illustration of the falsity of this view comes from Charleston, S. C. About a year ago the Board of School Commissioners accepted a school that was under the special control of the Romanists, and whose teachers were known as belonging to the 'Christian Brotherhood.' The old teachers were retained and received pay from the public treasury. As might be expected, this was not satisfactory to the Protestantism of the city, but the arrangement continued for the year, and might have continued longer had not the law required an examination of the teachers. Along with other teachers of the city, these priests of the Christian Brothhood were brought to the test and their capacities put to trial. Not one of them could pass a satisfactory examination. The school continues, but the pay from the public treasury is stopped."

"An incarnate conscience" is the brief but comprehensive title given by Dr. Herrick Johnson to the late Albert Barnes. The truth in a nut-shell. Albert Barnes has occupied an important position in both national and ecclesiastical affairs. He was an earnest man in the defence of the truth as it was given him to see it. There are thousands in this land, who, to-gay, object to conclusions reached by bim, but few there are, if any, who can say aught against him as a man and a Christian. He stands out before the world as a man, controlled by a high and noble sense of accountability to God and manone of the gentlest of men, willing to suffer for what he deemed to be right. The world has need of such men, with strong convictions, earnest purposes, performing; their duties as Christian men. regird -----