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The Egyptians consider it unhealthy to wash a child until it is at least one year old.

A rapid fall of the barometer forebodes a heavy storm.

Electricity is supplanting steam as a motive power.

New York city letter carriers have an organized brass band.

The orange grows wild all over tropical Asia, and is everywhere regarded as indigenous.

Electricity as a motor power was generally recognized as practical in 1886.

Falling snowflakes bring with them all the floating dust of the air, leaving the atmosphere extremely pure.

Of all the classes of porcelain now collected old Chinese and Japanese enjoys the greatest popularity.

In B.C. 407 the price of wooden account books for merchants' use was a drachma each—about 18 cents.

The earliest book in which copperplate engravings were used as an adornment was issued in 1470.

A singular discovery of the planet Neptune by two astronomers working independently was made 1846.

Australia stands first among the wool producing countries of the world. The yield last year was 550,000,000 pounds.

Yakutch, in Russia, is the coldest place in the world. The mercury sometimes falls to 73 degrees below zero.

The longest run without a stop of a passenger train in England is from Bournemouth to Vauxhall, 106½ miles.

The Ainu women in Japan tattoo their faces to give them the appearance of men with whiskers.

Writers on vital statistics state that there are two persons sick for every death during the year.

In Korea umbrellas are of oiled paper, have no handles, and are simply worn over the hat.

The deepest gold mines in Australia are the Magdala, at Stawell, 2,400 feet, and Lansell's, at Sandhurst, 2,640.

The first discovery of land in the limits of the United States was on April 2nd, 1512, by De Leon, and the land was Florida.

The oldest railway in France runs between Paris and Havre. It was built more than half a century ago.

A stained glass window in memory of Charles Kingsley has been placed in the parish church of his native place, Holne, Devon.

The royal family of Sweden speak Swedish with a French accent, while that of the present King of Portugal is distinctly Italian.

Down to the present century a part of the marriage ceremony in Hungary consisted in the groom giving the bride a kick to remind her of her subjection.

The Rev. William Stocker, one of the deacons ordained by the Bishop of Montreal on Trinity Sunday, has been appointed to the parish of Melita, Man.

Gladstone, at the age of 84, is making an attempt to learn the Basque language, a dialect that has long been a puzzle to philologists.

The chimneys of ocean steamers are much larger than is generally supposed. They range from fourteen feet to eighteen feet in diameter.

In the ninth century most of the clothes worn in Europe were made in the monasteries, which kept large stocks of ready-made clothing.

The Chinese Six Companies is the most powerful organization in the world, and holds not only the fortunes but even the lives of thousands of Chinamen in its grasp.

The highest suspension bridge in the world is at Fribourg, in Switzerland, where one is thrown over the gorge of Gotteron, which is 317 feet above the valley.

The idea of an ancient tropical continent at the South pole uniting South America, Madagascar and Australia is arousing considerable interest and discussion in scientific circles.

There are eight tunnels on the Transandine railway in Chili and Argentina, the total length of which is 9½ English miles.

The Rev. J. K. McMorine, rector of St. James', Kingston, leaves this week to spend a few weeks in Cold Spring, N.Y., exchanging with the Rev. Ernest Saunders.

A Japanese novelist has produced a story called "The Romance of a Dog," which is to appear in 108 volumes, issued at short intervals at a popular price.

On the summit of Ben Lomond may be seen the smallest tree that grows in Great Britain. It is known as the dwarf willow, and is, when mature, only two inches in height.

It may be of interest to numismatists to know that a large find of Saxon coins was recently made near Douglas, a large town on the Isle of Man. The coins were silver skeatta, and date between A.D. 925 and 975.

One of the three dozen shirts possessed by Napoleon at St. Helena, and divided at his death among his companions, has been sold by auction for 150 francs.

The first book printed by machinery was "Blumenbach's Physiology," which came from the press in 1817. It was worked on Koenig's press, which printed both sides at the rate of 900 sheets an hour.

The senior Bishop of Christendom is Sofronius, the Patriarch of Alexandria, who is 95 years old, and has been a Bishop 55 years. Archbishop Kenrick, of St. Louis, consecrated 53 years ago, and Leo XIII., consecrated 52 years ago, come next in that respect.

The Rev. R. J. Freeborn, for some time curate of All Saints' Church, Windsor, and rector of the Church of the Ascension, has been appointed to Blenheim, and took charge recently. He is to be succeeded at Windsor by the Rev. T. B. Smith, of Rothsay, N.B.

British and Foreign.

It is stated that the Venerable Archdeacon W. W. Elwes, of Madras, is likely to be the new Bishop of Tinnevely. The appointment would be in all respects an excellent one.

There has recently been started in Jerusalem a Young Men's Christian Association. Its headquarters are just outside the Jaffa gate. A special section of this remarkable association is for the Arab converts.

Tobacco is used by a larger number of the human race than any other article except wine and salt; its use is more universal even than bread. The annual tobacco bill of the people of the United States is \$600,000,000—an appalling amount to be expended on a luxury while thousands are suffering for bread.

The *Lancashire Daily Post* states that the Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Vicar of St. Paul's, Preston, has been offered the vacant Bishopric of Perth, Western Australia, by the Bishops of Manchester, Durham, and Southwell (acting for the Synod). It is not yet definitely known whether the rev. gentleman will accept the appointment.

George Williams, the English Churchman who started the Young Men's Christian Association on its way fifty years ago, has been knighted by Queen Victoria, while the French Government has bestowed the decoration of the Legion of Honor upon Mr. James Stokes, the American who has done so much for the Association in France.

By the will of the late Julia Lady Fitzgerald, the Bishops of Cashel and Killaloe and the Rev. W. E. Borroughs, B.D., of the Mariners' Church, Kingstown, have been left trustees for religious purposes of her residuary estate, which will probably amount to £30,000.

The *Record* says that the Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred the Lambeth degree of B.D. upon the Rev. A. J. Hall, of the C.M.S. North

Pacific Mission, in consideration of his services to the Church and to linguistic science. "This recognition is all the more welcome because Mr. Hall has worked in a field which, despite its many difficulties and hardships, obtains comparatively little attention."

The *Missionary Review* for June says: "The *Spirit of Missions* for April is especially characterized by articles overflowing with the genuine spirit of missions, containing matters of fact and Christian sentiment of great value to Episcopalians not only, but to all who love the Kingdom of our Lord."

Frere Town, near Mombasa in eastern Africa, was named for Sir Bartle Frere, a great hater of slavery, and because he suggested that the Church Missionary Society should establish a station there, where slaves rescued from the Arabs should be cared for. The contrast is amazing between the unutterable degradation and woe witnessed during the first years from 1874 onward, and the lives now sober, pure, and even devotedly Christian.

The Rev. Dr. Judson Smith remarks very truly: "What is needed in our Foreign mission work is leaders; not the rank and file which the native agency will furnish to their own great gain, but captains and generals, and these must be trained men. It is impossible for the missionary to be too learned, too cultured, too eloquent, too versatile, too much of a scholar, a philosopher, a preacher, a statesman, or a gentleman, for the needs of his field and work."

At the last anniversary of the English Church Missionary Society, the Rev. L. Lloyd told briefly the story of the Fo-Kien mission in China, with which he had for some years been connected. When he began his work there were only 1,700 converts, but now there are over 11,000. He then spoke of educational work and its importance to the future progress of Christianity in China, and concluded by bearing testimony to the liberality displayed by Chinese Christians, and the courage with which they had endured persecution from the unconverted.

The annual meeting of the Limerick Diocesan Synod took place on the 14th inst. in the Jebb Chapel, St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, a special service having been first held. There was a large attendance of both orders, and the Bishop, Dr. Graves, occupied the chair, and in his address the President spoke warmly of the late Primate, also the late Bishops of Meath and Killaloe, with all of whom he had been on terms of personal friendship. He said: "We have indeed lost Bishops whose names deserve to be held in honour, but the Church has reason to be thankful that their places have been filled by men of piety, learning, and judgment, in whose care the interests of religion will be well guarded."

The Declaration on Inspiration.—The Rev. Charles Gore has addressed the following letter to the Editor of the *Guardian*:

SIR,—Will you allow me to offer a cordial welcome to the "Declaration on the Inspiration of Holy Scripture" which appears in your last issue?

It is signed by no one who has been publicly identified with what are called "critical views," but it only expresses that doctrine of Inspiration which is acceptable to Churchmen of the "critical" school as well as to their opponents. I cannot but wish that that eirenic character of the Declaration has been made more apparent by its being offered more impartially for signature.

This, however, is a small matter. What is important is that these Churchmen of acknowledged weight and unquestioned orthodoxy recognize as coming up to the Catholic requirement a doctrine of Inspiration which leaves the critical questions entirely open. We may hope that we are seeing the end of acrimonious controversy.

CHARLES GORE.

Thousands of new patrons have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla this season and realized its benefit in blood purified and strength restored.