

The Cloud.

Far on the brink of day, Thou standest at the herald of dawn, ...

Above the eternal snows, By winter scattered on the mountain height ...

Calm is thine awful brow: As when thy presence shined divinity, ...

Yet, as an angel mild, Thou, in the torrid noon, with sheltering wing, ...

So soon thy glories wane! Thou, too, must mourn the rose of morning shed ...

And, while the wistful eye Tears for the charm that wood its ravished gaze, ...

Thou, like the cloud, my soul, Doest, in thyself, of beauty naught possess; ...

Like the Swift Ships. How swiftly the mariner flies from a threatening storm, ...

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British and Foreign Notes.

There are about 4,000 Protestants among the 245,000 people in Rome, Italy.

The Reformed Episcopal Church received four churches last year and the bishops confirmed 681 persons.

The Presbyterian Church in the city of Mexico has during the last year received more than 500 converts in its communion.

SATURDAY, June 28d, is to be "Sunday School day" at the Great Exhibition in Philadelphia.

The Chinese converts connected with the Baptist mission in Portland, Oregon, have subscribed \$1,000 toward building a mission for their countrymen there.

It is announced that the trustees of Dr. John Hall's church, New York, will permit no one to enter the church after the commencement of the sermon.

TRINITY CHURCH, New York, has an income of about \$600,000, with which it supports six chapels, various guilds and schools, and aids struggling churches.

The Vatican is seriously bent upon decisive conduct against Russia, in order if possible, to force her to make explicit declarations as to her religious policy in Poland.

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FRANK STRINGFELLOW, who was the very active and favorite scout of the Confederate General J. D. B. Stuart in the late war, has entered the Ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

THE gifts which Mohammedan pilgrims to Mecca have left these amount now in value to 200,000,000 piastres. This has been placed at the disposal of the Sultan to aid in the prosecution of what the Turkish Government proclaims to be a holy war.

THE corner-stone of "The People's Church," Boston, was laid a few days ago. The church will be the largest place of worship in the country, having a seating capacity of 4,000. The church is Protestant, but of no particular sect.

SINCE January 1, fifteen colored churches in Texas have been burned by incendiaries. The last one set fire to was in Huntsville; the members had just purchased a fine bell and Sunday School library, and greatly improved their church.

MOODY AND SANKEY'S London Evangelistic choir have undertaken a great work, no less than holding over four hundred meetings in various summer resorts and elsewhere during the present year, singers and speakers giving their time without charge.

KING VICTOR EMMANUEL has written to the Pope congratulating him on the approaching anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate. The Pope has replied, thanking the king, and begging him not to permit the Italian Government to despoil parishes and confraternities of their property, saying that otherwise he should be constrained to protest. The king has made no reply to the Pope's letter.

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