

IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

THE YOUNG MAN'S IGNORANCE OF THE BIBLE.

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Mount Hermon School, which Dwight L. Moody founded in his home at Northfield, Massachusetts, in addition to the subjects required for general education gives its students a thorough course in the English Bible. In order to grade them properly, an entrance examination in the Bible is given to every prospective student. The set of questions is in two parts. Those who show a fair knowledge of the facts asked for in Part I omit the first course in Bible, and those who pass Part II omit also the second preparatory course, and enter at once upon more advanced Bible courses. The questions asked of the one hundred and seven new students who entered the school in May, 1907, were as follows:

- 1. (1) Write in full the names of any five Old Testament books. (2) Tell for each the leading actor or chief subject of the book.
2. Write the first and fifth commandments.
3. (1) Who were saved from the judgment of the flood, and why? (2) Who tried to save Scaron and Gomorrah from destruction, and how? (3) Who lost his life on Mt. Gilboa, and why?
4. Who was each of the following, and what did each accomplish: (1) God's chosen people; Jacob, Aaron, Gideon, Samuel and Elijah.
5. What great event in the history of God's people happened at the Red Sea? At Mount Sinai? At Jericho?
6. Who built the tabernacle? Where? Who built the temple? Where? What was the difference between them? How were they both used?

PART II. WHO LOST HIS LIFE ON MOUNT GILBOA?

The third question was purposely graded from easy to hard, and, sure enough, sixty-nine were able to tell who were saved from the flood, though not all of these knew why, and one included with Noah the ten tribes of Israel. One thought the hero of the ark was Moses, another Abraham, another Lot, while one asserted that "Adam and Eve were saved from the flood because they believed on God." Twenty-five knew that Abraham tried to save Scaron and Gomorrah from destruction. Several thought it was Lot, and others Moses, while one said: "Isaiah the prophet tried to save Scaron and Gomorrah by preaching to them." Not one of the hundred was able to tell who lost his life on Mount Gilboa. Among the guesses were Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Aaron and Jesus, while the most comprehensive and original effort was as follows: "Eau lost his life on Mount Gilboa by David because he was such a wicked king."

PART I. WHO TAUGHT THEM IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

These 107 new students were none of them under 18, and averaged in age about 14. They were above the average in intelligence, and the present of a young man in character and presumably in knowledge of the Bible. They were selected from a much larger number of applicants because they had formed an earnest purpose in life, and needed a helping hand toward a Christian education. Seventeen represented twelve foreign countries, and the remainder were from the United States and Canada, represented Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas and Washington; twenty-eight were from New York and New Jersey, and fifty from New England, half of these from Massachusetts. Eighty-four of the hundred had attended Sunday school an average of six years each. Nineteen had had some other Bible study, chiefly in Young Men's Christian Associations; thirty-five came from homes where family prayers had been held. Probably all had heard many sermons.

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT CONFUSIONS.

Although all were urged to try the questions in Part II as well as in Part I, and sufficient time was given, only forty-seven handed in papers on Part II. Their answers may be disposed of more briefly. Twenty-two had some intelligent conception of Saul and Solomon, and twenty-six of David; only five knew of the division of the kingdom after Solomon's death. Naturally, therefore, they knew little about the kings of Judah, Asa and Jehoshaphat were mentioned by just one, Isaiah by two, and Jeremiah by three. The Italian of the question evidently was not sufficient to identify Judah as the southern kingdom only for those who tried an answer, named Saul, David, and Solomon as the kings. One gave Herod another Pharo, and among prophets Jacob, Elijah, Solomon, Saul, Goliath (1) Peter, and Matthew were named. Not one correctly stated how Israel was divided into two kingdoms, and why. Here is the nearest approach:

"Israel was first captured by Assyria, Judah by Babylon, then by Assyria, then allowed to go back by Persia, and then captured by different countries until it was captured by Rome. They sinners."
In trying to name three men who had most to do with the return of the Jews

from Babylon and what each did, two named Ezra and two Nehemiah. Among the answers were: Peter, Levi, and Apollo; "Jesus, Paul, Simon," "The King of Babylon, Solomon and ...," "The king of Babylon let them return, Solomon organized them and ...," "The questions from the Gospel were naturally more familiar but only thirty-five out of the hundred gave two important events in the life of Jesus, and many of these could not tell where the events occurred. Here also were indications of confused thinking: "Peter and Paul were out fishing one night when they saw some walking on the water, which was Jesus who lived until next June would have been twenty years a priest. He was born in June 1848, the very day that he was overthrown of Napoleon at Waterloo." He studied at Maynooth and was ordained a priest on June 9, 1888. Going as a missionary to Hindustan, he became Bishop of Madras in 1846, the year in which Leo XIII. was made Archbishop of Perugia. Subsequently he was appointed Bishop of Hyderabad, India, and was transferred to Tasmania in 1866. He was the last of the prelates appointed by Pope Gregory XVI. the predecessor of Pius IX.

"At the time of his death, which took place at Hobbs, Tasmania, a few days ago, the Most Reverend David Murphy claimed this distinction, and had he lived until next June would have been twenty years a priest." He was born in June 1848, the very day that he was overthrown of Napoleon at Waterloo. He studied at Maynooth and was ordained a priest on June 9, 1888. Going as a missionary to Hindustan, he became Bishop of Madras in 1846, the year in which Leo XIII. was made Archbishop of Perugia. Subsequently he was appointed Bishop of Hyderabad, India, and was transferred to Tasmania in 1866. He was the last of the prelates appointed by Pope Gregory XVI. the predecessor of Pius IX.

A HOME FOR NUNS.
James Butler of New York City, has presented the property known as the High Church, on the Hudson, to the Madames of the Sacred Heart of Mary, a community which has just come to this country by special invitation of His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop. The property extends over twelve acres, with a large modern mansion, situated on a high elevation, from which a view of the Hudson is obtained. It almost adjoins the beautiful and extensive park laid out by John D. Rockefeller. The price paid by Mr. Butler for the property is said to be close to \$100,000.

THE ANGLICAN.
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THE NEED OF DIVERSITY.
Bishop Stubbs, in a recent address, speaking of uniformity, said:—"What a great deal of good has been done by that which were Churchmen or Nonconformists, they should reach an honest and sincere conviction as to their own position in the world, and that conviction, should use it as a medium through which they could enter into sympathy with those who differed from them in their religious opinions. It is a very large extent, but he is quite aware that uniformity of opinions or practices were impossible in this world. He would be as much as to say that it would be very dull world if it were possible. But unity of spirit was a sacred duty. Diversity of opinion without unity of spirit meant discord, and it if they would unity without diversity meant death."

THE UNIVERSITY MISSION.
As the result of an address delivered by the late Dr. Livingstone before the University of Cambridge in 1857, a mission to Africa was organized, and at the other end of the world the results of the following facts were furnished:—"When the Universities Mission was started, within two years after Dr. Livingstone had founded the bridge, there was not a single Christian in the 25,000 square miles now covered by the organization. At present there are 200,000 communicants, 600 native Africans under instruction, and 8,000 children in the schools. The African clergy number 21, the English missionaries 111."

ANOTHER BIG BEQUEST.
Under the will of Sir William George Pearce, who died last month, aged 64, leaving an estate valued at £243,384, there is a contingent bequest of over £400,000 to Trinity College, Cambridge.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.
UNCHANGING.
The Presbyterian Witness says:—"The old orthodox evangelical doctrine is as good today as when it was taught by the Apostle Paul. The teachings of the orthodox Catechism are as Biblical as they were when set in order by the men of Westminster Assembly. And on the other hand the "Council of Trent" with its dogmas is as objectionable as it was when Spaniards and Italians compacted it together. No lapse of years can improve or dilute its philosophy or its politics."

THE KOREAN REVIVAL.
Lord William Cecil, writing of this work to The Times, says:—"You have only to read the journal of John Wesley in the northern part of the country of Pyongyang to realize that the phenomena are very closely akin. There is in both cases an extraordinary manifestation of power, people are convinced of their sins by another force than reason, and the power that convinces gives them strength, not without a representative in the Sacred College, and one in the United States, which, in the opinion of the Vatican authorities, deserves great consideration because of the progress the church has made there. Four candidates for

THE HONOR IN THE UNITED STATES ARE MENTIONED—Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco; Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Archbishop Connell, of Boston, and Archbishop Parley, of New York. It is generally believed here that Archbishop Brochee, of Montreal, will be the Canadian recipient of the honor, and that the Archbishop of Santiago, in Chili, may be chosen also.

THE BAPTISTS.
CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA.
The Maritime Baptist furnishes the following—82 missionary societies now at work, 4,600 missionaries, 5,000-000 students in 150,000 schools, 30,000 university students, 122 hospitals, 154 dispensaries, 184 physicians, 85 leper asylums, 84 translations of the Bible, 301 branches of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., 297 branches of C. E., and one out of every hundred is a nominal Christian. The progress during the last decade has been very remarkable.

THE CONGREGATIONALISTS.
CHURCH STATISTICS.
The returns for the Mother Country are as follows: 423 churches, 458,353 church members, 43,015 S. S. schools, teachers 72,147, scholars 3,197, ministers of whom 238 are without pastoral charge, 123 are in professional work and 173 on account of age and ill health are on the retired list, thus leaving a total of 3310 in active service. To these at work must be added 200 evangelists and lay preachers. The returns from the colonies show that in Canada, including Manitoba, British Columbia, the Maritime Provinces, and Newfoundland, there are 151 churches and presbyteries, 112,577 members; 211 in New Zealand, 35 in Tasmania, 45 in South Africa, 35; in Jamaica, 48; in British Guiana, 60; in India, 15. There are all 25 Congregational churches in Syria, 3 in China, and 93 in Japan. The number of ministers in the Colonies and on the continent is 504.

MAY PERHAPS APPLY TO OTHERS.
Rev. Mr. Holmes, chairman of the London Congregational Union, replying to a question of a representative of the Christian World concerning the work there said:—"Generally I found preachers both earnest and interesting. There is no doubt that the character of preaching has undergone great change and I do not know that I can recall a single instance during the year when I heard a sermon, which in any respect fell below the standard of the warning cry, "Fly ye from the wrath to come." In my boyhood that was the note of most preaching and it was the cause of my own conversion. It is the decay of the emphasis upon the exceeding sinfulness of sin that I deplore. I rejoice in the Gospel of salvation, but I wish that our hearers were reminded more frequently of sin and its wages—eternal death—that they need to be saved from. This aspect of the Gospel is largely missing from modern preaching."

THADDEUS.
REV. J. F. FLOYD SPEAKS ON TEMPERANCE QUESTION.
Rev. J. F. Floyd spoke at a temperance meeting at the Tabernacle, Market Square, under the auspices of the Thorne Lodge, I. O. G. T., yesterday afternoon. W. G. Stebbings was in the chair. J. A. Byers read the prayer. He said appeal must be made to the reason of man about drink. It is no good driving him. People must realize the importance of the drink question, and if they would only help the church drink would be soon stamped out. One of the great remedies against intemperance was to educate their influence against drink.

PROHIBITION SHOULD BE GIVEN A TRIAL.
Ald. Baxter and Mr. Maxwell, M.P.P., Discuss Temperance Problems.
Ald. Baxter and Robert Maxwell, M. P., were the speakers at the Every Day Club yesterday. Both spoke upon temperance. In the afternoon Ald. Baxter discussed prohibition. He said that after a good deal of thought he had come to the conclusion that prohibition should be given a trial. Prohibition would prohibit if the people wanted it. He also referred to the evil wrought by drink both in the home and in the workshop. He made a plea for temperance work in the home and with the individual. In the evening Mr. Maxwell spoke on the injury done by liquor to the industrial, moral and social life of a people. The liquor dealers themselves had said that the saloon should be improved morally. The greatest moral improvement, said Mr. Maxwell, would be made by wiping the saloon out altogether. There was a good attendance at the meetings. At the afternoon meeting J. H. Collier presided. The music was furnished by Mrs. Arthur, H. V. Stokes and Messrs. Wasson and Colwell. In the evening the choir of Queen Square Men

THE DEPTH OF BEAUTY.
The skin of the hippopotamus is said to be more than three inches thick. This is one of the cases where beauty isn't skin deep.—Boston Globe.

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MORE VICTIMS OF LEVEL CROSS.
TORONTO, Jan. 12.—Three wagon struck a train run miles an hour, and Samuel David, father of Croucher's 11-year-old daughter were hurled hundred feet. The young man was broken, Croucher was killed, and two horses were mangled. The men were taken from near Blenheim, the accident occurred at Cedar Valley on the cross Stoney night, at the crossing near Marquette railway.

CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY IS IN DANGER—GOVERNMENT WEAK



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PEKING, Jan. 11.—The Chinese government has been persuaded to sign the projects for the Tientsin-Chinkiang and the Che-Kiang railroad. It is most anxious that they shall go through while the agitation in these provinces, which has attended the "rights of recovery" movement is in temporary abeyance. China has at present eight important questions on her hands, aside from her negotiations with Great Britain and Japan. Four of these matters seriously threaten her sovereignty. According to some observers here the government appears to be growing weaker, but this evidently is due to the fact that her contentions with the powers and her internal difficulties have come upon her at one and the same time and that she has failed to make use of the abilities of Yuan Shikai, who complains that his hands are tied and powerless. Indo-China has repeatedly sent warnings to Peking of the dangers attending the revolutionary movement on the Tongking border, where the cause pursued by the rebels has provoked troops from Bangkok, which is a French possession, to cross over into the Chinese province of Kwang-Si. Against this the foreign board has protested and the present minister here, M. Jordan, has replied with adequate assurance. The evacuation of Chumbi Valley in Tibet, by British troops is being delayed, among other things, by the necessity of settling the question of whether Tibet shall be included in the provisions of the Anglo-Chinese treaty concerning Tibetan trade. It is hoped that Tibet will be admitted to this agreement and that an understanding to this end shortly will be signed.

HOPEWELL HILL NEWS.
Lucy Stewart of this village, who recently underwent an operation at the hospital at Riverside for an internal growth, is progressing favorably. Reports from Arthur Downing, the young brakeman on the S. and H. railway, who was badly injured a week ago, stated that the young man is doing satisfactorily in every way. Allison Bishop of this place went to Montreal this week, and expects a position in the I. C. R. roundhouses. The newly elected members of the Albert municipal council will meet in session at the Central Hotel, on January 14th. With the exception of Councilors Shields, who replaces ex-Councilor Rommel of Alma, and Councilor Garland of Elgin, who defeated Mr. Janah, the membership of the board will be the same as last year. Mr. Janah sat at the board the term before last. The absence of Mr. Rommel will be quite noticeable, he having represented his parish with marked ability for many years continuously. Miss Ethelinda Cochrane, who has been living at the Central Hotel, returned to her home at Curryville last week, having been compelled to seek rest on account of ill health. Her condition has considerably improved and complete recovery is hoped for.

TRIAL OF MAN FOR MURDERING HIS 3-YEAR-OLD NEECE.
BENNINGTON, Vt., Jan. 11.—The trial of Alfred Mahan, charged with the murder of his four-year-old niece, was held in the county court today. The two jurors whose illness made it necessary to stop proceedings last Thursday, having recovered sufficiently to resume their seats in the jury box. The defense put on three witnesses, Thomas Mahan, the father of the respondent; German Mahan, a brother of the respondent, and Dr. D. A. Gleason of North Bennington. All the witnesses testified as to the prisoner's mental incompetency. Dr. Gleason 166d of having examined Mahan for life insurance. He said that when the boy attempted to sign the papers he spelled his own name in two different ways, neither of which was correct. Thomas Mahan gave the history of the young man from childhood, and said that he was never strong mentally. He said that when four or five years of age Alfred began to chew tobacco and that he had continued the practice ever since. It is believed that several days more will be required to finish the case for the defense. A number of medical experts will probably be examined early in the coming week.

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CAPT. PILLSBURY SUCCEED BRO...

President Makes H... of the Bureau of... gation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Mr. McCall, Secretary of the Interior, today... the Bureau of Land Management.

CAPT. PILLSBURY... navy... the expedition of commiss... tired officer as chief of the b...

FORAKER FOLLOWING... MAKES FIRST ST... AT CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 11.—The Foraker... first strike by the Foraker... meeting a committee was... display the "regular" co... munity executive committee...

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 11.—The Foraker... county executive committee... the question of regular... munity selected an assist... committee, said by the For... board each committee has... for the Republican primary... same date, February 11. The "regular" commit... authority precipitated the... filing a call for the primary... board of election yesterday... rights of the committee ar... call for a convention to se... mitted. Last night the For... board committee was... The Foraker committee was... to decide upon the merits... munity and peaceably.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS CURE A...

Pale Faces, Dizzy Spelling Heart, Headache and Loss of Breath Are Signs of Anemia.

Waterbury blood is an open disease to take possession of... Waterbury blood is resp... nearly all the headaches and... and aches that afflict... Waterbury blood is responsible... eyes, yellow cheeks and... dragged out feeling that is... and the following is the... good health, and good blood... comes through the use of Dr... Pink Pills. Weak, listless... women who use this medicine... active and strong; listless... girls are given new health... bright eyes and a new sense... bed for three or four days... and we feared she was going... fine. A lady friend advised... of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills... a half dozen boxes. By the... were used there was a mar... ment, and I got a further... her. The change these... brought in her condition... that you would not think of... the same girl. I will always... kindly feeling for Dr. Williams'... Pills.

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