

Immortality. It had lived ere seen or priest unveiled. A life to come, m-thinks that, knowing thee, I should have guessed this immortality: For nature, giving nothing, never fails to give the end to its point to. Never quailed the swallow, through air-wilds, o'er tracks of sea.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE

'Society' people of St. Louis so misbehaved themselves at a church wedding the other day—talking, laughing, eating candy, climbing up on the seats, etc.—that the clergyman twice rebuked them sharply from the altar, and even threatened them with forcible expulsion from the sacred edifice.

The Highbury Place Baptist Church in London admitted to membership without regular immersion a lady afflicted with deformity, which made it almost impossible for her to undergo the ceremony of immersion. For this the church was expelled from the organization of the Baptist Church, and after a long fight, the congregation and elders have just acknowledged their mistake in "having been too ready to accept the plea of impossibility."

Bishop Andrews, who has recently returned from a tour of inspection of the Methodist missions in Asia, reports that he found evidences in Japan of what he regards as a drift toward Christianity. The whole nation, he says, is permeated with the fundamental principles of Christian civilization. The same tendency has been discerned by other observers, and the advisability of formally adopting Christianity has been discussed seriously by some of the Japanese statesmen and philosophers on the ground that the nation would be benefited by establishing the religion of the West.

Archdeacon Farrar:—The real question to ask about any form of religious belief is—Does it kindle the fire of love? Does it make the life stronger, sweeter, purer, nobler? Does it run through the whole society like a cleansing flame, burning up that which is mean and base, selfish and impure? If it stands this test it is not heresy. There is but one Church of the true Child of God, and unfaithfulness is the only infidelity. I am so convinced there is no error more fatal than the notion that correct belief or church membership is of any value whatever, in comparison with that rightness of life which is the be-all and end-all of true religion.

MEN'S WEAR.

Old-fashioned Invisible Green Reasserting Itself in Suits. The Clothier and Furnisher. Very few blue flannel suits are seen on well-to-do men during the summer now; for the likelihood of being taken, perchance, for a brakeman or ticket chopper is not altogether to their relish.

With black, brown, and blue out of the scale and wine color always regarded with temperate distrust, green was the only shade left for the designers to pin their faith upon. With the pulse of the community beating mildly for unaggressive effects its adoption appeared to be the one thing to be done.

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IN THE HOLY LAND.

At Church on Christmas Eve—A Call at Larnaca, Cyprus—Moody and Sankey in Modern Greek—Ephesus and its Wonderful Ruins—Mytilene—The Greek Archbishop and the Turkish Governor.

Probably the swiftest and pleasantest diligence service in the world is that from Damascus to Beyrout. A French company owns and manages it, and it would be needless to say that this enterprise is in striking contrast to any enterprise conducted by an unscrupulous Park. The road between the two cities is in excellent condition and is a marvellous bit of engineering, crossing the mountains of Lebanon at a height of 7,000 feet.

On Christmas day we started on the journey homeward. Our party from those who had accompanied us in various capacities during our pilgrimage through Palestine and Syria was full of sadness and tenderness. The guide was affected deeply, and we shall never forgive his prayer invoking for us divine protection and heavenly benediction during the remainder of our trip.

At Limasol, where we did not disembark, we enjoyed the pleasure of receiving on our return a Greek bride and groom who, during the balance of the trip, treated us to Moody and Sankey's hymns sung in modern Greek. Between Limasol and Smyrna, the next stopping place, lay Rhodes and Patmos (this is the island on which St. John wrote the Book of Revelation) and Samos. Every moment of the time not necessarily required for resting and sleep was spent on the island with Dr. Talmage as a commentator, the islands and hills of the prospects opening before us were repopulated as of old and their glorious history re-enacted.

We reached Smyrna about nine in the morning, just too late to catch the train to Ephesus. But such a trifle as this did not at all discourage us from making good our intentions of visiting a city of such great importance in Scripture. We chartered a special train and telegraphed in advance for horses and lunch. At half-past nine our train started, rushing along with all the noise and confusion of a lightning express and the speed of an ordinary American freight train.

A visit to Ephesus pays. The old Roman aqueduct, with its innumerable stork nests, is the first object of antiquity that one sees in the city. After that there is no end of attractions. Even the very hedges are team with broken statuary and choice specimens of sculpture, which are used as common stones. The gigantic ruins of the Temple of Diana are imposing in the magnificence of their proportions, and their magnitude we found to exceed all that we had seen elsewhere.

SHREWD METHODS OF CRIMINALS.

Taking Legal Advice Before Committing Their Crimes. From the Minneapolis Tribune. "The public has a curious and false idea of the criminal classes," said a lawyer who has had a good deal to do with them in the courts.

"It is true that a majority of them are coarse, hard-visaged wretches, but they don't represent the brains. They are like the tools in a blacksmith shop—useless unless directed by the mechanical ingenuity of the learned worker. The brains of the criminal classes are furnished by the men whose histories would make the most intensely interesting pages of romance.

"My own experience has taught me that this is the case, and not only are the crime and the mode of its perpetration carefully considered, but a probable failure also enters largely into the programme marked out for the criminal. It is in this respect that the advice of a lawyer is often sought. My first contact with criminals of the kind was with three well-known men who probably have never had their equal in this country as bond forgers.

STILL FURTHER PROOF OF THE HYPOTHESIS OF EQUAL CHANCES OF LIFE AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF NATURAL SELECTION.

The position taken by Dean Carmichael in his present course of lectures is well worth the consideration of advocates of evolution by means of natural selection. The Dean claims that in all divisions of life there are widespread conditions wherein death comes indiscriminately to improved and unimproved representatives of any one species forming a food supply for higher forms—in other words, that both are reduced to an equality, and that their chances of escape are equal.

"I failed to mention, however, that while he paid me a good fee for each opinion he invariably tripled the amount whenever my opinion was endorsed by a well-known Judge of a criminal court of this city. "About a year after these transactions I was one day engaged in a criminal case before this Judge, and was surprised to see among the prisoners at the bar my former gentlemanly client, and I then and there learned who and what he was.

"I never was so far in their confidence to be aware of the character of the crime to which he had committed, yet I always found the gentleman in their actions and conversations; but the most singular fact was their admiration for the criminal Judge before whom one of them had been tried. "His expositions of the law they considered sound and logical, and willingly paid any price for his endorsement of an opinion, on one occasion alone they giving \$500 for his written endorsement of my opinion, and so I find that most criminals pursue the same course. They are a patient, painstaking class, who consider all the probabilities and possibilities of a case, either favorable or unfavorable.

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"The only way in which she could procure, his attendance at the fatal battle of Culloden was to ride with him herself at the head of the clan. She was a splendid rider, and a most beautiful and graceful woman, tall and fair, and never appeared so much to advantage as when seated on horseback.

"On a certain day I received a visit from one of the trio, who, by the way, is a man who, if he had pursued the paths of morality, would be capable of filling any position requiring education, gentlemanly address, tact, and shrewdness. I was unacquainted with him at the time he called, and his mode of procedure was identical with that of any business man, and did not in the least arouse my suspicion; upon the contrary, I found him to be a remarkably able and intelligent gentleman that I considered his acquaintance worthy of being cultivated.

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