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Secularism being deserted by one of its most engaging and talented advocates—Mrs. Besant—seems to be in a bad case in Europe. Theosophy is a newer fad, and so the other recedes into obscurity. There is an air of melancholy and utter hopelessness in the tone of recent proceedings.

JAPAN AND CHRIST'S DIVINITY.—The allegation made by Unitarians that the Japanese cannot accept the orthodox dogma of the Divinity of Christ does not go for much. It merely means that Unitarianism is a nearer approach to Japanese heathenism in that respect than orthodox Christianity can be expected to be!

Christ and Buddha.—The tables are being turned on those visionaries who want to prove that some of the details of the Gospel story were borrowed from the story of Gautama Buddha. It seems to have been the other way round—the supposed superior antiquity of the modern Buddha system resting on no solid ground.

German Romanists, if we may judge from their recent congress in America, are determined to stand by Fatherland and Mother tongue, the Pope and his advisers to the contrary notwithstanding. They offer a quid pro quo in their support of the Pope's temporal power; but their national rights they are bound to have in any case.

CLERICAL STIPENDS IN MICHIGAN.—There is great rejoicing over the success which has attended the efforts of the Bishops of Michigan—present and past—to raise the level of clerical incomes. A very sensible increase (\$100 in two years) of the

average income has been the result at last of persistent Episcopal exhortation on the subject.

BROTHERHOODS AND INSECTS.—The Brothers of St. Paul have had their first round with the native insect occupants of Bloomsbury beds, and the insects are victorious! The Brothers have retired to Wales to recuperate after a very hard trial of sickness and its attendant miseries in Bloomsbury. It remains to be seen what they will do next.

Make the Drunkard Support his Family.—A very hard thing to accomplish, you will say. Not if the State goes about it in the right way. But he has to be kept sober! Very true, but that can be easily managed—in prison. There let him labour at his hardest, let him earn good wages for his work, and let the State pay it to his wife and the support of his family while he is in prison.

The End of the World.—A Stuttgart journal called Vom Fels Zum Meer has an article on the approach of the Earth's orbit, as well as that of Mercury, to the sphere of the sun's irresistible attraction. The journal depicts in scientific detail and order the effects: the gradual increase of heat on the earth, until all the water is dried, and the last man is dried up too. We are told how, but not when.

One of the Results.—Just as surely as superstitious sensations have an attraction for the ignorant devotees of Romanism, so surely do the same things disgust and repel the more intelligent of its adherents. No wonder that such men as Professor Windschied in Germany start into revolt at recent impostures, and retire from that communion in horror at such sacrilegious trickery being authorized.

DID HE TURN TO THE EAST.—Quite a controversy arising from a conflict of testimony, has been going on in Australia, on the question as to whether on a certain occasion—enthronement of the Bishop of Newcastle—the Bishop of Sydney turned eastward at a certain point in the service. The dispute is chiefly notable as an instance of how spectators may differ as to the details of public spectacles.

EARLY EASTERN CHRISTIANITY.—Cosmos Indicopleustes found Christians in Ceylon in the sixth century. The ancient church of St. Thomas in Malabar is still represented by 250,000 members. Near Madras is an ancient cross with a Pablain inscription, telling of Messiah, God, the Holy Ghost, and the crucifixion. Pantænus found the Hebrew versions of St. Matthew's Gospel in India in the second century.

BISHOP QUODLIBET, DEAN FOSSIL, AND CANON FUNGUS are gradually disappearing off the face of the Church earth. Even under the ægis (or shadow) of State patronage, prime ministers evidently perceive that they must give the Church live bishops with very definite views; while deans and canons are selected from among men who have worked to the front by dint of personal talent, energy and devotion.

THE CHURCH ARMY.—This society, of which we hear very little of late in Canada, has advanced to a very prominent public recognition in England

under the role of a practical benefactor of the helpless poor. It makes very little noise—compared with that of the "Salvation Army"—but does remarkably solid work. Perhaps the St. Andrew's Brotherhood does its work on this side of the Atlantic equally well.

"Whiter and Whiter."—That story is well worth repeating of the gentle retort of an old Scotch washer woman, who had to confess that she had forgotten the text and subject of last Sunday's sermon, and was reproved as if it could not have done her any good. Pointing to her linen bleaching on the green she said: "The sun dries up the water as soon as I pour it on them, but they get whiter and whiter."

BISHOP BLYTH AND THE C.M.S.—The verdict of the English Bishops on the Palestine Church dispute reminds one forcibly of the Scotch verdict "not proven—but don't do it again!" The Bishops indicate their opinion that the C.M.S. as a society has not yet committed itself to the policy of some of its agents—and had better not do so. The general feeling will probably be that Bishop Blyth's protest has been timely.

Mohammedanism and Polygamy.—It appears from a clever article by Hon. Mr. Justice Ameer Ali in the Nineteenth Century that the practice of a plurality of wives has few followers in the East—contrary to common impressions. He says, "In India 95 per cent. of the Moslems are monogamists. In Persia 98 per cent." The Ameer takes occasion to sneer at polyandry as more prevalent in the West than polygamy is in the East.

Utilizing Military Manguvres.—The excessive rains in Great Brita in of late are being attributed to the artillery competitions, which seem to have a tendency to precipitate the moisture of the air. It was noted that rain fell in Alexandria after the bombardment of July 1882, an unprecedented phenomenon. It is seriously proposed to confine these rain producing reviews to the spring time, when rain is wanted most.

SEEING TOO MUCH.—Are we not beginning to experience a little of the want of bliss which accompanies the want of knowledge, when microscopes are being manufactured in cold blood for the purpose of enabling visitors to the Chicago Exposition in 1893 to see thrown on a screen apparently as large as a sea serpent, the invisible creatures in a drop of clear drinking water? Will not the spectators feel less comfortable afterwards?

STIGMATA, ETC.—Close upon the Sacred Heart and Lourdes sensations, and the Holy Coat exhibition, comes a report of the mysterious signs called "Stigmata" (marks of the crucifixion nails) appearing on the hands of a devout Roman Catholic. We would respectfully suggest that the managers of the Romish business are over-doing this advertisement dodge. They should give us time to breathe between the numbers on their programme.

Mission to the Vatican.—The fancy of the English canon, who is said to have proposed to take his wife under his arm and visit Rome for the conversion of the Pope, may yet be realized. Some very optimistic persons have been gravely