

The Family Circle.

LITTLE BROWN HANDS.

They drive home the cows from the pasture, Up through the long shady lane, Where the quails whistle loud in the wheat-fields...

ized to represent the Trinity by means of pictures or sculpture? 3. Where, in the Bible, are we permitted to serve or adore the images of saints? Or where are we counselled, or permitted, or by example moved to use the images and pictures in worship or as ornaments of Churches?

ALEXANDER SELKIRK, THE ORIGINAL OF 'ROBINSON CRUSOE.'—It was lately announced that Commodore Powell and the officers of Her Majesty's ship Topaze had erected, in the island of Juan Fernandez...

A FEW years ago a Bible could not be sold in the Turkish Empire. Now there are 300,000 copies in circulation among the Turks, and there is evidence that they are widely read, and having a marked effect on the religious sentiments of the people.

IF YOU look into the early life of truly helpful men, those who make life easier or nobler to those who came after them, you will almost invariably find that they live purely in the days of their youth.

WHOEVER would enter into the Evangelical design of the Prayer Book, must bear in mind that its structure is purely spiritual, and can be fully understood, duly appreciated, and rightly used, by the faithful only.

HER MAJESTY'S HEAD COOK ON THE CHOOSING OF MEAT AND POULTRY.—The "Book of Cookery," by Mr. Gouffe, head cook to her Majesty, has the following hints on choosing butcher's meat and poultry:—Beef should be chosen of a bright red colour, with light yellow fat, approaching the hue of fresh butter.

THE ITALIAN BIBLE.—The last great work of the American Bible Society which has been finished, is the Italian Bible, the work upon which has been done at its expense, in Florence, under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Revel, so well known on this continent as the President of the Waldensian Table or Synod, and as the head of their Theological Seminary, in that beautiful city.

IS IT IN THE BIBLE?—To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them (Isaiah viii. 20).

been already struck off, for which and for binding one thousand copies, the Managers at their last meeting made an ample appropriation. TURKEY.—The Memorial Church at Constantinople is now completed. It will be remembered that at the close of the Crimean war, at a public meeting, at which the Duke of Cambridge took the chair, it was resolved that such a structure—a visible testimony to the Christian faith in the midst of the stronghold of Mahometanism—would be the most fitting memorial of those who were slain in the Crimean campaign.

ATTEMPT TO REMOVE A DAUGHTER FROM AN ITALIAN CONVENT.—The Florence correspondent of the Daily News writes:—As long ago as 1856 there died in Florence a certain Domenico Beretti. As both he and his wife had become Protestants, the priests determined that the two little girls whom he left should be separated from their mother.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE. A MISSIONARY who has had good opportunities of seeing Buddhism in China, says that no one can be even partially acquainted with it, without being struck by its similarity to Romanism. Celibacy of the priests and nuns, fasts, the use of the rosary, masses for the dead, burning candles and incense, monasteries and convents, are only a few of the points of coincidence.

FUNERALS IN SPAIN.—Among the changes introduced by the revolution in Spain, none is of more interest to other nations than the removal of the restrictions placed upon the burial of deceased foreigners. Heretofore Spain was not an agreeable country to die in.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDERS support foreign missions of their own in the Marquesas Islands and in Micronesia. According to the report of these missions, just published, there have been during the year past in the Marquesas Islands 47 additions by profession, making a total of 103.

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION AT GENEVA.—The first Sunday in November had been set apart by the Protestant Churches in Germany and several churches in France for a yearly revival of the recollections linked with the blessed Reformation. A band of the citizens of Geneva, who were desirous of taking part in this manifestation, accordingly summoned a meeting on Sunday, the 1st of November, which was held in the "Hall of the Reformation." It took place at eight o'clock in

the evening, after all the public services of the day were over; it was feared, therefore, that the attendance would be scanty, especially as it had not been time enough to give publicity to the proposed celebration.

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