CHURCH OBSERVER, WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUAR

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 wheatfields

That are yellow with ripening grain, They find in the thick waving grasses, Where the scarlet-lipped strawberry grows ; They gather the earliest snowdrops And the first crimson blood of the rose.

They toss the new hay in the adow ; They gather the elder bloom white ; They find where the dusky grapes purple In the soft-tinted October light, They know where the apples hang ripest, And are sweeter than Italy wines ; They know where the fruit hangs the thickest On the long thorny blackberry vines.

They gather the delicate sea weeds, And build tiny castles of sand; They pick up the beautiful sea shells-Fairy barks that have drifted to land. They wave from the tall, rocking tree-tops Where the oriole's hammock-nest swings, And at night-time are folded in slumber By a song that a fond mother sings.

*Those who toil bravely are strongest; The humble and poor become great; And from these brown handed children Shall grow mighty rulers of state. The pen of the author and statesman-The noble and wise of the land-The sword and the chisel and palette, Shall be held in the little brown hand.

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. The time is not far distant when even Mohammedan prejudice will yield to the power of God's Word, and everywhere it will come into competition with the Koran for popular acceptance.

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. In early life the brain, though abounding in vigour, is sensitive and very susceptible to injurytively brief and moderate indulgence in at this distant period wish to show respect vicious pleasures appears to lower the tore to his good name, and having in our pos- police, the result of which was to condemn be meant. T and impair both the delicacy and the efficiency of the brain for life. This is not preaching, it is simple truth of science.

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?

4. Where are we commanded to offer up the body of the Lord Jesus as a sacrifice ? and when did Jesus Christ establish an order of priests to offer up His body ?

5. Where are we commanded to use forms of prayer in a language which he who uses them does not understand ? 6. In what passage is the Virgin Mary

styled Queen of Heaven?

7. Give chapter and verse where the peo-ple are forbidden to read the Word of God without special permission ? 8. Where is power given to the Pope to gather into the Treasury of the Church the superabandant righteousness of saints, and to use it for the benefit of others in the

form of indulgences? 9. Or where is it said that saints have

any superabundant righteousness? 10. Finally, when and where did God give to the Pope the power he claims to depose kings, and to release souls from purgatory ; or where is there anything said in the Word of God about the Pope or the Church of Rome at all?

ALEXANDER SELKIRK, THE ORIGINAL or '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 Ports galley, 96 tons, 18 guns, A.D. 1704, and was taken off in the Duke privateer, February 12, 1709. He died Lieut. of H.M.S. Weymouth, A. D. 1723, aged 47 years. This tablet is erected near Selkirk's Look Out, by Commodore Powell and the officers of H.M.S. Topaze, A.D. 1868.' The following letter has just been sent to Com-modore Powell :--- 'Having seen a para graph in an Edinburgh paper, taken from a letter received from the West Coast of South America, in which the writer mentions that Commodore Powell and officers tablet to the memory of Alexander Selkirk, whose history is popularly believed to have afforded Defoe the materials of his attract-

ized to represent the Trinity by means of been already struck off, for which and for the even binding one thousand copies, the Managers the the at their last meeting made an ample appro- that ciall priation.

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TURKEY .- The Memorial Church at give brati Constantinople is now completed. It will the be remembered that at the close of the Crimean war, at a public meeting, at which the Duke of Cambridge took the chair, it nun the tha was resolved that such a structure-a visiwit ble testimany to the Christian faith in the me midst of the stronghold of Mahometanism -would be the most fitting memorial of those who were slain in the Urimean camget by Fr paign. Her Majesty and the Prince Conmit sort contributed llberally to the work, but the immense difficulties had to be overcome before it could be commenced. A site was orio granted by the Sultan, but still compliation in the cations arose as to boundaries and other carried on matters which required some time and ing soul, su which the sp refreshing /t trouble to settle. There was a public competition for designs for the church, that of Mr. Burges receiving the chief premium. hearers an The fittings at present placed in the church verance. are of the plainest character, and it is hoped We trus that special gifts will be made by way of memorials of those who were slain in the unite with and France Crimean war, of windows, font, pulpit, de. ory of the The Bishop of Gibraltar performed the teenth contra ceremony of consecration. - Christian in a spirit o thankfulness Times.

ATTEMPT TO REMOVE A DAUGHTER and unshrin FROM AN ITALIAN CONVENT .- The Flor-Captain of ence correspondent of the Daily News THE Cock the London / writes :- As long ago as 1856 there died in Florence a certain Domenico Beretti. tablet to the memory of Alexander Selkirk, mariner, a native of Largo, in the county of Fife, Scotland, who lived on this island in complete solitude for four years and four in complete solitude for four years and four months. He was landed from the Cinque all the supplications and remonstrances of of which we the mother, to the nuns of Monti Celli. In books. It the twelve years that have passed since the venerable tr separation they have, of course, been trained in several up to believe that their mother is a moncreatures wh real ones. T to the slender ster of heretical iniquity, and that their return to stay under her roof would be incurring the risk of eternal misery. On the which was cu 16th of last month the poor mother went to the convent to entreat her eldest daughsion of the Bib the proper na reptile, the off ter to leave the nuns and come and stay with her. The daughter refused; and they pent. The figu bade each other farewell, but at the last may be seen in moment, as if seized by an uncontrollable was suppos of Her Majesty's ship Topaze are about to maternal impulse, the mother made a rush erect on the island of Juan Fernandez a at her daughter, caught her up in her by means o and hence we r arms, put her in the hackney coach which death-darting e With regard few times calle was waiting at the convent door, and attempted to drive off. The puns, with their is sensitive and very susceptible to injury-and this to such a degree, that a compara-kirk will be glad to know that naval officers girl was brought back to the convent. The two Hebrew w

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er all the public services of er; it was feared, therefore, ance would be scanty, espehad not been time enough to blicity to the proposed cele-under those disadvantages all was well filled, and the litory collected manifested by ness and undivided attention, arts were thoroughly impressed of the momentous event in which they had gathered tosses were severally delivered well as by the Lutheran love and devotedness of Luruths, the great doctrine of th as opposed to the merit-ks, and the need of reformner man," which has to be out ceasing by every believ h were the main points upon akers dwelt for the purpose of e mind and spirit of their citing them to godly perse-

at the Church of Geneva will sister-churches in Germany hus perpetuating the mem-t Reformation of the fifby an annual festival; not ntagonism, but of faith and the less than of love for souls allegiance to the Divine ion.-Record.

ATRICE.—A correspondent of d a-ks, "Can any one tell rom the fabulous creature d in legends and heraldic reat misfortune that our igned to it in heraldry s on that subject. It e the power of killing th, or even by its look, in Shakespeare of 'the f cockatrice.'" the Biblical animals a ekatrice in our version,

The cell of the reformer of Florence in St. Mark's has been turned into a museum, into which has been gathered, from far and near, everything relating to the person or history of Savonarola. Among other curious books may be seen the Latin Bible of the reformer, illustrated by numerous manuscript notes; and a collection of skeleton sermons containing the substance of that passionate preaching which electrified the hearers in the Cathedral of Florence. The name of Piazza Savonarola has likewise been given to a new square in the city both of the National and of Florence.-L'Esperance.

THE DEAN OF CANTERBURY ON RITU-ALISM AND THE CHURCH OF EEGLAND .-We of that Church (the Church of England) find ourselves in the presence of a great and skilfully organized conspiracy, whose object it is avowed to be, to take from her the character which she put on at the Reformation, and to bring her back to the "Roman obedience." The existence of such a conspiracy is hardly credited by thousands who have the distinctly expressed proofs of it lying on their tables. Many of their laity regard the whole matter with in-difference. Many others look upon the fautors of the new opinions as legitimately included within the ample shadow of the brooding wings of the Church of England, and disregard any consequences which may follow from their inclusion. But the great body of those laity who really love the Church, have in consequence of the pro-gress of the conspirators, become disgusted and alienated. There is very little now turice is, such as we read of left among them of that hearty intelligent lovalty to her faith and her ministers. and in old legends ?" To for of that journal replies : which those of us remember who can look back a quarter of a century. They see back a quarter of a century. They see her helm for the most part deserted by those who ought to be holding it,-for there are very few of her present Bishops in the names of imaginary and they see that helm usurped by bold, sacred writers speak of unscrupulous men, in whose writings, and e errors are of course due in whose conduct the first principles of nowledge of natural history faithfulness and truth are daily violated. when the English ver- We use our epithets advisedly and sorrowwas made. Cockatrice is fully. We have arrived at a time when ne of an imaginary flying pring of a cock and a ser-things by their right names. It has been very much the fashion, while impugning the system and objects of the Ritualistic party, to except from personal blame the leaders of it, and indeed to laud them as noble examples of devotedness and self-denial. Those who thus neutralize their antagonism forget that such examples may be, and continually are, alty. In the first place found coincident with numbress and even

rds are so rendered, and extinction of a moral sense; and that intenrent kinds of reptiles may sity of devotion to a cause renders neither the subscription is the word Tziphoni. cause, nor the devotee, a whit better.

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. FAITH is the key to this spiritnal Temple. If we come to it with a child like temper, mixing faith with these blessed words of prayer and promise, culled from Holy Scripture, we shall perceive the sunshine of grace and salvation beaming throughout its deepest recesses, and the glory of God and the Lamb irradiating the whole."-From "A Key to the Prayer Book," by Rev. Robert Whytehead.

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. If the beef should be hard and firm to the touch, with flaceid and little fat of a brown and dul colour, these are sure indications of inferior quality. Veal should be chosen of a light colour, with very white and transparent fat. Avoid lean of a reddish tint, and the kidney of which is surrounded by red-looking fat. Prime mutton is known by the same signs as good beef, viz., a bright red colour, free from gristle, and white and transparent fat. Inferior mutton is of a dull red colour, with yellow and opaque fat. A tende: chicken is known by the size of its feet and neck; a young fowl has always large feet and knee-joints. These characteristics disappear with age. A tough fowl has a thin neck and feet, and the flesh of the thigh has a slight violet tinge. After examining these external signs, the flesh of the pinion and breast should be tried; if tender in both these places, the fowl can be used with confidence. A good turkey will be recognised by the whiteness of the flesh and fat. Beware of those with long hair, and whose flesh on the legs and back is of a violet tinge. To select a goose, try the flesh of the pinion, and break off the lower part of the beak, which should break easily. The fat should be light coloured and transparent. Ducks are chosen in the same way. Pigeons should have fillets of a light red colour ; when old, these darken to a blackish violet, and the legs gets hin.

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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.

Search the Scriptures. Luke v. 39. 1. Can you show a passage in the Bible in which God commands us, or allows us

to pray to or for dead saints? 2. Or a passage in which we are author-

sion an interesting relic, which he had to with him on the island-namely, his flip-can, of which Howell in his Life of Sec

But by far his most interesting relic is his flip-can, in possession of his great grand-nephev, John Selcraig. It holds about a Scottih pint, and is made of brown stoneware dazed; it resembles a common porter jug a used at the present day. On it is the following inscription and poesy-as in forner times everything belonging to a sailor that would admit of it had its rhyme :---

Alexr. Selkirk, this is my name. When you me take on board of ship, Pray fill me full with punch or flip.

In conclusion, we beg to state that if you or any of your officers were ever visiting Edinburgh, and wishing to see this relic, we would feel proud in showing it to you, or to any other person who may feel interested in seeing it.'

Religious Jutelligence.

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.

THE Sandwich Islanders support foreign missions of their own in the Marquesas Islands ane 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. The sum of \$13,000 has been contributed here for building churches. In Micronesia 191 admissions are reported, making a total of 504, while \$589 have been contributed for religious books and missionary purposes by the converts from barbarism and heathenism.

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. Dr. Revel says : "I did not send the printer the last corrected page without thanking God for having permitted me to finish this book." It is the first edition of the whole of Diodati's translation which has lections linked with the blessed Reformbeen printed in Italy since the Reformation. The electrotype plates have been in preparation for several years. The New Testament was first finished, and many copies of it have been circulated, and a consi-

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twenty days imprisonment Leoroldo out of which the Fabbroni, the agent of the Bible Society in sters Typho Florence, his the proviners in law to the in Isaiah in same term of imprisonment, and the wife of "cockatrice" Fabbroni to one days' imprisonment. The is translated offence for which the sentence was awarded the word tanh consisted in the fact of the whole party in Isaiah xiv.29 having gone on the 16th of May last to the for which " Monti Celli, and attempted to remove once represe thence the eldest daughter of the wife by a trice." To bo former husband. The judgment was to be these words, re appealed against.

work as the ex FUNERALS IN SPAIN .- Among the the Bible," by ! changes introduced by the revolution in thinks the gre Spain, none is of more interest to other naindicated : othe tions than the removal of the restrictions etc. There is placed upon the burial of deceased foreignterms denote v ers. Heretofore Spain was not an agreethe names are o able country to die in. The English resibut how to iden dents in Spanish seaport towns had to be lar species is buried in the sands below high-water mark, problems in Bi and in the inland towns no rest to the dead foreigner was allowed in either consecrated DAWNINGS (-A weekly jo or unconsecrated ground. For many years the members of the British Legation had gan of a socie Talca, the thir to be interred beneath the stalls of an English livery stable, and it is reported that | li, has begun t of the clergy, the body of a young attache was, some time ago fturned up from its resting place in a the defence of clear proof of th lonely field, where it had previously been deposited in secret. The savage peasantry ish America. seized the remains of the foreigner and slated from thi received the re threw them ignominiously into a ditch by ed it to the fi the roadside, whence they were removed to the livery stable. At last, as a great entire, as they favour, a "Holy Field" was allowed to be The doctrines established at Carabanchel, a small village in the New T three miles south of Madrid, but no one, that all precep able to the t novelties which atize. As St an angel from except the English friends of the deceased, were allowed to be present, guards being stationed to prevent the approach of Spaniards. The London Times of December 2, however, contains a letter giving an interesting account of the funeral services at the burial af a young English engineer, who had for five years been employed on the

Henares Canal. This gentleman had endeared himself to the workmen under his supervision, and for the first time in the history of Spain a strictly English church service was attended by a mixed congregation, professing different faiths. The change in the treatment of foreigners is encouraging, as it shows that Spain is emerging from the condition of stolid infiifference to the advance of civilization which has made its name a bye-word and a reproach, as the emblem of contented ignorance.

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 reco!ation. A band of the citizens of Geneva, who were desirous of taking part in this manifestation, accordingly summoned a ABOLA.—A —While Luther is celebrated meeting on Sunday, the 1st of November, FORMATION. Id John Huss at Constance, meeting on Sunday, the 1st of November, FORMATION. ad John Huss at Constance, MR. Morris A. Tyng and Mr. Robert which was held in the "Hall of the Reform- at Worms, swise boasts a religious hero. Bolton were ordained deacons by Bishop derable impression of the whole Bible has ation." It took place at eight o'clock in Florence h

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appears as "cockatrice," Dictionary, or to such a yellow viper is the reptile that it is the sand viper, o doubt that the Hebrew omous serpents, and that scriptive of their bissing, ify them with any particuone of the many difficult lical zoology."

F GOSPEL LIGHT IN CHILI. Irnal, El Artesane, the ory of artisans, published in city of importance in Chiattack some of the uses and recently it has assumed Protestantism. This is a e progress of truth in Span-We extract some lines tranjournal :--" The Apostles igion of Christ and preach-rst Christians complete and had received it from Him. of this religion are contained estament. Hence it results, ts and practices, not agreeaching of the Apostles, are they condemn and anathem-Paul says, 'Though we or

novelties which Paul says, 'Though w&or atize. As St heaven preach any other gos-an angel from we have preached unto you, pel than that an ed.'" let him be acc STRUCTION IN TURKEY.— PUBLIC IN tive to public instruction in A new law rel st been laid before the Coun-Turkey has ju at Constantinople. A great cil of State mentary and higher schools number of elere to be established by this number of elere to be established by this and colleges sense of the State in various law at the expountry, and a university is to parts of the cat Constantinople. Primary be founded il be gratuitous and compul-instruction wigaria and the other Christian sory. In Bulanguage used in the primar, provinces the c that of the majority of the school is to the higher schools, however, pupils. In a will be given in Turkish. the instructie to be admitted without dis-All pupils ar eligion or nationality. The tinction of followed in organizing these model to be lyceum founded at Galata by schools is the Ambassador.—Pall Mall Gathe French

S AT FLORENCE OF SAVONzette. MEMORIA REFORMER BEFORE THE RE-AROLA.-A-While Luther is celebrated

dvocates involved, let their perler." A shorter form of sonal sacrifices to the cause be what they may. This, we said, is often forgotten The word *epha*, also, r" is put in the text, is in the margin by "cockawhat has been said about with the will, seem to have lost the power, sourse must be made to to discern the fair meaning of plain words, rough-riding the Church of England. They ellent "Natural History of see the spiritual rulers of that Chnrch r. Tristram. Mr. Tristram wanting in some cases the will, and in all, the power, to deal with this treason in the camp. They see the greater part of the clergy busy and on the stir to uphold the mere temporalities of the Church, and by rublic documents, and even sometimes from their pulpits. identifying these temporalities with the evangelization of the people. They are reminded of one whom the satirist represented as saying-

Populus me sibilat : ast mihi plaudo Ipse domi, quando nummos contemplor in arca.

It is to them a sad and sickening spectaele. Their love is cooled by its continuance; and their trust is long ago shaken. At such a time, we owe thanks to the writers who have come forward-at the risk of the personal abuse which all who oppose the party receive from its unprincipled and degraded organs-and have helped to draw broader and plainer the line which separates the so-called Ritualist from the Church of England.

General Church Retos.

THE Dean of Carlisle has been confined to his bed by an attack of bronchitis.

TWENTY-TWO dioceses have already consented to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Doane, Bishop elect of Albany.

On the morning of Holy Innocents' Day the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cummins admitted to the order of deacons Mr. Charles H. Kellogg, at Trinity Church, Covington, Kentucky.

A COLOSSAL bronze statue of the late Bishop Brownell, designed by Randolph Rogers, and intended as a gift to Trinity College, has reached Hartford, Conn., from Munich.

By the active, personal exertions of the rector, the parish of St. John's church, Quincy, Ill., has paid off a debt of seven thousands dollars, which has been resting upon their church property.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 3, the Bishop of New York ordained to the priesthood the Rev. John Brainerd Morgan, M. A., Assistant Minister in the Parish of St. Thomas' Church, New York City.

On Christmas day, Thomas Messenger, senior warden of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, made an offering of \$3,000 to place a chime of bells in the towers of the new church.

