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Temperance Notes.

In the reign of Alexander Severus (A.D., 222-235) there were severe laws against the Christians at Rome, a small piece of ground used as a commons was desired by the Christians as the site for a church and by a company of victuallers for an inn. Alexander granted it to the former, saying that any religious use of it was better than the conversion of it to a tavern.

History of the Ntton Church.

At this time it will be interesting to read what some of the leading Generals have to say on the Liquor Traffic:

"Beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France."—General Von Moltke.

The history of other armies has demonstrated that in a hot climate abstinence from the use of intoxicating drink is essential to continued health and efficiency."—General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A.

"There are yet some great battles to be fought, some enemies to be encountered, by the United Kingdom, but the most pressing enemy is drink. It kills more than all our newest weapons of warfare, and not only destroys the body, but mind and soul also."—Lord Wolsley, Commander-in-Chief of British Army.

"He despiseth us not even in our sin."

Surely if anything could make God despise us it were that. Ignorance, helplessness, misery have their appeal; they may soften the heart to pity and claim its help, as the little child is made sacred by its helplessness. But sin is so utterly loathsome in the sight of God; such utter folly, that it might move God himself to scorn us if he were not so great in heart. I have seen—alas! as we all have seen again and again—the accursed effects of drunkenness; but I never seemed to look down so far into its deep misery as I did one day at a house where the intoxicated husband, hiccupping in horrid laughter, a senseless fool, although a man of good position, and at other times a very clever man. His wife followed me to the door, and there, red-eyed and with bitten lips, with hands pressed on her heart, she sobbed, "Oh,

pray to God for me that I may keep from despising him." Even a wife's heart could scarcely refrain from despising as a fool the husband that she longed to love. To our God in His holiness how utterly loathsome must be our sin—how mean, low ugly, how despicable it must make men—the ill-temper, the spiteful selfishness, the lying and cheating, the foulness. Yet He despiseth not any for that He is great in heart.—Rev. Mark Guy Pearse.

White Swan Soap is becoming more popular every day.

The Century Fund.

The following notes from the Westminster are equally applicable to the Methodist Church:

"Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward."

"He gives twice who gives quickly."

The strength of any cause is in the devotion of the many. Presbyterianism will be united as never before through this Century Fund movement.

To pass any family by, no matter how humble their circumstances, would be both an unkindness and an injustice. In a great work like this all want to aid—"every one as he is able."

Let it be constantly borne in mind by every member and adherent of the Church that this Century Fund movement is the movement of the Church. To its success all are committed. Loyalty to the Church implies the support of the children of the Church, young and old, rich and poor.

This Century Fund scheme grows on our people the more they study it, and as a result many are giving subscriptions greatly in advance of what they at one

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time intended. So, too, with the ministers of the Church. Several of them have voluntarily increased the amounts originally subscribed on behalf of the fund.

This is an effort of a lifetime to the present generation. The opportunity is one that only comes to every third generation. It is unique in the history of the Church. The achievement will be a precious heritage to the generations following. Looking back, they will say, "Thus did our fathers—we must be worthy of such ancestors." The influences set at work will continue long after the actors of to-day have entered into rest. History is being made. This Century Fund Chapter must those who shall read. those who shall read.

ROMANISM.

The Civita Catholica, the organ of the Italian Jesuits, confesses in a recent number: "Wealth and power belong no more to the Catholic nations; they have become the appanage of peoples who have separated from the Roman Church."

All the vast colonial possessions of Spain are passing into the hands of the Republic of Washington; France yields to Great Britain the sovereignty of the Nile; Italy, conquered by Abyssinia, maintains with difficulty her maritime influence by following in the wake of England. Here have we, in fact, all the Catholic countries reduced to submit to heretic Powers, and to follow in their train like so many satellites. The latter speak and act, the former are silent or murmur impotently. This is how affairs stand at the end of the nineteenth century, and it is impossible to deny the evidence of it. Politically speaking, Catholicism is in decadence."

The Great West Life Assurance Company.

From the Report of the Co's Business for 1899.

PREMIUM INCOME.....	\$ 299,887
INTEREST.....	32,254
TOTAL ASSETS.....	723,189
SURPLUS TO POLICY HOLDERS.....	181,005
INSURANCE IN FORCE.....	10,263,259

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