

The Two Workers.

Two workers in one field Tilled on from day to day; Both had the same hard labor, Both had the same small pay.

One leaped up with the light, With the soaring of the lark; One felt it every night, For his soul was ever dark.

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An Alarming Evil.

That "fashionable parties," with drinking, are as bad as "drinking saloons," or even worse, is a truth that ought to make a deep and lasting impression upon the reader.

It would be absurd to grant immunity to the saloons in consideration of the greater devastations of the parlor and the fashionable drinking party.

The present condition of things is truly alarming. Our news journals, including those of them, the influences of which are far from being favorable to the enterprise of temperance and prohibition, abound in items like the following, which is taken from one of our prominent dailies that decries prohibition as fanatical:

"An old lady, Wednesday night, proceeded to flog her son (a young man of sixteen years) for coming home at one o'clock drunk. The son resisted her efforts, and in the scuffle both mother and son fell a distance of twelve feet out a window. The mother was killed. A coroner's jury acquitted the son of any imputation of crime."

The above is but a specimen of a constant succession of similar announcements in the same sheet. Thus drunkenness and murder incur no official imputation of criminality, and sober citizens whose votes determine our laws, and administrators of them, make no united effort to apply the remedy. "And what will ye do in the end thereof?"

Constantinople.

Constantinople is about thirteen miles round, and is enclosed by walls on the western or land side. The "Harbor," or Golden Horn, on the north, divides it from Galata, and the Bosphorus divides it from Scutari. These are properly but suburbs, but make up together the city of Constantinople.

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miles. The Golden Horn divides this main part of the city from Galata on the north; while the Bosphorus divides it from Scutari. As to the streets of Constantinople they will but just bear the name—they are rather long and crooked lanes, with low, timber-built houses; and, contrasted with like streets here, with a neat and uniformly-built line of brick-built small houses, would look but poorly.

The Religions of the World.

Dr. Hurst's "Outline History of the Church" gives the following populations to the creeds of the world:—Christianity, 407,000,000; Buddhism, 340,000,000; Mohammedanism, 200,000,000; Brahminism, 175,000,000; Confucianism, 80,000,000; Judaism, 7,000,000; all other forms of religious belief, 147,000,000.

This is of course, to a great extent, an estimate made up from as many reliable sources as possible. It is unrollable, mainly, in respect to the swarming millions that inhabit the south-eastern and eastern countries of Asia, of whom no census has ever been taken.

The present population of this globe, according to the above, is about 1,888,000,000. An immense number of human beings. Our population of 46,000,000, therefore, is only about one-thirtieth of that of the whole earth.

The number of nominal Christians is 407,000,000; about one-third of the population of the earth. It cannot be said that Christianity has not made great progress in these eighteen centuries of its existence. It has conquered one-third of the human race; two thirds yet remain to be gathered into the fold of Jesus. A large work this. But here lies the encouragement.

The Buddhists and Brahminists make up together 515,000,000, or nearly one-half of the human race. These are found mainly in the East Indies, China, Japan and Central Asia. They are the two great divisions of the Oriental nations that stand related to each other somewhat like Catholicism and Protestantism stand related to each other in the Occidental nations.

Little as I know of Christ (and it is my sin and shame that I know so little), I would not exchange the learning of one hour's fellowship with Christ for all the learning of ten thousand universities during ten thousand ages, even though angels were to be my teachers.—John Brown.

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