

Japan and Reform.

The origin of the Japanese is still involved in mystery, and it has not been determined whence the invaders came who dispossessed the aborigines.

The real history of Japan begins (B. C. 667) with Jimmo, the fifth ruler in descent from the Sun-goddess; but the first mortal ruler. The fat-faced peasants and lower classes are supposed to be an admixture of the invaders and aborigines.

The greatest of all the military rulers (Shoguns or Tycoons) died in 1616; all but two ports were closed to foreign commerce; in 1621 Japanese were prohibited visiting foreign lands; in 1624 all foreigners excepting Dutch and English, were banished from Japan.

The common people were farmers, artisans and merchants, and below these were outcasts and paupers; the outcasts prepared skins and converted them into leather; the handling of raw hides being polluting.

What changes have transpired. In a short time the most conservative aristocracy in the world has been changed into self-sacrificing patriots, and abandoned a policy of exclusiveness and entered the comity of nations.

The educational system at home was remodelled, a medical and a literary college being established; the inland postal system was extended from the government to common use, a daily post, at rate of two cents for a half-ounce, established between important points, and in this same year (1873) Japan had her first railway, eighty miles, from Yokohama to the capital.

Her foreign trade in 1872 amounted to \$50,500,000, having grown from \$87,000,000 the year before (1871), her year of transition and danger.

In 1873 Japan substituted the European calendar for the Japanese Chronological System of calculation by cycle. Buddhists and Shinto priests were ordered to respect Christianity, and all Christian converts in captivity were set at liberty and a treaty arranged with China.

gain, then the punishment was death. The adulterer now gets a year's hard labor, formerly it was a capital crime.—Northern Christian Advocate.

A Third Moon of Mars.

The discovery of still a third moon of Mars, who seems to be taking up in the skies the place just vacated by Brigham Young on earth, gives additional interest to the calculations of Professor James O. Watson in regard to this whole subject.

Missionary Notes.

THE mail from Zanzibar brings full accounts of the progress of the late expeditions sent out to open communications between the east coast and the interior.

MANY will read with unfeigned regret the sad intelligence of the death of Dr. John Smith, at Lake Nyanza, whether he proceeded a little over a twelvemonth ago, as medical missionary to the mission established there by the Church Missionary Society.

An extensive collection of postage-stamps consisting of 17,000 varieties, was recently sold in England for £800, and a Middlesex magistrate refused £900 for his collection.

British and Foreign Notes.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY is said to be the oldest place of Christian worship in the world.

ITALY has sent out 19,788 emigrants this year, and more than two-thirds of them went to South America.

THE oil of roses, manufactured in the country south of the Balkans, is worth half its weight in gold.

It is said that Brigham Young's mother is living, at the age of ninety-eight, and very poor, at Martinsville, Ind.

THE Plymouth (Mass.) people propose to call their town brook the Plym, after the stream in England on which old Plymouth stands.

THE London Lancet suggests the opening of "milk taverns," in good situations, on a liberal scale, as antidotes to the gin palaces.

THE members of the recent exploring expedition to the Libyan desert carried along with them 500 iron-cased chests of fresh water.

THE University of Moscow, Russia, had 1,600 students last year. It is 122 years old, and has a library of nearly 175,000 volumes.

IT was announced in the English Methodist Conference in July that 830,000 copies of their new hymn book had been sold in a little over a year.

THREE Arabian sheep were recently landed in this city for the Zoological Gardens in Philadelphia. They are the first ever imported to the United States.

REV. JOSEPH COOK states that 20,000 copies of Tom Paine's "Age of Reason" are distributed every two years among the factory operatives of New England.

Mrs HARDING, the only woman dentist in London, will open this month a dental school in which women can learn the art of making and fitting artificial teeth.

A MILE LONG petition, containing 60,000 signatures, has been sent to Parliament from Ireland, asking that the liquor-saloons be closed on Sunday in that country.

THE Western Rural states that a field of wheat in the Alps, buried under an avalanche for twenty-five years, proceeded on its growth as soon as the snow had melted.

THE Chinese in San Francisco have petitioned the Board of Education for a school. They are taxed for school purposes, but are not admitted into any of the public schools.

NINETEEN members were added to the church at the American Chapel in Paris, during the first six months of this year, and there is a balance in the treasury of the church.

VIRGINIA toppers now pay two and one-half cents on each glass of spirits, and half a cent on each drink of beer for the liquidation of the state debt.

MEANS for easy and rapid communication between different parts of India must be provided, urges the London Times, in order that the supply of food in one part of the country may be made available in the other.

THE late Cincinnati M. E. Conference resolved, "That we discountenance and condemn the holding of camp-meetings on the Sabbath-day, except with closed gates and the suspension of secular and financial business."

THE following statement shows the relative progress of Canadian Life Insurance Companies in their first five years:—

Table with 4 columns: Company Name, No. of Policies in Force, Amount in Force, and Amount Paid.

FITS!

FITS! FITS! FITS! FITS! GURE OF EPILEPSY, RALLING FITS, BY HANCE'S EPILEPTIC PILLS.

Persons suffering from this distressing malady will find Hance's Epileptic Pills to be the only remedy ever discovered for curing it.

THE late Cincinnati M. E. Conference resolved, "That we discountenance and condemn the holding of camp-meetings on the Sabbath-day, except with closed gates and the suspension of secular and financial business."

THE following statement shows the relative progress of Canadian Life Insurance Companies in their first five years:—

Table with 4 columns: Company Name, No. of Policies in Force, Amount in Force, and Amount Paid.

MADAME FOY'S

CORSET SKIRT SUPPORTER Increases in Popularity every year.

AND for HEALTH, JOINTS and RHEUMATISM, acknowledged the BEST REMEDY of the kind ever made.

NERVOUSNESS.

Dr. Cullier's Specific, or French Remedy, for Nervous Debility, etc.

Attended with any of the following symptoms:—Déranged Digestion; Loss of Appetite; Loss of Sleep; Headache; Irritability of the Bowels; Trembling; Failure of Voice; Irregular Action of the Heart; Eruptions on the Face and Neck; Headache; Affections of the Eyes; Loss of Memory; Sudden Flushing of the Head and Blushing; General Debility, etc.

GUELPH Sewing Machine Co.



THE OSBORN SEWING MACHINES having been awarded

MEDALS, DIPLOMAS & CERTIFICATES from the Judges

At the Centennial at Philadelphia.

may be taken as a confirmation of the Judgment of Judges at the Philadelphia Exhibition, where the Osborn has long been awarded a first position.

WILKIE & OSBORN, Manufacturers, Guelph, Canada.

J BRUCE & CO., Photographic Art Studio

118 King St West, Toronto, opposite the Rossin House.

Portraits in every style unequalled for Artistic merit and finish. Satisfaction guaranteed.

THE CANADA Christian Monthly.

A Review and Record of Christian Thought, Christian Life, and Christian Work.

EDITED BY REV JAMES GAMERON, CHATSWORTH.

NUMBER FOR SEPT., NOW OUT.

CONTENTS

Editorial Poetry, Communism or Christianity.—LIVING PREACHERS: sincerity not enough.—POETRY: The Dying Child—The Life that Now is— I Would not Live Away.—CHRISTIAN THOUGHT: The Peculiar Reformatory Force of Christianity.—CHRISTIAN LIFE: Richard Cobden.—CHRISTIAN WORK: Mission Work in Lower Canada.—Mission Work at Livingstonia, Rescue of Hunted Slaves.—PRACTICAL PAPER: Are you Agreed with God?—CHRISTIAN MISCELLANY: Moody on Marriage—What Parents can do.—The Mother of the Spurgeons.—The Daughter's Prayer.—Sufficient unto the day.—The Disruption Ministers' Wives.—The New Year.—The Lesson of the Mill.—A Curious Letter.—"Lord! what wilt Thou have me to do?"—The Lord's Corn.—Tact in Visitation.—Our Influence.—CHILDREN'S TREASURY: "What's the Use?"—"Let's Play"—Frogs at School.—The Finches (Illustrated)—Talking with God.

Published by C. Blackett Robinson, at the office of this paper.

TERMS.—One Dollar per annum—free of postage—in advance.

Sample copies mailed on receipt of ten cents.

Alexander & Stark, STOCK BROKERS.

(Members of the Toronto Stock Exchange) LOANS MADE AND EXISTING MORTGAGES PURCHASED.

Orders for sale or purchase of Stocks, Shares, etc., promptly attended to.

10 KING STREET EAST, TORONTO.

\$66 a week in your own town. Terms and \$5 outfit free. H. BALLETT & CO., Portland Maine.

ONTARIO BAKING POWDER.

White, Odorless, and does not discolor.

Best Manufactured. Try't and be convinced. For sale at principal grocery stores.

BROWN BREAD AERATED.

A SWEET LOAF FROM PURE WHOLE MEAL, by the Aerating process, at

J. D. Nasmith's, Corner Jarvis and Adelaide Streets.

D. S. KEITH & CO.,

PLUMBERS, GAS & STEAM FITTERS & FOUNDERS AND FINISHERS

Manufacturers of PETROLEUM GAS WORKS

Engineers and Plumbers' Brass Work, Co., Gas-vatory and Green House Heating. Importers and Wholesale Dealers in Iron & Lead Pipes and Plumbers' Materials.

109 KING STREET WEST, TORONTO

CANADA STAINED GLASS WORKS

ESTABLISHED 1856.

Ecclesiastical and Domestic Stained Glass Work executed in the best style.

BANNERS AND FLAGS PAINTED TO ORDER JOSEPH McCAUSLAND PROPRIETOR 8 King Street West, Toronto.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Head Office, Toronto.

PRESIDENT..... HON. W. P. HOWLAND, O.B. VICE-PRESIDENTS..... HON. WM. M. MASTER, WM. ELLIOT, Esq.

The following statement shows the relative progress of Canadian Life Insurance Companies in their first five years:—

Table with 4 columns: Company Name, No. of Policies in Force, Amount in Force, and Amount Paid.

The extraordinary progress of the CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION will be seen by a comparison with the business of the Canada Life at the end of its EIGHTEENTH year, namely: from 1847 to 1865:—

Table with 4 columns: No. of Policies in Force, Amount in Force, and Amount Paid.

Confederation—5 years. J. K. MACDONALD, Managing Director.

WATCHES!! JEWELRY!!

Romaine Gold, so extensively worn in Paris, was first discovered in 1870, by the celebrated French chemist M. de Bois.

50-CENT LOT. One Gent's Watch Chain retail price \$1.00. One pair Engraved Sleeve Buttons, retail price 75.

\$1.00 LOT. One pair Sleeve Buttons, stone setting. One set (3) Spiral Shirt Studs. One heavy hand Engagement Ring.

\$2.00 LOT. One Ladies' Neck Chain and Charm. One Ladies' Heavy Guard Chain for Watch. One set Pin and Ear Rings, Amethyst.

A SOLID ROMAINE GOLD HUNTING-CASE WATCH FREE.

To any one sending us an order for the above lots by express to the amount of \$15.00, we will send FREE one Solid Romaine Gold Hunting-Case Watch, Gent's or Ladies' size, with a key to keep the watch safe, and a worth article, as the watch alone will cost \$15.00. This is our best offer.