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MIND IN NATURE.

The rational look of the world is denied by no one. Eyes look as if they were made to see with. Ears look as if they were made to hear with. Legs look as if they were made to walk with. The entire apparatus looks as if it were made to keep the body in repair. The lungs look as if they were made to aerate the blood; and the blood and blood-vessels look as if they were made with an eye to their actual function. And in general, science everywhere assumes that nature is rational and that everything is adapted to every thing else. We must remember that science is not merely observation; but it is chiefly the conclusions from the observations. Science aims by the aid of reasoning to pass behind the phenomena and form some conception of the super-sensible realities upon which appearances are based. But it enters into this hidden world only by thought; and it implicitly assumes, therefore, that the laws of thought are valid for all being. Science, then, is built upon the notion that the real is rational and intelligible; and it aims to grasp the rational system which is in things. If we should assume that the real is irrational, and hence unintelligible, all our science would perish. What would become of astronomy if we assumed that the flying planet is not bound by the rational principles of mathematics? The atomic theory and the ether theory are not facts of observation, but only rational inferences from phenomena; but if the real is not rational, of course these and all other scientific theories fall to the ground. We conclude, then, that there is mind back of nature which realizes in nature its preconceived plans and purposes. Prof. Boene.

Christian missionaries have made their mark in Japan to such an extent that some of the Buddhists of that country are preparing young men to go out as preachers to counteract the teachings of the missionaries. A number of these young men have been sent to China and India for thorough instruction in the mysteries of Buddhism. But these strongholds of error will crumble before the artillery of the gospel, and the day is not far distant when this land shall be called Christian. A very encouraging result of work upon the work there, is the awakening upon the subject of female education. The empress has become so much interested that she has inaugurated a female normal college, and gives to it five thousand dollars. Woman's missionary work among heathen women is developing wonderful results.

A few years ago no artificial light was used in Syria save that afforded by the little wick floating in a cup of olive oil. The people then seemed to have little need for lamps, but now that schools have been multiplied, and the people have learned to read, they desire to use their evenings for study. The result has been, according to Dr. Jessup, that there has been a great demand for oil for illuminating purposes, so that there is not a village or nook about Mount Lebanon in which empty boxes, marked "astral oil," may not be seen. The first shipment of American oil to Syria was made by a Boston merchant in 1866, and last year the imports at Beirut alone, amounted to 1,500,000 gallons. In more senses than one is America giving light in Syria.

AMERICAN FORESTS.

The following are extracts from a paper on this subject in Harper's Monthly for August, 1879, by George May Powell, chairman of the American Institute Forest Committee:—"Of a desolation recorded far back of even the days of Grecian glory: 'A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes on thick trees.' In the days when American forests were practically limitless, our fathers were far too famous for lifting up axes on the trees. Trusting to what seemed employment, skilled laborers have made their homes where the streams appeared permanent. Then as the summers came and went, the river grew more and more feeble till the spindles were silent. Then the flood turns that stream to a demon of destruction. The cause of all this was that the sources of the river's life have been injured or destroyed by men who lifted up axes on the thick trees far up the mountain where the mill streams have their birth. Next to production in importance, is the question of transportation as involved in navigation. Less than a quarter of the traction is needed to move a ton afloat, that is needed to move it by rail. Many of the streams constituting British inland navigation are so small as to be spoken of as 'brooklets' in the Parliamentary acts giving rights to companies to use them. One of these combined canals and river courses takes freight at the southwest of England at the Severn; up historic little Avon; across Wiltshire to the Thames, and down to London. All this will be so improved on that in a few years the speed between steam canal boats and that of the average freight train will be materially reduced. Britain's inland transport lines, thus exceed the length of her rail lines. Agriculture does not need sacrifice of trees, to save streams for navigation or manufactures. The identical conditions of man or dew fall needed by either is needed for all. Seasons seldom pass in which farmers would not have from one to three fourths added to their yield by a more equal distribution of the rainfall. High culture proves an acre properly watered, may yield as much as seven or more treated in the usual way. Single trees have been burned in America in log heaps, which, cut into veneers would sell for more net cash, than the whole farm where it grew. When our forests are as well treated as those of Europe few trees will be cut except by advice of a forest engineer. The social uses of camp-meetings ought to be valued. Granted that there is a religious picnic side to them, we ought also to recognize that a religious picnic is better than an irreligious one. A camp-meeting brings laymen together and inspires and strengthens confectional feeling; but apart from all that it is a good thing for us to rest and become better acquainted with our neighbors, and to do so in a camp devoted to religious work. We have no other means of wider communion than that of single churches; that is half so effective as the camp-meeting; and we believe that the vitality of the camp-meeting depends mainly upon its supplying a need in promoting the intercourse of members of different churches.

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