



Nubian Children.

President James, of the North-Western University, was once traveling with a clergyman who is sixty, but looks so much older than he is, and is so sensitive about it, that any guess at his age always makes a painful scene. At a small rural station an aged and bent farmer, panting violently, boarded the train. "I have had to run," he said, "nearly a half mile to catch this train." Then addressing himself to Professor James' companion, he went on—"It's a bad job, sir, when old folks like you and me has to run." The clergyman, frowning, asked the farmer how old he was. "I'm eighty-six," was the reply. "Oh," said the clergyman, "there is twenty years' difference between you and me." "Goodness, sir," exclaimed the old man, "you don't mean to tell me you're a hundred and six."

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"Prosperous and Progressive."

The Other Side.

According to the Southeastern Underwriter, 79 old line legal reserve life companies have, since beginning business, to December 31st, 1904, collected from their policyholders the sum of \$5,200,000,000. They have already paid back to them in death claims, endowments, dividends, and otherwise the sum of \$3,276,000,000. They now hold for their benefit and future payment, the sum of \$2,269,000, making the enormous sum of \$345,000,000 already paid and now held, *in excess* of what they received in premiums. This sum has been accumulated, generally speaking, by careful investments, economical management and a constant regard for the rights of the policyholders. It is true that some few companies have spent money wrongfully and illegally, and no doubt have been extravagant in their business management. But the amount all told has fortunately been a very small part of the \$345,000,000 above mentioned.



Coliseum at Rome.