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VERITAS VINCIT.

Sooner or later, nay! doubt it not, For see already what God hath wrought; His praises are sung in ev'ry land, His workmen are found on ev'ry hand. 'Way to the snow-clad fields of the North Men like McDougall went boldly forth, To tell the poor red man Jesus died, For him on the cross was crucified, And the savage bowed at the pierced feet, Melted and won by the tale so sweet. Dark and benighted Burmah hath heard Ot a risen Saviour, Christ the Lord. China shall yet her idols give o'er Japan hath already thrown wide the door. Each busy toiler strives with his might To kindle the torch of Gospel light, So little by little the work goes on; Little by little the vict'ry's won-Sooner or later the earth shall sing Veritas vincit, the Lord is king. Oxford, 1879.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

DEATH OF THE PRINCESS ALICE.

event has fallen very heavily upon our Family and the entire nation. The deceased Princess was well known to be a very great favorite with all the members of her family, and a larger measure of general love and high esteem, than that accorded to her, has not fallen to the lot of any of the members of the family. She was truly worthy of all the deep affection poured upon her. Full of love and sym- ably good. Very much yet remains to be pathy herself, graceful and attractive in person, tender and pitiful wherever suffering presented itself, it is not surprising | far away into the midst of his territory that Germany as the nation of her adoption, and England as that of her birth, feeling of disfavor deepens at home, desshould now be emulous of paying all honor to her memory.

HER GOOD DEEDS will ever be held in grateful remembrance When but a comparatively young woman, she aided in the charge of her dying father and comforted others in the time of her sore distress. At the time of the serious illness of the Prince of Wales she again evidenced her bravery in danger, and her devotion to a loved one in a situation of

imminent peril.

THE WOUNDED AND DYING brought from the battle fields in the terrible conflicts of that memorable year. were ministered unto by the hands of our Princess, and many were the blessings that fell upon her from the hearts and lips of those who were ready to perish. When the terrible disease laid hold upon her children and husband, she devoted all her time and strength to them. One dear child was taken, and as the other members of her family were slowly strugling back into convalescence and strength. the wearied watcher, the brave self-sacrificing mother was stricken down, the dis ease (so well known and dreaded on your side of the Atlantic), ran a swift and almost unchecked course, and she was taken to be at rest, amidst the tears and regrets of vast numbers, who mourn as for the loss of a dear personal friend. Her life is represented as saintly in its bright and singular purity, and it is with the most blessed assurances of her preparation for death, that she has passed from all the light, love and joy of her earthly home. to the higher joys of a home in heaven. Her death occurred on the anniversary of her father's, and her early removal from earth in her 35th year, has recalled many of the circumstauces which accompanied that painful event, and the grief then felt at his untimely loss. The Princess was believd to be a devout Christian, and was beard again and again repeating the words of a German chorale the first verse of which is as follows:

"I shall not in the grave remain, Since thou death's bonds hast severed. But hope with Thee to rise again From fear of death delivered. I'll come to Thee where'er Thou art. Live with Thee, from Thee never part, Therefore to die is rapture."

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY has recently had a full cup of sorrow pressed to his lips, and has suffered sore bereavements. His only son who had entered on his clerical profession with high honors, with thorough devotion to his work, and zeal for souls, sickened and died, with all of life before him, and its work barely entered upon. Then the mother, we m'down by the unceasing care of the dear invalid, somewhat suddenly yielded to disease, and has passed away to be with her son, and what is far better, to be with her Lord and Saviour. They gamy.

two were loving and lovely in life and in death were not divided.

THE BRIEF SESSION of our Imperial Parliament is over and legislators released from a most unwilling attention upon Parliamentary duties at this season, are away to their homes and holidays. The business mainly consisted of a vindication on the part of the majority of the policy of Earl Beaconsfield at home and Lord Lytton in India. No amount f evidence, and no power of unas verable argument could shake the solid phalanx of the Government. They came up to vote for the war, for the men who have percipitated us into it, and who had determined that India shor'd pay for it, and they did so, squarely and compactly. There was a slight desertion from the respective ranks on either side, but it amounted to very little, and so the Ministry baving obtained all they wanted in DEAR MR. EDITOR.—This mournful the way of vindication, and in supplies for carrying on the war, were in a posihonored and beloved Queen, the Royal tion to release Parliament for a good long

has so far been singularly fortunate for our men and arms. Some very important positions have been taken without serious opposition. The losses have not been heavy, and considering the bad weather, the health of the troops remain remarkpossessed, and the cruel and crafty Ameer is not yet humbled, and we are getting out and further from our bases of supply. The pite the victory in Parliament. It seems

MORMONISM IN A NUTSHELL.

Joseph Cook thus sums up the modern Mormon imposture :-

What has happened between the Sierras thus strategic in position? I In 1828 an ignorant, indolent, and

not reputable young man, named Joseph Smith, began to claim that he was a pro-2. In 1830 he announced that he had dug out of a hill in New York State the

book of Mormon; and, although his fellow conspirators, deserting him, denouncd his claims as a fraud, he published a among the ignorant. 3 He and his associates were driven

in 1838 from Kirtland, Ohio, where he failed as president of a bank. 4 His debaucheries were denounced

5 Razing to the ground the office of a

newspaper which exposed his immoralities he was shot dead by a mob at Carthage Ill., in 1844. 6 Expelled from Nauvoo, Ill., in 1844 the Mormons, under Brigham Young,

reached Salt Lake in 1848. 7. Originally denounced by the book of Mormon, polygamy was introduced by

Young as an institution in 1852. 8 Notwithstanding the death of Brigham Young in 1877, the hierarachy he founded is successful in carrying forward social aspects. There have been more Mormon marriages in Utah in the last two years than ever before in the same length of time. Polygamous marriages are contracted in endowment houses called temples. These are being erected throughout the torritory in large numbers, and at great expense. No gentile is permitted to euter them. Even apostates will not reveal the oaths taken in the Mormon endowment bouses, and to maintain contracts made there witnesses and juries

perjure themselves. 9 Three or four hundred missionaries are constantly at work abroad, and they induced some two thousand Mormon emigrants to come to this country between April and October in 1878.

10 The Mormons have the balance of power in Idaho, and are acquiring influence rapidly in Arizona and Colorado.

11 It is estimated that there are now 200,000 Mormons in Utah and its vicinity and 50,000 in other countries.

12 Thus it happens that between the Rocky Mountains and the Sierras there is a district, larger than New England, in which a majority of the population teaches its children that :-

(1) God has a bodily form. (2) He is a celestial patron of poly-

(3) Jesus was a pattern to his disciples in this respect. (4) Polygamy on earth gives rank in

(5) Mothers should be responsible for he support of their children. (6) Mother and daughter may be wives of one husband.

HOW BISHOP SIMPSON READ THE BIBLE.

Seldom have we seen this point so well Simpson's Fourth Yale Lecture :

Let me caution you against underating any portion of the Hely Scriptures. The Psalms are beautifu', the Gospels and Epistles are rich and instructive, but they are only parts of the word of God. Never allow yourselves to speak or think dis paragingly of the Old Testament. It is as much the Word of God as the New. It had not been revealed, but that God saw it was necessary for our humanity. Its necessity is not merely historical, prophetical, or explanatory, but there are rich veins of truth cropping out amid its local histories, and even its darkest narratives, like the veins of gold and silver amid the rugged quartz of the mountains, that will amply repay and enrich the devoted searcher. May I illustrate by an incident from my own reading and experience? I was a Bible reader from my childhood, and I remember that very early I was surprised that so many evil things were written about the best men; and that the portraits of some of them, though command ing as a whole, were drawn with exceedingly dark colors. There were even passages which, it seemed to me, might have been omitted. It did not seem to me that they added either to the glory of God pite the victory in Parliament. It seems to have begun without any actual need and is being prosecuted for extension and a silly menace to aggrandizement, and a silly menace to had drawn these characte. without shadows, the portraits would not have been true: and their narratives would have been eulogies, rather than histories. I suppose the explanation was the best that could be given. but it was not satisfactory. I could not help saying to myself, that had I written the life of Noah, I would have omitted that so minutely described scene of his drunkenness and disgrace. Had I written the life of Judah, I should and the nocky Mountains in territory not have dwelt on his, association with the story of Bathsheba; and I would not

doned and honored his servants still. That us singing when Mr. Turner preached. the book, and began to collect followers view gave me more comfort, but not perfect satisfaction. to me that nearly all these dreadful things were recorded of the ancestors of Christ. That Noah was not the only man who had by some of his followers, and in 1843 he used strong drink; nor Judah, nor David pretended to receive a revelation in favor nor Solomon, the only man who had gone astray. There were, after all, picked men: while around and beneath them was a these accounts are true, as many feared change had passed over her mind At first mass of the degraded and corrupt. Those were passed by, while the faults of these men, ancestors of Christ, were carefully recorded. Then there opened before me what seemed a new range of thought. The Romanists have been trying to get the human nature of Christ as far away from our humanity as possible; and bence have taught the immaculate conception of Mary. Not so with the Scriptures. They show that on his human side Jesus was the descendant of accestors no better than other men; that among these his work both in its political and its ancestors were those who had been guilty of every vice and crime possible to human ity; that the blood which from the human side coursed through his veins, had

have made so prominent the sins of Solo.

mon. Then I was told that these inci-

dents were related that the wonderful

mercy of God might be exhibited, and

that hope might be given to sinners in

every age, when it was seen that, notwith-

come down for centuries through the vilest of the vile. Yet in that humanity he had dwelt; his pressence made and kept it pure and holy. And that human country. ity, thus representing the whole race, he has exalted to the highest heavens. Then came to my heart the consoling thought. what if I have hereditary tendencies? what if my nature has been derived from sinning ancestors? that Jesus who dwelt in a human frame eighteen hundred years ago can dwell in my hamenity, and can read with new light that passage : what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh. and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.' This view has seemed to bring the Saviour nearer to me than ever before. He is the Son of Man, and as such he not only knows our weaknesses, but as our great High Priest, he is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities," and " was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." How logically and how beautifully the exhortation follows: "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of

grace to help in time of need."

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

GREENVILLE, NASS RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Oct 23rd, 1878. (Continued from our last)

Dear Mr. Editor:

To have anything but the shadow of an idea of the hardships through which a missionary in the North West must pass one has to travel with him. Out in a canoe under torrents of rain that illustrated and applied, as in Bishop fall on these mountains on the bosom of waters as remarkably rough as those of the Bay of Fundy. Camping by the shore for days, perhaps without any food, awaiting the subsidence of the storm, one's heart must be aflame with the love of souls to persevere under such trials. Could I have foreseen the hardships which I have been called on to endure already, in my short experience, I doubt if I would have come, but he who holds the winds and waters in His hand, has taken care of me, and I teel as if I had taken a of the turret ship Thunderer burst on the new lease of my life, breathing the pure morning of January 2nd, killing Lieuts. mountain air and drinking the spark- Coker and Daniel, two petty officers, four ling waters of the mountain rills, the equal of which I have not tasted, though I have travelled in three different zones since I left Prince Edward Island.

has come. Yesterday we sighted the ret was disabled, but ship otherwise unsails of a small sloop coming from Fort | injured." Simpson -- the nearest steamboat landing, a distance of fifty miles—and immediately despatched a canoe to get the long-looked for mail. Soon is returnor to the real instruction or edification of ed, bringing a whole bag full of-disof our people here they were unabe to. give us any news from the civilized world. They had seen the Rev. Mr. Turner who volunteered to visit the gold miners to raise enough money to liquidate the debt standing against the Methodist church at Wellington, the scene of Mr. Green's labors prior to his failures have multiplied on every hand coming North. We were also glad to learn that Mr. Turner had done well Tamar. Had I been writing a sketch of not only in collecting but also in pro-David, I should have passed over rapidly claiming the truth among these isolated people, though according to the Indian's stories we fear with little lasting benefit. One Indian says "I could become of those above the artizan class, are either very bad and also get drunk, but I never in want or on the confines of it. The inunder liquor could think of being so creasing number of persons driven to bad as to sing the Methodist hymns, as grant bills of sale on their effects is one standing these vices and crimes, God par- many of the miners did after hearing significant proof of what is going on in Next day lots of them were going round drunk singing "Come to Jesus." There I was reading one day, when it occurred have been very rich "strikes" made pounds. One man took out \$30,000

the mines were nearly worked out. We expect this ends our connection with the civilized world till next Marca. We hope the many readers of the WES. LEYAN will remember the work and us in their prayers.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and only Saviour for sinners." a happy new year,

I am respectfully yours, MALCOLM MATHESON.

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

Letters from Brazil state that the crops have failed, cattle have died, and small pox and starvation prevail throughout the

Sir William Armstrong, the inventor of the Armstrong guns, lights his library at Craigside, England, successfully with an electric current produced by a waterfall fifteen hundred yards distant.

THE GRAND NATIONAL EXHIBITION to be held at M scow in 1880 will propamake and keep it pure. Then I thought of his wonderful condescension, and I it will be the 25th anniversary of the Emiriously preserved in the Gallican Church, peror's accession.

THE FLOOD IN GREAT BRITAIN Droduced by the sudden thaw is the greatest known for fourteen years, The country around Dorlington and Lexington is flooded for miles, and much damage is reported

at Berwick and Aberdeen. THE AFGHAN WAR.-Even if Yakoob Khan is inclined to continue warfare with of our despatches this week that he English Church. He is of opinion that will soon be compelled to submit. His troops are deserting him on account of a dispute about pay, and Gen. Biddulph grace, that we may obtain mercy and find with the Quetta column, is now on the grace to help in time of need."

Many of the Methodist pastors of Unit cago expect to follow the Week of Prayer with continued religious meetings, and the "Northwestern Christian Advocate" thinks the conditions for a good revival

Traffic is very generally impeded throughout the Upper Provinces and a large portion of the United States. The streets of Montreal are completely blockaded, the snow being as high as the fences. Several people have been temporarily lost and others had a narrow escape with their lives; but no fatalities are reported.

The failure of the Cornish Bank is the latest commercial disaster in England. It is believed that the liabilities are over one million pounds sterling. Some say that the bink can pay in full, but it seems the more general opinion that this is impossible in the present state of mining enterprise. It is believed that the mines of Western Cornwall alone owe the bank £100,000, the calling in of which loans would have a most disastrous effect on the whole of West Cornwall.

The following telegram has been received from Admiral Hornby, commanding the British fleet in the Sea of Marmora: "One of the thirty-eight ton guns seaman and a marine. The gun burst just in front of the trunnions, the muzzle blowing overboard. The gua had just been fired with battering charge, but when it burst it was loaded with full We have been anxiously awaiting the charge and empty shell. A boatswain mail since my arrival, but as yet none and 32 men wounded, 12 badly. The tur-

THE REVISION OF THE NEW TESTA. MENT.-The English rev sers of the authorized version of the New Testament completed Dec. 13th their second and flual revision. The company have held eightyfive sessions and have spent 337 days on There now remains the consideration of any further suggestions that may be made by the American company, and the adjustm nt of some questions which have been reserved till the end.

The London Times' financial article says that industries have been disoganized during the year, credit is shaken, and

It is stated on good authority that the failures this year will be nearly five thousand more than last year, and it will be difficult to say where the distress will end. Not only have wages been reduced and many thousands of citizens thrown out of employment, but many thousands. also. the ranks of the lower and middle classes.

The London Record, in announcing the death of the Princess Alice says: " We are enabled to state on the authority of those who had the opportunity of converslately after the mass of miners had left ing with the Princess very recently, that for a more genial clime. One lump whatever temptation might in former weighed one hundred and thirty-eight | years have beguiled her royal highness to admire the writings of Strauss, the author worth o dust in two weeks. We hope of the infidel 'Life of Christ,' a complete hat terrible calamity which deprived her of her little son seemed to have produced only 'the sorrow of the world that worketh death,' but gradually it became, by God's mercy, the means of leading her to think, so that she finally came to seek and find peace in a firm faith in Jesus Christ revealed in the Scriptures of truth as the Father Hyacinthe has, in a letter of re-

> cent date, formally applied to the bishops of the Church of England for recognition and supervision of a Gallican Church which he will devote himself to forming. At the Lambeth Synod the English bishops appointed a commission to consider the relations between the Old Catholics and others who have separated themselves from the Roman communion." To this commission particularly the application is made. Father Hyacinthe says: "> have held several conferences in Paris, which have been attended by large and attentive audiences. The moment seems to me to have arrived for uniting under one and the same banner, and, above all in one and the same sametuary, those of my fellow countrymen who desire to meunite themselves to the principles of the

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The answer of the bishops is given by "I am prepared," says the bishop, " 🔊 undertake the work thus far entrusted to me, and by recognizing your mission. and tendering it a provisional oversight. to place you in a position to confer with me officially on the details of the work in which you are engaged." Father Ha-cinthe will, therefore, hereafter labour unthere is a great opportunity in France to reach the many Catholics who reject the Vatican decrees, and who yet wish to abide strictly by the formulae of the early Church Councils.