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FROM THE PAPERS.

It is stated that the first three Wranglers at Cambridge University, England, this year, were abstainers from alcohol

The Jews of Hungary form less than five per cent of the population: but they furnish eighteen per cent of the university students and two-thirds of the Jewish students study jurisprudence.

Mr. Moody, the evangelist, will spend this summer at his home in Massachusetts, where he will hold a sort of select comp-meeting for advanced Bible scholars. It is said he intends visiting Europe in the fall.

The first systematic attempt at an enumeration of the Jews in Cincinnati has just been completed. There are 8.000 of them in the city, and 15,000 of them in the State. The Church property in Cincinnati is estimated to be worth nearly \$500,000.

The Rev. Mr. Marsland, of Central Village, Coun., introduced some statisties into a recent sermon, showing that a very light assessment would raise his salary from \$700 to \$1000. His congregation disliked this so much that they equested him to resign.

The Congregationalist says of the Woman's National Temperance Union that "ssociations of liquor dealers have sublicly stated that they feared no foe so much as those persistent Christian women who carry temperance sentiment into every corner of the land.'

The Nashville Advocate pertinently says: "There is too much gunpowder used by Christian nations in dealing with the heathen to justify hope for the speedy conversion of the latter until there is a change. The heathen will not receive the gospel from those who offer it with bloody hands.

Major Mills, an Episcopalian, has given \$500 to the Endowment Fund of the Weslevan Theological College, Montreal, on condition that no students be admitted who use tobacco. Compliance with the requirement is an easy one under the provisions of the Discipline of the Methodist Church .- Guardian.

In a recent discourse on the miracle in Cana of Galilee, Mr. Spurgeon incidentally remarked: "I abstain myself from alcoholic drink in every form, and others would be wise to do the same." This statement should effectually settle all doubts about the distinguished preacher's position on the temperance question.

It seems strange, but the Christian at Work avers there are pew-holders in a New York city church "who, under an old church charter, pay but \$50 rental yearly for pews, go to Europe a year or two, or more, re-let their pews for \$400 and \$500 a year, and pocket the

The police authorities of New York ment officers to the Church of St. Vincent's fair (Roman Catholic) and compelled the stoppage of the share and lettery business there. A great outcry was made, and the police were charged with cutting down the receipts at least

The Isle of Man is now the isle of woman. It has enfranchised female owners of property and added nearly five hundred names to the voting register. Elections are shortly to be held, and when the new Tynwald meets, a movement will be begun for a further extension of the franchise to women who are occu-

Thomas Carlyle remembered Edinthus concerning his legacy: "May it run forever if it can, as a thread pure water from the Scottish rocks tinking into its little basin by the wayside for those whom it veritably belongs to. Amen. Such is my bequest to Edinburgh University."

The woman's suffrage question has during the past winter and this spring the subject of discussion and oting in several state legislatures; and no instance has it achieved a victory. Yet both the discussion and the voting how that the cause is constantly gaining strength, and that the day of its

The Missionary Review says that not less than 3.000,000 men in China perish annually from the use of opium Two-thirds of the adult males and onesixth of the women are believed to smoke it. In Ningpo, a city of 400,000 people, there are 2,700 opium shops. England devotes 1,200 square miles of the richest soil of India to its growth, and has this year increased the area.

A bill has been introduced in the French Legislature providing that any citizen who loses his life while saving life or property at a fire, any physician who dies while labouring in the hospitals in time of epidemic, and any one who dies while endeavouring to save a fellow-being shall be regarded as a soldier slain on the battle-field and insure a double pension to his family.

The Wesleyan Advocate and the New York Advocate are both reproving the indecent begging letters that are being sent to Geo. I. Seney every day by the bushel. Mr. Seney writes a note to Dr. Haygood, and says he cannot even answer the letters, much less give to the applicants. Such monstrous acts upon the part of people are enough to deter good people from giving at all to any

The Christian at Work says: The Bishop of London held a service recently for the admission of the first merchant captain admitted by a bishop to the unpaid office of lay reader. Singuhas officially recognized the services to religion rendered by captains of merchant ships, who conduct divine services, hold Bible-classes, manage adult schools, visit the sick and dying, and bury the dead at sea.

That was a very sensible idea which Sunday-school in a neighbouring State carried out last week. at its anniversary, by distributing to those present pack ages of ten kinds of flower-seeds, with plain and full directions as to how to sow and how to care for them, offering at the same time a prize to be given at midsummer at an exhibition of all the flowers produced from these seeds for the best shown in cut or potted flowers. -Christian Union.

The thirty-third anniversary of modern Spiritualism was celebrated April 1. If ever there was a proper correspondence between a date and a thing, it is the celebration of the birth of the most insinuating, yet the most absurd and demoralizing, superstition on the first of April. They claim that 5,000,000 have been fooled by it. But their statistics are as mythical as their other appeals to credulity. The real description of it is, "Infidelity with a ghost in it."-N. Y. Advocate.

One by one things slip out about the forthcoming Œcumenical Conference. I hear that the non-invited speakers are not to occupy more than five minutes in any speech they may make. If they are in the middle of the word Mesopotamia and have got only the first two syllables out, down they are to go at the sound of the President's bell. I know several long-winded sermonisers and speechifiers whom it would be a pleasure to see thus condensed.—London

What a fund of vitality there must be in that Methodism which not only provides ministers for its own several branches, but also many of the most effective men in other denominations I hear that the Rev. James Jackson Wray, who left the old Weslevan body in a hurry nearly two years ago, has got a famous congregation in the Whitfield Tabernacle, Tottenham Court Road, and that he is as much a Methodist in his sermons as ever. It is the old wine in a new bottle.—London

On the 28th of March as the Rev. A Heath, pastor of the M. E. Church, Pittsford. Vt., was sitting at a window in his sitting-room talking with some friends, a rifle bullet came through the window, and buried itself in his left lower jaw, causing a compound fracture. No report was heard; later investigation showed that the bullet came from a gun discharged some half-mile distant, of burgh University in his will, and writes course with no design to speed it on such an errand. The ball has been extracted, and Mr. Heath is doing as well as can be expected.

A recent English decision holds that the public, including a man's immediate neighbors, must submit to the inconvenience necessarily occasioned in repairing or rebuilding a house; but if the inconvenience is prolonged for an unnecessary time, or increased by the unreasonable manner in which the building operations are carried on, such operations are public nuisance; and a person who has suffered thereby a particular damage, other than and beyond the general inbumph cannot be much longer postpaned. The argument of mere sneering and ridicule is about obsolete.—N. Y. Independent. action for such nuisance.

CLEANSING AND KEEPING.

As to "perfectionism" or "sinless-

ness." I have all along and over and over again said I never did and do not hold either. "Sinlessness" belongs only to Christ now, and to our glorified state in heaven. I believe it to be not merely an impossibility on earth, but an actual contradiction of our very being, which cannot be "sinless" till the resurrection change has passed upon us. But being kept from falling, kept from sins, is quite another thing, and the Bible seems to teem with commands and promises about it. First, however, were consecrated by Popes, among Porto Novo died of poison, administered had finished her address, one of the pre-I would distinctly state that it is only as and while a soul is under the full powers bishop and consecrator for twenty-five lasted nine days. For the whole of this this, and, holding his written speech in of the blood of Christ that it can be years) consecrated by Pope Formosus, time a considerable number of human his hand, said, "I hope you did not find cleansed from all sin; that one moment's withdrawal from that power and it is again actively because really sin- sors ordinations to be null and Customs.' The missionaries, from their ning; and that it is only as and while kept by the power of God himself that and consecrator for twenty-nine years). cries of the sufferers, whose mutilated we are not sinning against him: one instant of standing alone is certain fall ! But (premising that) have we not been limiting the cleansing power of the precious blood when applied by the Holy Spirit, and also the keeping power of our God? Have we not been limiting 1 John i. 7, by practically making it relarly enough, it is the first occasion, at fer only to "the remission of sins that least in modern times, in which a bishop | are past," instead of taking the grand simplicity of "cleanseth us from all sin?" " All" is all, and as we may trust him to cleanse from the stain of past sins, so we may trust him to cleanse from all present defilement—yes, all If not, we take away from this most precious promise, and by refusing to take it in its fullness, lose the fullness of its application and power. Then we limit God's power to "keep:" we look at our frailty more than at his omnipotence. Where is the line to be drawn beyond which he is not "able?" The very

> tinctly implies defilement without it. It was that one word "cleaneet which opened the door of a very glory of hope and joy to me. I had never seen the force of the tense before, a continual present, always a present tense, not a present which the next moment becomes a past. It goes on cleansing, and I have no words to tell how my heart rejoices in it. Not a coming to be cleansed in the fountain only, but a remaining in the fountain, so that it may and can go on cleansing

keeping implies total helplessness with-

Why should we pare down the commands and promises of God to the level of what we have hitherto experienced of what God is "able to do," or even of what we have thought he might be able to de for us? Why not receive God's promises, nothing doubting, just as they stand? "Take the shield of faith. whereby ve shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked ;" "He is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, having always all sufficiency in all things;" and so on, through whole constellations of promises, which surely mean really and fully what they say .- Frances Ridley Have gal.

APOSTOLICAL SUCCESSION.

The following instructive and suggestive letter recently appeared in the Toronto Globe over the signature "Ver-

"SIR,-In your editorial you remark, - To say that the fact that three bishops at least are concerned in every act of ordination amounts to nothing unless always been thought necessary.

in the early churches of Wales, Ireland elsewhere.

to ruin any genealogical chain, and there them supplies of men and provisions. would give anything to possess her faithnever Bishop of Rome.

"But let us come a little nearer ministers must follow him. anti-popes and who was declared by the twelve of the Archbishops of York, and from 1133 to 1345 nine of the Bishops of Durham were consecrated directly or indirectly by Bishops of Rome. This is all detailed in Bishop Godwin's 'Lives of the English Bishops.' What priest can be sure that his orders are not derived from three of those prelates of Canterbury, York and Durham?

"Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury, was the son of a Baptist and was never baptized; and Secker, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Butler, Bishop of what becomes of their ordination?

can trace my pedigree right up to the they were made to kneel down, stunned to grasp in the name and thought of God? out it, and the very cleansing most disapostles in an unbroken chain, but I with a blow on the head, before they Almighty. But the Lord Jesus God must be pardoned for saying that was had any suspicions, and thrown, still in our own nature—one like ourselves balderdash.' " No historical student, nor lawyer.

would give the slightest credence to any natalogues of Bishops, not even exceptng the celebrated 'Liberian Catalogue." which is full of interpolations, discrepncies, and contradictions: and the late Archbisaop Whately, who was immensey superior in logic and candor to Bishop Wilberforce, said, 'There is not a minister in all Christendom who is able to trace up with any approach to certainty his own spiritual pedigree.'

HABITATIONS OF CRUELTY.

The Rev. J. Milum, the general suprintendent of Wesleyan Missions in the Yoruba and Popo districts, left Lagos on the 15th of December last, and visited a number of places in Western Afri-During his stay the annual "customs" were being held at Abomev. These vere of the most horrible desaription, several hundred natives being killed is a most barbarous manner and effered in sacrifice. The "customs were observed notwithstanding the presence of Mr. Milum. Abomey is under French protection, King Gelele being the reigning monarch. Mr. Milum had a missionary house at Wydah.

conference with the king and the Prince respecting the re-establishing of The French Roman Catholic mission aries give a fearful picture of the counry. They say that the people are s mild indisposition that they find it difit can be proved that three bishops have ficult thaccount for the horrible cruelties practiced, except on the theo-"This cannot be proved, for it is a ry of the influence of the fetish fact that one consecrator was sufficient priests who are interested in have ing the bloody sacrifices perpetuated. and Scotland, and perhaps, therefore, The number of human beings annually it was agreed there should be some singsacrificed is estimated at several thous-"Besides this, does any one pretend and. The present king is entirely under that the infallible bishops (or Pope) of the influence of the heathen priests. Rome required two or more supporters | Most of the time he is making incurwhen consecrating; and if they alone sions in neighboring territories with his. performed the rite, of what value are two fanous regiments of Amazons. The their consecrations? For according to prisoners made in these expeditions are the Roman Catholic historian, Platina, dividel into three classes. One is sold there were twenty-seven schisms, dur- to the slave merchants of the interior, ing each of which there were two, some- and was formerly intended for the Eurtimes more, rival Popes; and many an opean trader; one portion, chiefly wo-Anglican priest must still owe his orders men, is fattened and sold to butchers, the love of God, pressing on all to acto some of these schismatical pontiffs, who, revolting as the fact may be even cept it and give themselves to Him; and

menced in 1378 lasted forty years. Two served for the human sacrifices, which ville, promising them there a hearty Popes were elected. Each excommuni- take place in the months of August and welcome. Such true devotion to her cated the other, and which was the true September, during the celebration of Master's cause could not fail to be ap-Pope and which was the anti-Pope has the 'Grand Customs.' These ceremon- preciated even by these misguided peonever been determined. In 1411 there ies have a double purpose: that of paci- ple, and many testified their approval. were three Popes, each of whom had fying Ogun, the god of war, and other One female on the platform who is known anathematized the other. Here are deities, and also that of recalling the as a determined Communiste, warmly what you style 'defective links' enough memory of dead kings and of sending to embraced the speaker, saying, "she is, therefore, no need of showing what In Dahomey, as in other savage countries, fulness and courage." It is hoped that is an undoubted fact, that St. Peter was provisions are placed in the tomb. When the brief record of these proceedings a king dies, all his women, slaves and may be an encouragement to others to

whom was Plegmund, in 891 (Arch- by a rival for the throne. His funeral vious speakers came up to the writer of who was succeeded by Pope Stephen victims were sacrificed every night in anything very objectionable in this; VI., who declared all his predeces- the fetish forest, destined for the 'Grand | you know it is not mine, it is Spencer's, void. Chichley in 1414 (Archbishop neighboring dwelling, could hear the bert Spencer." How little do these received his episcopal orders from Pope bodies were seen every morning in the Gregory XII., who was one of the three public square of the town, arranged in lines. The heads had been cut off and Council of Constance to be neither a nailed along the walls of the royal pal-Pope nor a bishop. From 1119 to 1342 | ace. At eight o'clock on the morning of the ninth day the new king and his suite, preceded by the fetish priests, moved to the sacred wood, where the grave of the late king had been dug. The sacrifice began. Seven slaves were slain, and their blood was mixed with earth to form a kind of plaster with which the grave was lined. The seven heads of the victims, with provisions of all kinds, were deposited at the bottom. The body of the king was then lowered. Next were seen approaching nine of his women, in their brightest garments, pur-Durham, were sons of Nonconformists posely intoxicated beforehand with coand becomed baptism except what is pious doses of British tafia, or rum. is necessary for valid consecrations, ing smiles on each side, believing themselves the objects of an ovation. When God becomes intelligible. There is "The late Bishop of Oxford said—'I they reached the edge of the open grave something vast and vague and difficult alive, down on the body of their royal a child as we have been, and showing us spouse. Earth was then flung in, to what childhood ought to be in that home cover the whole pile of dead and living. At a distance of a few steps a stake was prepared. There the king's ministers were to be burnt. But these astute politicians had dressed up some slaves in their robes of office, who perished in

MISSIONARY COURAGE.

On Sunday last, a crowded meeting

good their escape."

their stead, while they themselves made

of Socialists was held at the Theatre de Folies Parisiennes, in Belleville, Paris under the auspices of Louise Michel the returned communiste, now editing a French newspaper called La Revolution. The ostensible subject of discussion was "Women's Rights." After one or two speeches of an ultra-democratic and inflammatory character had been given, a lady stood up in the front row of one of the boxes, and said she also wished to speak, and to point out another respec in which men and women were all equal namely, in the sight of God! At the very name of God there was great uproar, but some present had already re cognized that the speaker was Miss de Broen, who for so many years has been labouring amongst them, and they were anxious that she should have a hearing. This, however, appeared to be impossible. till Louise Michel herself, with whom, it seems, Miss de Broen has for some time past been endeavouring to obtain an influence for good, came forward on the stage, saying the lady was well known to her, and begging that she might be allowed to speak. Great excitement and confusion followed. At length ing and one or two more addresses, and that, after that, Miss de Broen should address them. Accordingly, at a later period, she was invited to the stage, and then gave a short but pithy address to a comparatively attentive audience. She first interested them by speaking about her nine and a half year's work amongst them, referring especially to her Medical mission and sewing-classes for the women, and then went on to dwell upon and not one priest can be sure he does to relate, openly sell human flesh in concluded by inviting any who were not. One of these divisions which com- their shops. The third portion is re- willing to come to her meetings at Belle- Dwight's Life of Edwards.

be bold for Christ under equally trying home. Many Archbishops of Canterbury "During the past year the King of circumstances. After Miss de Broen translated from your countryman, Herwriters know the injury they do, or the vast responsibility they incur! - The

> GOD REVEALED IN CHRIST'S HUMANITY.

In Rome there is a wonderful frescu by Guido, called the Aurora. It glows upon a lofty ceiling. Standing on the pavement, and looking upward at it. your neck stiffens, your head grows diszy, the figures get mazy and indistinct. But the owner of the palace has placed a broad mirror near the floor. You may sit down before that, and study the wondrous picture reflected in it. There is no longer stretch and strain and dixziness and indistinctness and inability. This Divine yet human Christ is the mirror of Deity for us. He is the enpress image of the Godhead standing with us in our numeraty. ess interpre God to our longing hearts. In Hint at Nazareth; carrying the burdens of a public life as we must, and showing us how to carry them; standing in the place of temptation as we must, and pointing out the method of our victory; lending His presence to our feasts, and telling us therefore that feasts are rightful even in this sad world; going with His sweet speech and tender touch to our funerals, and so letting us know that our worst grief is within His knowledge, and since it brings His presence, that grief even can become a most blessed sacrament: going before us into death, and then flinging the light of His resurrection back all along the dreaded way-our Lord Jesus-how loving, how long-suffering, how sacrificing, and vet how right and just : our Lord Jesus-not distant from us, not apart from us by chasm impassable, but close to us, braided into our human relations through this human nature which he shares with us. Oh, he s not vast and vague and difficult to grasp. He gives reality to our thoughts of God, for he is God, stooping to brotherhood with us, that our little thoughts may get on him some veritable and val uable hold. - Wayman Hoyt. D.D.

THEY SHALL SEE GOD .- " Once as I roce out into the woods for my health in 1737, having alighted from my horse in a retired place as my manner commonly has been, to walk for divine contemplation and prayer, I had a view that for me was extraordinary of the glory of the Son of God, as mediator between God and man, and his wonderful, great full, pure and sweet grace and love, and meek and gentle condescension. grace that appeared so calm and sweet appeared, also, great above the heavens. The person of Christ appeared ineffahly excellent, with an excellency great enough to swallow up all thought and conception-which continued, as near as I can judge about an hour-which kept me the greater part of the time in flood of tears and weeping aloud. felt an ardency of soul to be what I know not otherwise how to express, emptice and annihilated : to lie in the dust and be full of Christ alone; love him with a holy and pure love to trust in him: & live upon him; to serve and follow him: and to be perfectly sanctified and made pure with a divine and heavenly purity. have several other times had very much of the same nature, an-

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