

London Preachers.

DR. JOSEPH PARKER.

Dr. Parker preaches to a congregation of some two thousand people in an elegant structure known as City Temple, on one of the most frequented of the downtown streets of London.

As at Mr. Spurgeon's, the worship in this Congregational Church is of the simplest character. The singing is congregational, with no organ or choir.

It is plain to all that the speaker has power with God, and that that is the secret of his marvellous power over men.

DEAN STANLEY.

Dean Stanley preaches occasionally in Westminster Abbey, and once I have had the pleasure of hearing him.

It is really worse than speaking in the open air. These English Cathedrals are capital for show, and as national monuments, but are the worst possible contrivances for the convenience of either speaker or hearer in ordinary religious service.

CANON LIDDON.

Not so with Canon Liddon, of St. Paul's, the author of the "Bampton Lectures on the Divinity of Christ."

Westminster, but he rises above all this, and interests and instructs and thrills his hearers in spite of these hindrances.

I also had the privilege of hearing one sermon from Dr. Cumming, of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, the well-known author of several rather erratic religious works.

A Noble Example.

In a city not a hundred miles away, there lived a few years ago, perhaps lives still, a family of three persons, whom I slightly know; whose history had been a wonder to all who had heard of it.

Health of Foreign Cities.

In Paris 690 deaths were returned in the week ending last Friday, and the annual death-rate was equal to 19 per 1000 of the estimated population.

Hats.

As a part of a woman's garb the new hats are unique. Their prototypes have existed among men's head coverings for several seasons, but nothing quite so eccentric has been seen for women's use for many a day.

Bonnets do not differ essentially from those of last year, except in being rather larger. They have the same irregular shapes and superfluous decoration as before, but are chiefly of darker tints; even reception and opera hats being black or nearly so, picked out with white or some very pale contrasting hue.

The Lengthening Years of Man.

In an interesting paper by Dr. Edward Jarvis, in the fifth annual report of the Massachusetts Board of Health, the following vital statistics, past and present, of various countries, strikingly show how the advance of civilization has prolonged life.

The Spider's Web.

It is commonly believed that spiders are able to project their webs to distant objects, thus bridging over the intervening space; but how this is done, I have never seen explained.

The Lord of Cardiff.

The thriving town of Cardiff belongs almost entirely to the Marquis of Bute, and we regret to say that he has recently been acting in a most despotic manner in several instances.

It is quite intelligible why he, as a Romanist, should have refused ground for sites in each of these instances; but what follows is worthy of special notice. A number of gentlemen resolved to institute a free Public Library and School of Art, and although the Marquis refused any subscription to the scheme, the sum of £20,000 was raised without his aid.

He is a zealous Romanist truly, but he is acting as an unjust and tyrannical landowner. It is actions like these which are making men inquire what is the use of an aristocracy, and demand those rights which the possession of property owes to the general commonweal.

Apostolic Succession.

We have been accustomed to consider the dogma of Apostolic succession, as held by Anglicans, to be a harmless sort of Junjany, something to be laughed at, especially when accompanied with an antic display of superior pretensions.

Witchcraft in the Greek Archipelago.

The little island of Aylos Strati, situated to the south of the island of Lemnos, has for some years past been troubled by an annual invasion of locusts. The plague of these insects has become so intolerable that the local authorities of the island lately instituted an investigation of the matter, and discovered that the nuisance was attributable to sorcery.

It is a blessed thing that our responsibilities and cares come upon us, as the months and years, by degrees. We are thus brought, in all things, to bear our burdens, and when, in after years, they are all past, they seem to have been as nought.

Scientific and Useful.

PRESERVING GUM ARABIC MUCILAGE.

A writer in the Journal of Pharmacy states that the instability of mucilage of gum arabic may be overcome by mixing with tolu water. Tolu water is prepared by rubbing two fluid drachms of saturated tincture of tolu with four drachms carbonic of magnesia, and adding two pints of water, and filtering. It is believed that tolu prevents changes in liquids upon the same principle and as effectual as borzoil obviates rancidity in unctuous substances.

SIMPLE VENTILATION.

The following simple method for ventilating ordinary sleeping and dwelling rooms is recommended by Mr. Einton in his "Physiology for Practical Use." "A piece of wood, three inches high, and exactly as long as the breadth of the window, is to be prepared. Let the sash be now raised, the slip of wood placed on the sill, and the sash drawn closely upon it.

TO MAKE SHEEPSKIN MATS.

Wash while fresh in strong soap-suds, first picking from the wool all the dirt that will come out. A little kerosene, a table-spoonful to three gallons of water, will aid in removing the impurities. Continue to wash the skin in fresh suds till it is white and clean. Then dissolve a half pound each of salt and alum in three pints of boiling water, put it into water enough to cover the skin, which should soak in the solution twelve hours, and then be hung on a line to drain. When nearly dry nail it wool side on a board or the side of a barn to dry.

HOW TO DRIVE AWAY RATS.

A lady writer, in a recent number of a New York journal discourses in the following style concerning her treatment of rats and mice. "We cleaned our premises of the detestable vermin by making a whitewash yellow with coppers, and covering the stones and rafters to the cellar with a thick coating of it. In every crevice where a rat might tread we put crystals of copperas, and scattered the same in the corners of the floor. The result was a perfect stampede of rats and mice. Since that time not a footprint of either rat or mouse has been heard about the house.

PURE VINEGAR.

Almost every family in the country have the materials for manufacturing pure cider vinegar, if they will only use them. Common dried apples are all you need to make the best cider vinegar. Soak your apples a few hours, washing and rubbing them occasionally; then take them out of the water and thoroughly strain the latter through a tight woolen cloth, put it into a jug, add half a pint of molasses to a gallon of liquor, and a piece of brown paper, and set in the sun or by the fire, and in a few days your vinegar will be fit for use.

LEPROSY IN CANADA.

Leprosy is said to prevail to a considerable extent in the little village of Tracadie, at the north of Miramichi River, Canada. The inhabitants of the village, who are all of French descent, have established a hospital for the worst afflicted of the citizens. The disease is understood to have been brought to Tracadie by a French vessel, which was wrecked off the coast some eighty or ninety years ago, and on board of which was a quantity of clothing from Asiatic ports.

BREATHING THROUGH THE MOUTH.

The "Science of Health" thus calls attention to a fact which cannot be too frequently enforced on people's minds: "The pernicious habit of breathing through the mouth while sleeping or waking is very hurtful. There are many persons who sleep with the mouth open, and do not know it. They may go to sleep with it closed, and awake with it closed; but if the mouth is dry and parched on waking, it is a sign that it has been open during the sleep. Snoring is another sure sign. This habit should be overcome. At all times, except when eating, drinking or speaking, keep the mouth firmly closed, and breathe through the nostrils, and retire with a firm determination to conquer. The nostrils are the proper breathing apparatus—not the mouth. A man may inhale poisonous gases through the mouth without being aware of it, but not through the nose.

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Miscellaneous.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869

Canada. In the County Court of the County of York.

In the matter of Hugh Macquodale, an Insolvent. On Tuesday the twenty-second day of December, next, the undersigned will apply to the Judge of the said Court for a discharge in respect of the said Act.

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The Creditors of the above-named Insolvent are hereby notified that he has deposited with me a Deed of Discharge, purporting to be executed by a majority in number of his Creditors for sums of \$100 and upwards.

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Where the wicked perish, the righteous increase.

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