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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20TH, 1900

Mr. Sankey is intending to visit England in September. He has been invited, while there, to take part in the re-opening of the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

A Baptist church at Bar Harbour Me., sets an example worthy of imitation generally, though we fear the imitators will be few. It is just settling a new pastor, and has decided to pay him his salary monthly in ad-

The Presbyterian General given some consideration to the matter of the revision of the confession of faith, has appointed a committee to sound the church as to its desire for change, and the character and extent of the change desired.

of Ontario, recently in annual session, adopted a resolution favouring the formation of a Dominion union of Congregational churches. The Maritime Provinces churches are asked to consider the matter, and a committee has been appointed to have the matter in in many a heathen country.

Recently compiled statistics of religious denominations in the United States show that during the last seventy-five years the Baptists in that country have erected and endowed sects." One of their papers, speaking eighty-three universities. They are, of the Conference, says: "We have it is stated, amongst the foremost educators of the age, and many of their institutions are of the highest char-

Speaking of the converts from heathenism in the New Hebrides Dr. Paton says he does not know of single family of them that does not have family worship morning and night, nor a single household where they do not thank God for every meal that is served. Many professed christian homes in this land are shamed by such devotion.

One of the new missionary bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church-bishop Warne-isa Canadian. He was born in Ontario, and began his ministry in that Province, being ordained in 1876. He was a mission ary two years in Manitoba, where his father now lives. He went to Calcutta in 1887, and has been successful there. We are glad always to make note of the success of Canadians.

A Baptist church in Cincinnati has been connected by telephone with such of its members as desire it. A transmitter has been placed in front gathering work to evangelist specialists rarely be found in the house of worship is likely to increase. Some of them will, probably, have the receivers convenient to their bedsides so that they in the pastor and in the people a sense won't even need to rise from bed to hear the preacher. It is a very unwise scheme, except in so far as it may convience confirmed invalids.

Francis Murphy, somewhat others, carefully observant of what is widely known as a temperance lecturer, going on in the churches, have been deal sorry for the cause in Australia, be a very general persuasion that less and for the workers there who have revival work by so-called specialists' borne the burden of the long struggle and more by the pastors will result in against the rum power. Mr. Murphy much greater and more abiding good will weaken them in their efforts to to the churches. In saying this we a good fellow by every rumseller where evangelists. Very heartily we believe preacher-whose course wins the com | work of this kind, and greatly blesses | mendation of the rum gang, and of them to churches and communities. whom they say "he is no crank, he But because God has called some to minds his own business &c," is not the work of evangelists especially, growth of the lily that must not be lost credited on the County pledge of

priests we are sure, believe that the but some of them do. Even so high of New York is quoted as saying that gate temperance societies because when a man became a teetotaler and began to save up money, he did not contribute as liberally to church purposes. The real reason that | The simple gospel plainly preached is in many cases nothing is said by priests | not so pleasing to them as the talks against the rum traffic is that so many men of the traffic are Roman Catholics and contribute to the church. And there are Protestant ministers who re silent for the same wicked reason.

One of the war correspond.

ents, Winston Churchill, has made some complaints about the ineffectiveness of some of the chaplains in South Africa He says that soldiers "who have been face to face with death all the week" are drawn up on Sunday mornings to "listen to sermons that would through sheer dullness freeze into apathy a Mollah or a Dervish.' He intimates that the Anglican chaplains are not the equals of the others. We feel sure that this charge of dullness and inefficiency cannot be made against at least one of the Canadian chaplains—Mr. Lane; and we hope the criticism may not apply to any of them, though it has been hinted that not all are as much in earnest in the work they were sent to do as might be expected of them. It is a great pity not to say anything of the sin of it-when a man in such a position fails to be faithful

Paul's counse', "Let your women keep silence in the churches" is claimed to be made clearer by the experience of missionaries. It is the testimony of missionaries that in Chin; much confusion is created in meetings Assembly of the United States, having by the women talking to one another. They say that in a service where Chinese women are in attendance in large numbers it is necessary to repeat Paul's command from two to twenty times. When this Pauline injunction was submitted to a Chinese ruling elder and asked for his interpretation, The Congregational Union he. without a moment's hesitation. said: "It means the women should keep quiet in church, not talking among themselves and disturbing the meeting." We can readily imagine that Paul found in his day a condition similar to what missionaries find to-day

> The High Church people had no part in the great foreign Mission Conference. They were invited, but they could not bring themselves-dear, hath the Son of God hath life. The silly things-to co operate with "the no quarrel with any who may preach the Gospel-often in sadly imperfect forms -to the heathen. We do not forbid them to labor, but when we are asked to divide the field with them, we are asked to do more than we have a right to do..... Christ gave us this mission and it is our duty to gather all a ions into the church.'

How kind of them to refrain from forbidding others than themselves preaching the gospel! Such abounding charity! They ought to have a

PASTORS AND EVANGELISTS

In the most excellent address of the bishops to the Methodist Episcopal General Conference just held, one of the things touched upon was the custom, now very general, of seeking the aid of evangelists in the work of reaching the unconverted. The fact wa recognized, with pain, that during the past four years the number of conversions had fallen off considerably, which was true also of the four years immediately preceding the last four. The question was raised whether the later practice of leaving nearly all the insions. The bishops ask

"Does the increased employment of evangelists for revival services abate of personal responsibility for the in gathering of men from the world of the unsaved?"

such results in many cases. Many doing much against the deadly traffic. many others run to and fro without sight of by the person who desires to \$25 00.

Not all Roman Catholic having such call; and their teaching grow in grace. The lily grows not methods have had effect. They seem only by its inward principle of life, grog shops are an aid to their church, to rely much on what is sensational but by the help of its surrounding. and superficial, and little on the Holy Put a fily into an exhausted receiver. an authority as Archbishop Corrigan | Spirit. The people get an altogether | and it cies for want of air. Put it into wrong idea of what is involved in the a dark cellar and it per shes for want the priests of his diocese do not propa- christian life - both in its beginning of light; send it off to Greenland and and its continuance. They get a wrong it dies for want of warmth; stick it population is about 8,000 000. Writing idea, too, of what preaching is, and into the dry sand-bed, and it dies for in the Nineteenth Century, Rev. J. are likely to be dissatisfied with their pastors after the evangelists depart and stories with which the evangelists entertained them. But the effect on the pastors themselves is, perhaps, the most regrettable—the persuasion that they cannot do the work of soulwinning without the assistance of an tunities pass because he has allowed himself to believe that he cannot alone undertake revival work. Every pastor light" said the old-time Psalmist. is called to be a soul-winner. And he who does not cultivate this gift and grace is a great loser, and causes weak ness and loss to the church.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH - LIKE THE LILIES.

BY THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

On the northwestern shores of th Lake of Galilee, and beside the waters of Merom, may still be seen a gorge ous flower of luxuriant softness, with three inner petals, which is known as the Huleh lily. There is a strong probability that in the time of our Lord, when the soil of Palestine was under high cultivation, this brilliant flower abounded, and may have been in sight when He said to His auditors in the sermon on the Mount, "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow." If they were an object lesson to His hearers then, they are equally so to all Christians in these days. No subject can be more thoroughly practical than growth in grace; it is finely illustrated by the growth of the lily

The first lesson to be learned is that the flower to which Jesus pointed grew by the action of the vital principle within it. A bit of white marble is the same thing to-day that it was a century ago; it has no life. But there is a subtle mysterious principle in the lily which slowly lifts it from the ground and expands it into an exquisite cup of white and gold. Life, in the natural world is never self-produced. The first lily was the creation of God all the rest have been its propagated successors. Spiritual life is never selforiginated. It is born of the Holy Spirit. It begins with the entrance of the Lord Jesus into a converted soul; that is regeneration. He that Apostle Paul meant just this when he said, "I live, yet not I; it is Christ that liveth in me'

This is a profound mystery; but there is not a genuine Christian on the round globe but has a certain measure of his divine Master in his inmost soul Our only anxiety need be whether we were truly converted and whether we really have Christ within us; if we were sure of that, then we may dismiss anxiety just as the lilies do, and grow just as they grow without any worry. Some good people distress themselves

needlessly. We are not required to furnish the growing principle or agent; the Spirit of Christ furnish s that. The mariner is not required to provide the wind he has but to set his sails to the breeze and his ship floats onward. Saving faith is receiving the Christ life into the soul; while that divine life is there, growth may go forward. Precisely this did the Master teach when he said, "If ye abide in Me, and I in you, ye shall bear much fruit." Heartunion to Him is the only source of the Christian life.

motives of action from his deep loyalty, his deep heart-love to his Redeemer. the divine Jesus. A follower of Him These are his roots. Up from these hidden roots springs his daily obediof the pulpit. The number of mem- is in any way or degree responsible ence and devotion to those things flower of the field so it flourisheth. bers of that congregation who will for the regretted diminution in conver- which are pure and honest and holy Death is but a transplanting to a highand of good report. These are the motives which keep him self-denying into His garden to gather His lies." and steadfast. They hold him firm in times of sudden temptation as stout roots hold a tree against the assaults of a gale. The reason why Paul never fell from grace is that he was rooted And they say they believe it has had and grounded in Christ. Jesus held and Tuesday, June 25th and 26th, ing four members of the governmenthim and Jesus fed his strength. That is the double office of a root; it holds 7 30 p. m., 25th. Besides the deand it feeds. Here is the test quesis going to Australia to spend six impressed in like manner. We are tion with all my readers who profess months lecturing. We are a good glad to think that there is coming to and call themselves Christians. Are our hearts in all their motives, desires and affections so united to Jesus Christ that we draw Him up into our daily prohibit the traffic, and will be called must not be understood as discrediting actually in us? Is His law our law, are His interests our interests, do we he goes. The man-be he layman or that God calls some men to special give conscience the casting vote, and each session out of which any printing "What wilt Thou have me to do?"

There is a second fact about the

itself the required particles out of the atmosphere, out of the soil, out of the sunshine, and out of the rain-drops.

A similar provision is made for us that we may develop our Christian character, and enlarge our Christian we must open our souls and let it in ;

counts for the emaciated skeletons in neglect God's Word, steep our hearts in the frigid atmosphere of worldliness, and quench the vital fire of the Holy Spirit, we are cast out and withered If growth doesn't kill sin, sin will k. growth! Brethren and sisters, if you are declining in godliness, if you are losing the joy, the sweetness, the strength and the fragrance of a fruitful life, it is entirely your own fault. It is not possible for us to create spiritual life, but it is awfully possible for s to produce spiritual death!

These lilies which spring up amor g he marshes of Lake Huleh (the ancient Merom) grow from the mud, and yet they grow clean. Pare as lily is a proverb. We inherit a foul deprayed nature and live in a very d rty world, but Jesus Christ can give us purity of heart. Thence comes purity of living. There must have been a rare I veliness in the flowers which our Lord described as surpassing the royal attire of Solomon.

Before a l of us Christ sets an idea; which we are to aim after; it is the "beauty of holiness." Our prayer must constantly be that the beauty of he Lord oue God may be upon us. Jesus enjoined upon all His disciples to study Him, to learn of H m, to keep His commandments and seek His Spirit. A Christian is the representative of Christ; how all important th t we make our religion winsome!

The lives of such men as Spurgeon and Moody are the most elequent sermons in behalf of the Bible they fed upon. No group of lilies in the gardens of Bermuda show fairer in the sunshine than Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton in the hospital of suf fering, or Mary Lyon training her pupils to "go for Jesus Christ and perishing souls where nobody else was willing to go." All the solid piety is n t as attractive as it might be. There are thousands of sincere Christians who would be wonderfuly improved if they wield add a little more of the beauty and fragrance to the lily of their charcters. An attractive Christian is the one who hits the golden mean behind a too liberal laxity and a sanctimonious severity. He is strict, but not censorious-sound in heart, yet mel low as one who dwells in the sunshine of love. He understands how to do right in the right way.

Look at the lilles ! said the Master. Our neighbors will look at us, and with sharp eyes too. They expect to dis-A true servant of Jesus draws his cover moral beauty in the conduct of those who profess to be followers of ought to be worth looking at. Shortlived at best in any human life; as a

> SUNBURY CO. CONVENTION. - The Sunbury County Sunday School Convention is to be held in the Free Baptist Church at Rusiagornish, on Monday 1900. The first session will be at votional service, there will be an address of welcome by the pastor of the church, the report of the County Secretary, and discussion of report led | sidered separate from the other British | countries of Europe, with the by the Field Secretary.

Tuesday at 9 30 a. m., work will be resumed. And at 2 30 p. m., there lives? Do we keep the connection be presented reports of committees, close by secret prayer? Is Jesus election of officers, and a consideration of Normal, Home, Class and Primary REPRESENTING QUEBEC. Work, led by the Field Secretary, &c. &c Offerings will be taken up at always say honestly to our Saviour and postage for the county will be first paid and the remainder will be forwarded to the treasurer of the Provincial Association which will be

EVENTS NOTES ON CURRENT

SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS. There are at least 4,000,000 coloured natives in South Africa. The white want of moisture. Air, light, warmth S. Moffatt urges that after the war and moisture are indispensable. When the rights of these natives must be these conditions are fulfilled, observe recognized as an organic part of the how busily the flower assimilates into | constitution, alike in the Boer States and in Rhodesia. The Dutch even at Frenchmen who come to us the Cape look on the native as a being certain of finding French law on a lower plane of life than themselves; still there are laws, and there is a strong body of Colonial epinion in their favour But in the Boer Repubevangelist. Many a pastor lets oppor- lives. God's Holy Word is our light; lics the black man is taken in theory and practice to be an inferior being "The entrance of Thy Word giveth | who cannot have the status of an ordinary citizen. If the Boer is G d's Book is soul-food also; the allowed to persist in regarding black strongest Christians are hungry feeders | men as a servile race the result must on the B.ble, and the want of it ac- be a hideous failure. The race will deteriorate, and some day there may the churches. Christ's love is "shed | be a Black Terror in South Africa as abroad" in the hearts of His loyal | there was a Red Terror in France a followers-as sunshine is shed atroad hundred years ago. If the black man, in a garden-and that supplies warmth. however, is accepted as a possible The gift of the Holy Spirit, which fellow-citizen he has qualities which cometh down like the dew and the are favourable to the noblest type of rain, sup; lies the moisture. And so manhood, and calculated to add to the God g veth the increase. But if we dignity and welfare of the whole community.

A GREAT WORK

"A work which will some day rival the Pyramids and the Suez Canal, and stand, whatever may happen, as permanent monument of the English in Quebec. Various charges are occupation of Egypt, is the description given by the Lancet's Egyptian correspondent of the huge granite dam in process of construction at Assouan. The work is carried on daily, except Sundays by 7,000 Egyptians and 500 Italians under the superintendence of 150 British artisans. It has gone on steadily for two years, except during but it pleases Menier to make i the three months of the Nile flood, trouble he can for the friends and will only be completed in three years more. The Europeans have to live in mud-brick huts with walls three feet thick; these are fairly cool even when the midnight temperature is 100°F. The men who avoid liquor and wear huge helmets are said to stand the hot sun very well.

COMPENSATION.

The rum men of Manitoba are asking for compensation in the event of prohibition becoming the law of the Province. Their claims, as made up by themselves, will aggregate, it is said, about \$2,000,000. Cool and conscienceless robbers always, are the men of the rum trade. They have had the privilege of robbing and debauching the people and increasing all their burdens, and now they have the audacity to ask to be compensated because their fiendish traffic is to be delegalized.

PARIS EXPOSITION.

The Minister of Agriculture stated n Parliament last week that Canada s paying \$115,000 for the space used at the Paris Exposition. This is something never before done. There should have been a refusal to send an exhibit so soon as it was known that we were expected to pay for the privilege. Such an enormous price, too But, it is France-"dear France!

BOURASSA A "HERO."

Mr. Bourassa is being lionized by certain sections of the Quebec population for his disloyal utterances in Parliament a few days ago. A lot of young Frenchmen in Montreal waited on him a few days ago, on his arrival in that city, and saluted him as a great hero. He was, of course, much flattered and assured his admirers that he intended to continue his anti-British course. La Patrie, Mr. Tarte's paper. has raved about the members of Parlia ment who dissented from Bourassa's contemptible sentiments, changing them with narrowness, intolerance and ferocity. Probably their cheers for the Queen, and the singing of the National Anthem-which was the loyal members' way of replying to Bourassa's anti-British tirade - were the "ferocious" things which so enraged La Patrie. Those members who failed to rise and cheer and sing-there were ten of them besides Bourassa, includhave, of course, the warm approval of La Patrie. While these things are tions, estimated the total po going on in Canada Mr. Tarte in Paris of Europe to be 272,000,000. is insisting on having Canada con- ing to these statistics, in all the sections so that its French character tion of Russia and Switzerland may be shown, and he and his attaches one-fifth to more than one-thir will be a meeting in which there will can shout "Vive la France" on every total population now live in possible occasion.

Mr. Tarte seems to think that his mission to France is to magnify the importance of the French element in making money and getting Canada, and to declare the undying is a Tammany plan, the met love of French Canadians for "their trust being leading lights of dear France." In an address a few savoury gang. The Journ days ago he intirated that the Prov- Messenger explains that w

ince of Quebec is desirous of ad the tri-colour. He may has them that he flies the tri-colo the government steamer who Minister of Public Works, he Quebec waters. In a speech at R a week ago, he said, - "We have ceased to look towards France France never lose sight of n arms open ready to welcome a The London Chronicle suggest Mr. Tarte forgets that his busing France is to represent Canada, n Province of Quebec. But the Cha overlooks the fact that Mr. Ta gards Quebec as Canada, and On wish as Canada's law.

TEMPERANCE CONGRESS.

The World's Temperance Com was in session in London last There were delegates from all of the world, who represented all existing temperance organization The archbishop of Canterbury an address the first day, in whi pointed out the gains of the ter ance cause in science, religion, p and public opinion. Later we to have a fuller report of the Cone

DR. GRIFFITH SUED.

The Anticosti lord, M. Menier begun an action against Rev. Griffith, pastor of the Methodista against Dr. G., but the substant them is that he has been the and helper of the Protestant w of M. Menier's hate. The trials going on, the Fox Bay Settlers care of his con held in Quebec as witnesses course, Dr. Griffith is not gul any of the things charged against Protestant victims.

THE CENTURY CONTROVERSY.

It is distinctly in the interest the world's sanity that the or controversy can only occur one hundred years. Should the discu go on much longer there might boom in lunatic asylums. the man who wants to know if, you pay a hundred dollars, you'd begin with one and go on to hundredth, and his opponent declares that the first dollar is no beginning, but is rather the comple of all the fractions of it, and who whether, when you record tell ture, you start from . 1 or from the human intellect is being n reduced to a state of pulp. while, the topic is promoting excellent fun at a time when the spirits are in need of a little dive

A JERUSALEM THEATRE.

To carry the railway to Jeru may seem to some almost a desed of the repose and aloofness white value in sacred places. But some positively repugnant is said to foot. A Berlin composer, who appened on Turkish subject, has obtained fully reported said, the co-operation of a 66 syndicate, to put up quite to the holy places a magn theatre for the production operas and operettas. The its promoters imagine, will be come source of amusement multitude of pilgrims and touris year by year flock to Jerusalem pilgrims to the Holy Land who be content without a theatre had better stay away.

EUROPE'S POPULATION.

The tenth volume of "Dia B rung der Erde" is about to This is a series of geographical containing the most recent info as to the population of the wol installment relating to Euro already been published. The sion is that the present popul Europe, in round numbers, is 000, as against 302,000,000 This is an annual average in 2,630,000. In 1787 Busching ous German geographer, estima population of Europe at 150, In 1855 the German statistic Terici, whose work rested chie official censuses or authentic in 50,000 and upward.

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