



SUNDAY READING

FAMOUS ROSLIN CHAPEL. Something About a Church that Never Was Completed.

Roslin chapel was founded in 1446 or 1450 by William St. Clair, Prince of Orkney...

completed the work in exquisite style, and felt so enraged that he killed the youth with one blow of his mallet...

No intelligent being can gaze upon such a relic without serious, solemnizing, and elevating thoughts...

Messages of Help for the Week. Sunday: "Who hath ears to hear," Matthew, 13, 9...

Monday: "And the disciples came and said unto him, why speakest thou unto them (the multitudes who were gathered there)..."

Tuesday: "Therefore I speak unto them in parables; because they seeing see not etc. .... For this people's heart is waxed gross..."

Wednesday: "When any one heareth the word of the Kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart..."

Thursday: "But he that receiveth the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; yet he hath not root in himself..."

Friday: "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word..."

Saturday: "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and broughteth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, and some thirty..."

An Ante-Reformation Christian.

The following epistle—written by Sir Thomas More to his second wife, in 1528 has been quoted as a specimen of the prose style and state of the language at that time...

The Search-Light.

I remember once, in Luda Bay, watching the searching beams of the electric-light, thrown from one of the flagships of the International Fleet...

The current legend regarding this pillar is that the master-mason, having received a model thereof, copied from a similar pillar in Rome, went there to study the original. On his return he found his 'prentice had

NEWS AND NOTABILIA.

It is said that Christian missionaries in foreign countries have more trouble to convert Mohammedans than any other class of people.

Out of every dollar thus reported as given last year to the cause of Christ, 94 cents were expended in the United States, six cents were sent abroad.

The new benediction lights given to St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Moore are of wrought brass, and are the largest in the country. They are to be used only on great feast days at the church.

A religious census of Australia, just completed, shows 1,485,066 members of the Church of England, 80,118 Roman Catholics, 493,360 Presbyterians, and 364,594 Methodists. These are the four most numerous denominations.

Miss Des Marais, of New York, is the possessor of a carved wooden cross, which represents by more than 500 figures the history of the Old and New Testaments. Thirty thousand dollars was offered and refused for it in Europe.

Canon Carr may now be said to be the wealthiest clergyman in England, he having inherited the vast estates of Sir William Evans, the Derbyshire baronet who died some weeks ago. The canon was connected with the late baronet by marriage only.

For years past, according to London Tit-Bits, a Sunday school by telegraph has been held weekly on an American railroad. The superintendent asks the class questions over the wire at different stations, prayers are said, and a chapter in the Bible read—all by wire. Where is it?

In the 111 foreign mission stations of the Presbyterian church of the United States there are 391 churches, with 30,479 members; 771 schools, with 29,011 scholars; 12 printing establishments, issuing yearly 110,000,000 pages; 43 hospitals and dispensaries, treating yearly 100,000 patients.

The Rev. Dr. Martyn, of Chicago, advocates the patronage by the church of horse racing, cards, bowling, billiards, as the proper way to "elevate" those amusements. "What we need," says he, "is to bring religion down from the clouds, where we don't live, to the earth where we do."

A Moscow merchant is said to have become the godfather of four hundred Jews who have been baptized to avoid persecution. He promised to remember in his will every one who should be certified to have received the Christian communion once a year, and only two have so reported themselves.

Archbishop Vaughan, of Westminster, has released a number of priests from parochial duties, in order that they may use their pens in carrying on controversies in the periodicals, and presenting the Roman Catholic views where there are what are considered to be Protestant historical inaccuracies and prejudices.

The Pope is getting very feeble, and there is no doubt that the functions of the jubilee celebration, next March, will at least, tax his strength to the uttermost. He celebrates mass every morning at half past six, and has to be assisted through the service by two attendants. He ascends and descends the steps of the altar with difficulty. He pronounces the words of the mass very distinctly, but in a manner indicative of labored breathing.

It rarely occurs that a father and son should each hold a bishopric at the same time. Yet such a case has occurred in connection with the church of Ireland. The late Dr. John Gregg (a celebrated pulpit orator) held the Bishopric of Cork up to his death in 1877, his son up to the same time being bishop of the United diocese of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin; and, curious to say, on the death of the former, his son, the present Bishop of Cork, was elected in his stead.

We all need sympathy, human kindness, cheer, fellowship, the thousand little things of human love, as we go along the dusty road of life. These small coins of affection are the brighteners of every life that is blessed by a rich friendship. It is this unceasing ministry that one's heart hinders for as its daily bread—not great gifts and large favors, but a gentle affectionateness in the friend which shall bring cheer, inspiration, comfort, uplifting, hope and strength to one's soul every time one looks into his face.

There is a movement to erect a memorial to John Knox in Edinburgh. The plan has grown, the original project being only to place a sculptured figure in one of the niches for statues of historical personages prepared in the facade of the new National Portrait gallery. Then it was suggested that a marble statue should be placed in St. Giles' Cathedral, a building intimately associated with his memory and work. The cost of the former plan would have been only \$1,000, and of the latter \$3,000, but now there is a third proposal—to erect a large bronze statue in the Princes street gardens at a cost of \$10,000.

The Presbyterian home mission board is preparing for publication in pamphlet form the articles of Dr. Andrew P. Happer, of Glenshire, Pa., which had appeared in the Presbyterian Banner, on the mountain whites of the South. Dr. Happer has been visiting among these people. They number one or two millions. They are of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and they display the evangelical spirit and religious bias of their forefathers. They were most loyal also during the late war, 160,000 having enlisted in the Union armies. Some of them travelled 200 miles over the mountains to enlist. The Presbyterians and congregationalists are working among the mountain whites.

The Pope is fond of talking of the celebration of his episcopal jubilee next March, when he will have been fifty years a bishop, and of the attention the event is receiving all over the world. In the evening, after he has recited the Rosary, Monsignor Angeli, his favorite secretary, goes to his bedroom with the day's newspapers, and reads aloud, often far into the night. The Pope seated rather than reclining in his bed, and enveloped in woollen wraps; following the reader attentively. Whether his Holiness expresses any opinions on the events upon which he is anxious to be kept well-informed, no man knows save Mgr. Angeli, and that discreet prelate is as silent as the tomb.

RUSSIA'S GREAT MISTAKE.

The Persecution of Those Who Differ From the Established Faith.

The latest advices from Russia abundantly confirm all that has been reported in regard to the cruel persecution not of the Jews alone but of Christian dissenters from the Russian orthodox church. Headless of the lessons of history, Russia is attempting to establish unanimity of religion by methods that savor of the ages of Nero and Diocletian. The unhappy Jews have been driven in thousands from Moscow, and their expulsion has been attended by incidents of cruelty and inhumanity that in these closing years of the nineteenth century seem almost incredible.

The accounts of the Stundist persecution are no less abhorrent to all who believe in liberty of conscience. The Stundists are faithful subjects of the Czar; but because they do not adhere to the orthodox faith, and choose to worship in their own way, without disturbing the public peace or interfering with the worship of others, they are being treated with brutal outrage, their homes broken up and their property seized.

Later advices indicate that the German Lutherans, who live chiefly in the Baltic provinces, will not long enjoy the partial toleration which the Russian Government has extended to them, largely for fear of exciting German indignation. Several of their pastors have been imprisoned on flimsy pretexts, the real reason being that they were energetic in preaching and spreading the Lutheran faith, and measures for subjecting Lutherans to various disabilities are reported to be in preparation. The spectacle thus presented by Russia can not fail to weaken the sympathy that would otherwise be felt for that nation in the event of an attack upon her by her enemies in Europe. Even to such a huge and powerful empire the favorable opinion of civilized mankind is of no inconsiderable importance.—N. Y. Press.

I have never been among but one community of people who get along without compromising with their consciences says a writer in the New York Press. These are the Shakers. I spent my vacation among them last summer, up in Canterbury, N. H. They are a community of celibates, and they depend for a continuance of their association upon converts from the "world." They live as one big family of brothers and sisters, and none of them own anything except his or her clothing. The very postage stamp which is placed upon a Shaker's letter to one outside of the community is supplied out of the general fund. Among their practical religious ways is that of not allowing the sun to go down upon their wrath. The woman are a wonderfully intellectual, spirited people. Some of the men are Count Tolstoi has written to the heads of that community that their life is "nearer his ideal one than any he has ever heard of." The Shakers have been in existence 100 years, but comparatively few people know of them, for their existence is one of absolute self-sacrifice and therefore not engaging to people of a worldly turn of mind.

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Consumption

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