Sunday

CONCERNING FALLEN ANGELS. The Theory That All Hunan Derangement Comes From the Devil.

It is certain that at some period before time the angels were on trial and were sus- of England, and much reduced in 1540. ceptible of death, because of sin, as "the wages of sin is death." Some had stood restrictions and commends of their maker; who consequently became exempt from all future liability. Others had failed, and incurred the death penalty, and yet await | in 1727. its execution, to be awarded at the judgment in the last day; hence we read: "For it God spared not the angels that sinned; but east them down to hell." (11. Peter 2:5.) The Scripture explanation is, that they are to be cast into hell at the end of the world; using the present for the future tense, so common in Scripture. Now, these fallen angels having no hope of happiness or immortality themselves, they are confined to the animosity and sweet morsel of revenge in seeking to make every one else unhappy and hopeless like themselves,

and their leader, who became devils, should world of such beauty and charming delight | act upon the brain chiefly through the ear. that called forth the highest joy of the of God, made them devils. That no provision has been made for their recovery and than that, in the estimation and providence of God their Creator, there was none available for the purpose.

The biblical history of angels shows them | vented. to be so much like men, that they can eat the same food, and were always taken for men. There is, however, no intimation that Ethey are male and temale. From each was a distinct creation; and that they sang the world's dedicatory hymn shows their creation to have been prior to the creation of the world. When they come to men they are God's messengers, and are recognized as such by the Lord himself, and receive his titles.

If there had been no sin, there had been no death, with its concomitants of pain and disease; and lastly, had not our first parents, or one of their succeeding generations, obeyed the devil and disobeyed their access to the tree of life, the antidote for ossification, and consequently have lived forever. Hence all possible forms and phases of physical derangement among mankind are the work of the devil and devil-possession, now its natural development. In harmony with this natural philosophy is the Scriptural doctrine which attributes the power of death to the devil. This, being the culmination of physical derangement, carries with it the power of disease, the forerunner and accompaniment. It in nowise alters the case if any or all the satanic possessions and powers have been transmitted through every one of the two hundred generations of mankind; if the devil introduced them then they are his inheritance, and to cure any of them, according to Scripture, is to cast out

CITIES OF REFUGE.

Their Counterparts Formerly Found in

In Scotland there still exists a sanctuary for debtors in the Abbey and Palace of Holyrood, with its precints, says London Tid Bits. The sanctuary is placed under the untrol of a bailie, appointed by the Duke of Hamilton. When a debtor retires to the sanctuary, he has twenty-four hours' protection, but in order to extend the privilege longer he must be enrolled on the books of the Abbey. The sanctuary affords no protection to a criminal or traudulent debtor, or to a Crown debtor.

Another sanctuary exists in Hawaii, called the Rock of Refuge. If a criminal he is safe so long as he remains there. His family can and usually supply him with food until he is able to make his escape, but he

Westminster Abbey, by Edward the Confessor, as Bread Sanctuary still commemorates by its name; St. Martin-le-Grand, London, in 1529. This immunity for crime being much abused, it was limited by the the creation of the world, and up to that | Pope in 1503, at the request of Henry VII.

Among other places in London where persons were free from arrest were the Minories, Salisbury Court, Whitefriars, the test, and remained obedient to the Fullwood's Rents, Mitre Court, Baldwin's Board, in Canton, China, has, during his Gardens, the Savoy Clink, Deadman's forty years of service, personally given thy law; yea I will observe it with my Place, Montague Close, and the Mint. This over a million of attendances to the sick whole heart' Psalm 119. 33, 34. in some degree till the reign of George II.

ARE THEY HYPNOTIZED?

A Singular Theory to Account For People Sleeping in Church

uncommon occurrence, and the fact that people so often go to sleep in church is usually put down as a proof that the clergy are poor preachers. This, however, is far from being the real cause. I am inclined

nearer the truth. and whom God desires to be happy and brain through the eye, but in churches the ear is the organ which is chiefly affected. It was the will of God that the angels | Ordinarily, the result is produced by a peculiar stimulus applied through the optic have continued to inhabit his abode, which nerves by long-continued gazing upon a is not in this world, until its re-creation - | bright spot. The iteration of the same the world to come; but they desired to sensations seems to produce a species of change their estate for the Eden world as temporary paralysis of certain brain centres. soon as they saw it flaished. It was a In a similar way the services of the church

The whole arrangement is very scientifiangels, of which Job speaks thus: "The cally correct. At first the periodicity of the morning stars sang together, and all the alterations is short; then there is a little sons of God shouted for joy." (Job 38: music while the people sit; they stand for 7.) Of course there was nothing wrong in a few moments; they kn el and speak; they such a desire, and which every angel of stand and sit; they sit and isten; gradual- congregation worshipping in a hall, and riches, were led to the door of the convent, heaven indulged; they were informed by ly, however, the periods lengthen and the the Creator that the earth was to be their variations are less, till-apart from one or final abode; yet not to commence then, as two small breaks—the people are put into testant church in this section—a Methodist, it was to pass through a terrible history, a state of silent listening to a monotonous and of such derangement that would render voice pitched in a specially soporific key. its re-creation a necessity. While such an reciting words with which by constant reciexplanation was satisfactory to some of the | tation they have become perfectly familiar. angels, it was not to others; and these de- They thus require no effort of mind to toltermined on the change at once and imme- low. but are more and more lulled by the diately; "and they kept not their first sequential rhythm of sound into a state estate, but left their own habitation" for bordering on the hypnotic, so that by the that of the world. This self-will of the time the sermon is reached an irresistable angels, in opposition to the plan and will somnolence too often pervades a large portion of the congregation.

An incidental proof of this is seen in the salvation, seems to leave no other inference | fact that when sevaral clergy are officiating, and one has a voice wholly out of harmony with the others-an out-of-tune voice-the hypnotizing tendency of the service is pre-

In the same way, when there is only one priest or deacon officiating, and his voice jars and breaks the harmony, the people have not the same tendency to sleep during which fact it would follow, like Adam, his sermon, however poor a preacher he

A Chinese Indictment.

In a Chinese tract the following objections are urged against Christianity; it is presumptuous in the barbarians to endeavor to improve the inhabitants of the Celestial Empire. inasmuch as they themselves stand so much in need of improvement. They have shown a lack of benevolence, by importing among the Chinese a poisoned drug, and thus injuring others for the sake Creator, the human family would still have of personal gain. They have sent fleets and armies to bereave other nations of their positions, to which they have absolutely no right; therefore they cannot lay claim to be regarded as upright. They allow men and women to associate together and walk arm in arm in the streets; therefore they condemn themselves as falling short in a sense of propriety. By rejecting the ancient doctrines they have shown themselves to be possessed of little wisdom. Veracity appears to be the only good quality which they can in any measure boast of. Therefore, lacking as they do four of the five cardinal virtues, how should they be able to improve others? Besides, they have shown lack of reverence for the inventors of the art of printing by recklessly treading on printed paper, while other have spent much money to circulate books for the amelioration of the age. Moreover, these self-constituted exhorters of the world are void also of filial piety. They forget their ancestors as soon as they are dead, put them into simple boxes, which are only one inch thick, and do not sacrifice to their souls; nay, they will not so much as burn a strip or two of gold foil for their future weltare. Finally, they admit persons that have the advantage of wealth and rank to office without examination, and do not leave open the way for the promotion of the poor and lowly born. On all these accounts these foreigners appear 'o be inferior to the Chinese, and, therefore, in no way competent to instruct them in better

Protecting St. Paul's Cathedral.

The most heavily insured building in England is the Cathedral church of St. Paul, being insured for \$95.000, in ten reach this refuge before he can be captured, offices. Great precautions are taken to prevent this church being injured or set fire to by lightning, on a plan suggested by the Royal Society as tar back as 1769. The is never allowed to return to his own seven iron scrolls which support the ball tribe. In China, the Buddhist religion and cross are connected with other rods, allows men to become priests at an advan- used as conductors, which unite them with ced period of life for the purpose of escap- several large iron bars descending obliquely ing from impending justice. In some in- to the stonework of the lantern, and constances, Buddhist temples are regarded as nected by an iron ring with four other iron inviolable sanctuaries for transgressors of bars to the leaden covering of the great cupola, a distance of 50tt. Thence the Formerly there were many sanctuaries in communication is continued downwards by Yang,' he repeated again, 'Do you love England, just as the Cities of Refuge were the rain-water pipes to the lead-covered the Lord Jesus?' 'Yes, you know I do.'

NEWS AND NOTABILITIES.

Easter Sunday in 1894 will be March 25th.

The most powerful influence to-day in opening China to foreigners is that of the women medical missionaries now stationed in that country.

The first girl brought up by her own parents, with unbound feet, in all central and western China, is Miss Mary She (Stone) whose mother was a Bible woman before the daughter wae born. She is now nineteen years of age, and is studying medicine at the University of Michigan.

security was abolished in 1697, but lasted and suffering, performed over 35,000 operations, and trained 100 or more of the fashioned me: give me understanding, that native Chinese in surgery and medicine.

Evidence was given in London lately, before the Opium Commission by Rev. James Legge. Protessor of Chinese at Oxford, who resided many years in China Sleeping in church is by no means an and Malacca as a missionary. He declared he had never heard a man who had a good word for the opium habit. The drug did evil and only evil.

day; the ripened scholar is not made by a to escape: incline thine ear with me and single lesson; the well-trained soldier was save me Be thou my strong habitation, to think, says Josiah Oldfield in the "Vege- not the raw recruit of yesterday; there are whereunto I may continually resort tarian," that a sort of hypnotism is far always months between the seed-time and thou art my rock and my fortress," Psalm harvest. So the path of the just is like the | 71. 1, 2, 3, Hypnotists usually proceed to act on the shining light, which shineth more and more unto the perfect day.-R. B. Nichol.

> Mormonism has taken a considerable hold in New Zealand, mainly among the Maoris, the latest statistics showing the sect to have 3,176 members in the colony, of whom but 232 are Europeans. The annual conference was held recently, and hundreds of Maori members, including leading chiefs, attended. Twenty mormon elders are at present in New Zealand trying to spread the taith.

One most destitute and dark section of the city of New York has about 60,00 persons living in it. Aside from a colored for they have renounced name, title, and an episcopal mission, the pastor of which which closed upon them for ever. The has recently left, there is but one prothe services being conducted in the German language. There is also but one Roman catholic church, well to one side of the field.

Episcopal social life in Boston will this winter be much different than it has ever been before. Dr Donald at the Trinity parsonage will have a wife at the head of his house, so that the social life, which did not exist in Dr. Brooks's time, will open the house of the parishioners, while the tact that Bishop Lawrence has a family, and has a young daughter who is one of the season's buds, will give the head of the church in Boston a social as well as ecclesiastical importance. - Journal.

At the suggestion of Martin Luther, the first protestant hymn-book was published in 1524, under the title of "Sacred Songs." The book contained thirty-eight German and five Latin hymns, and the music was arranged for tour voices by Walther. Prominent among them was the hymn which we know as "A sure stronghold, our God, is He," and which was composed by Luther on his way to the Diet of Worms. Coleridge says: "Luther did as much for the Reformation by his hymns as by his trans-lation of the Bible."

The Salt Lake City Tabernacle choir has a wide reputation. The singers are the best selections from the mormon population of the world. Those chosen devote their entire time to the work. They are in daily practice, and sing only the best class of sacred music. Their singing is a great feature of worship in the temple. Their leader, Evan Stephens, began his life as shepherd boy on the mountains of South Wales. His musical training is the result of his individual study, with no tutor other than his own genius.

One of the most interesting events of the Congress of Religions in Chicago was the kissing of the presbyterian sisters by the High Priest of Shintoism. These motherly church ladies, some of them buxom, others bespectacled, approached the Rev. Shibata Reuchi, when he had finished reading his paper, and held out their hands to him. He bowed low and then with great courtesy put his hands on the shoulder of the lady first in line and kissed her plumply on the cheek. She was too surprised to remonstrate; and ere the others had recovered their self-possession, three had submitted passively to the same pleasing ceremonial.

A Domestic Crisis. A chinamen's tact in overcoming his wife's

scruples is the subject of an anecdote related by Mr. Burt of the China Ihland Mission. He says: "At one of our stations we made up our minds to open a preaching place in another township, and pay the expenses out of the church funds but it so happened that we could not get the hall or room where we proposed having it. We had among our members an old evangelist who had decided that we must open a hall somewhere, and that it should not be paid from the church funds. He settled the place where the hall was to be, but before he arranged the financial matter-there was a little difficulty. His wife, Miss tress Yang, was of an extremely economical disposition, and might object to his paying the rent of the hall. He got some of the elders to go home with him when he interviewed his wife on the subject. He said to her, 'Mistress Yang, do you love the Lord Jesus?' The lady looked up in sur-prise, as she knew her husband was well aware that she loved Jesus. 'Yes, of course I do!" she replied. 'Mistress England, just as the Cities of Refuge were appointed by the laws of Moses for one who had killed another intentionally, to prevent the relations of the slain taking the law into their own hands. as the Arabs still do in such cases. The church of St. John at Beverley, in Yorkshire, was thus privileged in the time of the Saxons; St. Buryan's, in Cornwall, by Athelstan, fn 935;

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Messages of Help For the Week.

1-" O Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." "Enter into the gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and also his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalms 95. 6 and 100. 4, 5.

2-" He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding" Proverbs

3-" Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy Dr. John G. Kerr, uf the presbyterian | statuets; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep

4-" Thy hands have made me and I may learn thy commandments" Psalm

"The entrance of thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding to the simple "verse

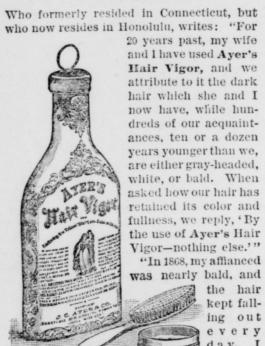
"Order my steps in thy word and let not any iniquity have dominion over me "verse

"In thee, O Lord do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Deliver The acorn does not become an oak in a me in thy righteousness, and cause me' to

Renounced Titles and Riches.

The example of Princess Marie von Schwartzenburg in taking the veil has been followed by two of her friends, the Countess Blanche Thun-Hohenstein and the Old-Countess Leopoldine Salm-Reifferschedit. The Old-Countess is just nineteen years of age. The prefix "Old" is an ancient prerogative of the Salm family. The three young girls took the veil together. The ceremony was performed by Cardinal Count Schenborn, at Smichow, near Prague. Atter the Benediction, Sister Benedicta, Sister Placida, and Sister Agnes, Order they have joined is one of prayer and meditation, and its members never come into the world again.

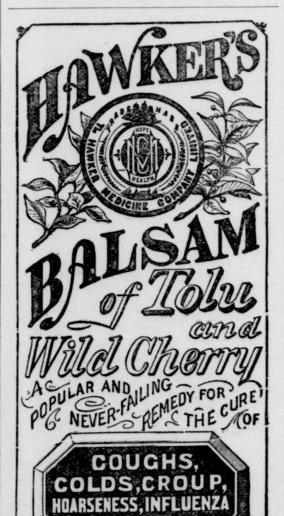
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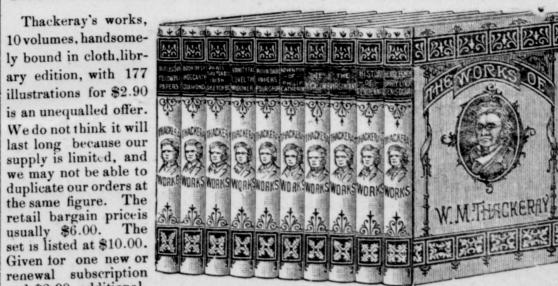
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