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Religion Illustrated in the Progress of Christianity from its rise to the present time.

The following article which will occupy several weeks in its publication, we copy from Newcomb's "Cyclopedia of Missions." It Christianity, and furnishes a large amount of religion, which, we trust, will be found incles detailing some of the persecutions and sufferings which the Church endured during different centuries for Christ's sake .- ED.

Christianity is essentially missionary. Its Great author announced it to the world as he only true religion; and it has ever been aggressive in its character. The missionary enterprize is but Christianity in action, carryng out the design of its Founder, to subdue the whole world to himself. This was the spirit that animated the apostles after the day of Pentecost, as they went everywhere, ia abedience to Christ's last command, to preach the Gospel to every creature. Paul, who received his commission directly from Christ, after His ascension, was the first foreign missionary, having been appointed as the apostle to the Gentiles; and the graphic record of his labors and successes, contained in the Acts of the Apostles, shows how well he fulfilled his commission, and presents him, for all time to come, as the Model Missionary. Respecting the labors of the other avostles, we possess but slender information. A few brief notices in the Acts, and some vague and uncer-

From highly respectable authorities, it would appear that the Gospel was preached in Britain in the first century. Bishop Stillingfleet is decidedly of opinion that a Christian church was planted in this island in the time of the apostles; as Eusebius distinctly states that some of them had " passed over the ocean, and preached in the British isles:" and tentmakers," as he styles them, had induced to embrace the religion of the erucified Jesus. Gildas, the earliest of our British historians, speaking of the memorable revolt and overthrow of the Britons under Boadicea, about A. D. 60, gives us to understand that the Gospel then began to be successfully published in the country, and the correctness of his statement is supported by those ancient Cambrian records, called the Friades. In these it is stated that the celebrated Caractacus, who efter a war of nine years, was betraved to the LLEE Romans, was, together with his father, Brennius, and the whole family, carried prisoners to Rome, about the year 53, where they remained for a period of seven years. At this time the word of life was preached in the imperial city; and Brennius, with others of his family, became professed members of the Christian church. At the expiration of seven years they were permitted to return, and were thus furnished with a favourable opportunity of introducing the Gospel into their own country. It is also said that three Christians, one an Israelite, and the other two Gentiles, with whom they had been in the habit of associating, accompanied them from Rome, and became instrumental, as preachers, in reclaiming many of

was propagated to earth's utmost bounds by the whole country. mined, long before Augustine was sent by encouragement which some of them gave to in view of them there.

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The Missionary Spirit of the Christian | Gregory the Great, to convert the British | Christianity, tended materially to augment | Reader, are you on your way to this meet- their own ways rather than his. My dear | which must ensue, he held down with an iron Most faithfully did the first preachers of Christian disciples continued to excite the of life, and not your hope that determines sideration may bring you out of it. While until all had escaped!—till all were res-Christianity fulfil their commission; for by notice and admiration of the heathen, and the this. If you had little or nothing to do with God infinitely hates your sins, he loves your cued and in safety. He then flung the half-

years after the ascension of our Lord.

that city, to India, where he remained several version of many. years; and on his return, is said to have brought with him a copy of the Gospel of Matthew in Hebrew, which had been left by the Christians of that country practice it not. Lamb."

progress of Christianity in the world was very ful must be the sight of him that sitteth upon considerable, though, with respect to the par- the throne, and the Lamb, when the fear of ticular countries into which it was introduced, them inspires such a prayer as this. the same degree of uncertainty prevails, as They will all pray. Some prayer-meetwas noticed in the second. Origen having ings have but two or three, a few at most, been invited from Alexanderia by an Arabian that take any part in them. The mass often prince, succeeded in converting a tribe of take little or more decided interest in the obwandering Arabs to the Christian faith. The ject of the meeting. Not so of this meeting. fierce and war-like nations of the Goths, who, The record runs, that not only the great men shabiting the countries of Mesia and Thrace, above mentioned shall pray, but every bondthe Britons from their ancient superstitions, made perpetual incursions into the neighbour- man, and every freeman. And then the naing provinces, and some likewise of the ad- ture of the object before them decides that all joining tribes of Sarmatia, received the know- will pray, viz: God on his throne of judg-It does not appear that Caractacus himself ledge of the Gospel by means of several ment and the Lamb in his wrath! The whole embraced the faith of Christ at Rome; but bishops, who was either sent thither from assembly being inspired with the same terrihis son Cylin, and his daughter Eigar, are Asia or had become their captives. These ble emotion or dread, will be constrained to both ranked among the British saints. That venerable teachers, by the power of their offer the same prayer. son is represented as the grandfather of King doctrine, and the sanctity of their lives, be- And what a prayer! It is not addressed Lucius, who made great exertions for the pro- came the instruments of converting great to God or to the Lamb. They never receivmotion of Christianity in Siluria, the country numbers, and in time, of softening and civi- ed any spiritual homage from the multitude of his ancestors; and even the celebrated lizing this rude and barbarous people. Fabian, present at this meeting. They so ill-treated King Arthur seems to have been a descendant Bishop of Rome, sent Dionysius and six other the blessed God, and carried it to such a desof this family. Eigar, the daughter of Carac- missionaries into Gaul; and during the reign perate length that they now despair, as they British chieftain, whose domain, called Caer the midst of his persecutions, the Christian ful prayer before us. They would have any-Sarilog, is now known by the name of Old churches, which had hitherto been chiefly thing but an interview with God: "Hide us from our Saviour's passion, Justin Martyr of Toulouse, churches were founded at Paris, the rocks should fall on them and grind them

its influence. The piety and charity of the ing! You hope not. But it is your manner reader, if you are in this error, a little con- grasp the snapping, biting, howling brute them the Gospel was preached, not only to zealous labors of Origen and others in the prayer in this world, if no domestic or secret self with immeasurable love. Let the sacrithe Jews, Greeks, and Romans, but also to translation and dispersion of the New Testa- altar is fragrant with the incense of your ap- fice of Calvary bear witness. While we and dripping with blood and venomous foam, Britons, Gauls, Spaniards, Hindoos, Arabians, ment, and in the composition of different plications, if you are now averse to drawing were yet sinners Christ died for us.' This is he left the room, locking the door after him. Persians, and Scythians. Others were sent works in the defence an illustration of Chris- aigh to God, you are certainly on you way to more than enough to warm any heart. If the Some persons shot the dog through the winout by them who emulated their fidelity. An tianity, contributed to increase the number this meeting. If you do not pray here, you Holy Spirit did not think so, he would never dows. But, oh! merciful God, what will begraphically illustrates the missionary spirit of Oriental writer relates that all Persia, all parts of Christians, and to extend the boundaries assuredly will be there. of Assyria, Armenia, and Medea, the regions of the church. Origen observes, "that so desabout Babylon, Huz, and Gala, to the borders sirous were the Christians of propagating their will be enough there without you. Let the historical information relative to the Christian of India, received the Gospel and its institu- religion throughout the world, that some of blessed duty of prayer be your joy here from power also of the shed blood that answers for expense of his own. 'Be quiet, my friends, tions, from the hands of Agheus, the silk. them had undertaken to travel, not only to day to day. Watch unto it. Persevere in it. every sin. Let the glorious sunshine of this do not weep for me, for I have only performed

> phant. Eusebius informs us that the follow- worldly-minded character, and but little influ- redeemed me unto God, by his blood." ers of the Apostles imitated their example, in enced by the spirit of the Gospel, was induced distributing their worldly goods among the to make a profession of the new religion, and coessitous believers; and quitting their own openly to patronise its friends and adherents. cudatry, went forth into distant lands to pro. About the same time, the light of divine truth cagate the Gospel. Among them were An- was greatly extended both in France and Gerdronicus, Aristarchus, Crescens, Earcus, Syl. many And (though the power of religion vanus, and Trophimus; and to these were af. seemed to decline both among the pastors and terwards added Pantenus, who travelled into professors in Africa and Asia, which, from the India; and Irenaus and Pothinus, who came inroads of barbarians, became a scene of misfrom Smyrna and sattled in France. Tradition erable confusion,) yet the wisdom and power relates that Irenœus was sent by Polycarp of God so over-ruled events, that the invaders, into Gaul, (A. D. 160.) It is added also, that by carrying away with them several Christian Pothinus received a similar commission. Pantæ. ministers, forced these persons to become nus, master of a school of philosophy, in missionaries, contrary to their own intentions, Alexandria, was sent by Demetrius, bishop of and rendered them instrumental in the con-

> > To be continued.

The Awful Prayer Meeting.

made small account of the present life, but appellation. It has not yet been held, yet we ment. Again and again they left their pleas-communion the Father has with the Son; and all our readers are personally interested the course of a single generation, the Gospel what the Spirit is: and what are the union in having some acquaintance with it beforewas propagated throughout the thea known and distinction subsisting between the Father, hand. The account left of it may be found world, are sufficient to show that their lives the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Bardasones, in the sixth chapter of Revelations. "And must have been devoted to the missionary of Mesopotamia, in alluding to the influence they said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on building, caused them to prepare for flight, of the Gospel on its professors, says, " In Par- us, and hide us from the face of him that sit- when a brave young officer, named Carnot, thia, polygamy is allowed and practiced; but teth on the throne, and from the wrath of the

and Theodoret mentions the Britons among laws." While the doctrines of the cross were ed in it, will be there. Millions more probabdevoted missionaries; while the lives and Distinguished persons will be present .deportment of the converts illustrated the di- Those who ride on the high places of the earth vine origin and beneficial effects of these doc- usually have little or nothing to do with praytrines; the great work of translation occu- er meetings. They are above such things; pied the hearts and hands of many others. they leave such meetings for the less-for the Latin versions of the oracles of truth were poor, the unlearned, and the low in life. But multiplied. That which was styled the Italic they will come to this meeting. We have nity. circulated, like a fertilizing stream, they and formal. There will be feeling, the deepest transformed the moral desert into the garden feeling. Men must have the most terrible CENTURY III .- In the third century, the and mountains to fall upon them. How dread-

structive and acceptable to our readers genestructive and acceptab In the third century, Christianity had be- pray for rocks and mountains to hide them in that atonemement on account of which let me suffer long or too much. I will take CENTURY II.—In the second century, the come so extensive, that, about the year 245, from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, that love is justly free to you for everlasting care that no further mischief shall occur march of divine truth was steady and trium. the Emperor Philip, though evidently a you will sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that hath enjoyment, and the closed heart will open through me, for I must certainly become

The Dance at Moscow.

" A time to dance; a time to die."-Eccl. iii, 2-4. During the occupancy of the city of Mos-

gazed on with deep and awful solemnity. At of his own mint. length the fire, communicating to their own waved his jeweled glove above his head, and burg, is a villago colled Ragenbach, where

not, the Son of man cometh. With jeering with one of his neighbors, on 1 know not those theories which attribute the Bible to a horror-struck, I see some Carnot turn his blood-shot eyes upon the burning world, and Then rose an outcry! The room was full waving his jeweled hand above his head, exof men and women, and the foaming beast book itself is the result of great industry,

The Closed Flower.

tacus, is said to have bestowed her hand on a or the Emperor Decius (A. D. 250,) and in well know, of any mercy. Hence the dread-Sarum; and Claudia, one of her sisters, is confined to the neighbourhood of Lyons and from the found with the heart of man and the warm scarcely to be found in the history of the rive the lessons and inferences from the disupposed to have become the wife of a Roman Vienne, were considerably increased. By throne." They begged to be crushed be- feelings of God's kind love. The deepest afthe labors of many pious and zealous men, neath the mountains, rather than meet the fections of the soul open when these feelings ness. Certainly his brown cheek paled a lite same infallability. Revelation is direct com-Within little more than one hundred years among whom was Saturninus, the first bishop frowning face of God! They choose that become really known, but these affections tle, but his eyes sparkled with divine fire, munication of ideas, doctrines, and so on from places Christians in every country known to Tours, Aries, Narbonne, and several other to powder, rather than encounter the wrath from the mind. Alas! they are so hid from smooth brow of the simple minded man. the Romans, which must have included Britain. places. From these sources, the knowledge of the Lamb! To what desperate misery a vast number of men and women, even in Back all! thundered he with a deep strong Irenæus also asserts, that our holy religion of the Gospel spread, in a short time, through must men be driven when they can offer so this favoured land. There is one error which, voice. Let no one stir, for no one can vanquish terrible an imprecation upon themselves! more than most others, seems to hide them. the brute but I. One victim must fall in order the Apostles and their disciples. Again, he In the course of this century Christianity The attendants upon this meeting are from It is that men imagine God will feel kindly to save all, and I will be that victim; I will hold but the whole is so interpenetrated and conmentions the Celts among the nations then flourished in Germany, particularly in those this world: "The Kings of the earth," &c. enough to them after their hearts are changed the brute, and while I do so make your estrolled, as to make it wholly divine in one enlightened, the Celtic race being then seated parts which border upon France. Maturnus, We have an assurance that all who persist in and feel right to him, but that he does not cape.' The smith had scarcely spoken these sense, while in another it is wholly human. in the British Isles. Turtullian speaks of Bri- Clemens, and others, founded, in particular, treating Christ unworthily are on their way feel so to them now. It is impossible they words, when the dog started towards the tish discricts maccessible to Roman arms, but the churches Cologne, Treves, and Mentz. to this meeting. The multitudes who are now can ever get right when thinking in this way. shrieking people. But he went not far. this book in style, as to paper and press subdued by Christ. Dr. Adam Clarke sums No positive account has been transmitted redoing this, think little of this matter; yet They are in fact, expecting the flower to With God's help!' cried the smith, and he up at length the evidence relating to this sub- specting the progress of Christianity in the every day spent in sin is hastening them to- open and make the sun to shine, instead of rushed upon the foaming beast, seized him the price. ject; and to his argument the curious reader British Isles during the third century. The wards it. Most of them have little to do with letting the already risen sun open the flower. with an iron grasp, and dashed him to the is referred. It appears evident, however, not historians of Scotland contended, indeed, that prayer-meetings in this world, and none of They are just seeking to reverse God's order. floor. only that there was Christianity in Britain at a very early period, but that there was a rea very early period, but that there was a reand there is reason to believe that their ac-; service of God. They refrain from prayer

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The dog bit furiously on every side in the selves of the advantages of the republished guiated Church, with its bishops, who were summoned to foreign councils, where matters of vial importance and claims had few thoughts of the heroic smith, but ed on that point. I know it is the custom of of vital importance were discussed and deter- of several of the Roman Emperors, and the before; but there will be no want of emotion not have it otherwise. God's ways and theirs he would not let him loose. Regardless atike this publishing house to make honorable arare different, and they are disposed to have of the excessive pain and the horriole death rangements with authors in such cases.

work in the way of taking of the things of come of the brave, unfortunate smith? just as surely as the closed flower .- Chris. mad.' He went straight to his workshop,

Good Advice.

and soldiers determined to have a military ing his ministry. A wise old man said to him, Now you are secure, I am inoffensive; so levee, and for this purpose chose the deserted "Do not try to preach great sermons, nor long as I live bring me my food. The rest I palace of a nobleman, in the vault of which long sermons, nor like anybody else, but leave to God: into his hands I commit my a large quantity of powder had been deposited. That night the city was set on fire. As of wisdom in that last clause, notwithstanding spirit.' Nothing could save the brave smith, neither tears, lamentations, nor prayers. Madthe sun went down they began to assemble. its vulgar English. One man preaches his ness seized him, and after nine days he died The females who followed the fortunes of the professor, another his pastor, a third his fa-French forces, were decorated for the occa- vorite author, a fourth the newspapers, a fifth beautiful and glorious life at the right hand sion. The gayest and noblest of the army was there, and merriment reigned over the drida from all sources, known and unknown. crowd. During the dance the fire rapidly The truly useful and respectable man, where venerated to the end of time. approached them; they saw it coming, but ther able and learned or not, preaches his own | Search history through, and you will find felt no fear. At length the building next to the one which they occupied was on fire. The first and realized of the sound Bartholomew. Athenagoras, who, towards the end of this century wrote an apology for the Christian religion, says, "The Christians one now in question must have some stronger to the Christians one now in question must have some stronger to the windows, they gazed upon the windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the one windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept upon their they occupied was on the occupied ing" from other sources. Besides, not one | that is to die not once, but a thousand times. man in a thousand can deliver borrowed or And such a death was that of the smith of Ra-They were enveloped in a flood of fire, and imitated matter as well as he can the coinage genbach. Such a sacrifice the smith of Ra-

The Smith of Ragenbach.

In the Principality of Hohenlohe, Taugen-In Persia, the same may be said with regard to incest. And in Bactria and Gaul, where the first land there will be a great multitude at that of the moment, and, "one dance more, and One afternoon in the early spring or autumn, and the country practice it not.

Lamb."

This is the prayer that will be offered.

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And the practice it not. to incest. And in Bactria and Gaul, where the rites of matrimony are defiled with impunity, the Christians act not thus. In fact wherever they resice, their practice triumphs over the worst of customs, and the worst of Customs are thin—very thin—few are present. Not so the one before us. All that have ever treated the Lamb of God unworthily, and persist—over the worst of customs, and the worst of Customs, from the village sat at their ease, none anticipating what would happen on that event ful day. The smith formed one of the mergazine! fly! fly for life!" One moment they stood transfixed with horror; they did not know the magazine was there, and ere they also with such a good-natured smile upon his stance, who profess to hold to the doctrine of stance, who profess to hold to the doctrine of stance, who profess to hold to the doctrine of stance, who profess to hold to the doctrine of stance, who profess to hold to the doctrine of stance. recovered from their stupor, the vault exploded; the building was shattered to pieces, and the dancers were hurried into a fearful eterhim. Every evil-disposed person shunned the meaning and language of the Bible, as to him, for the valiant smith would allow noth-

> feeling. Men must have the most terrible emotions when they are led to ask the rocks and mountains to fall upon them. How dread-and mountains to fall upon them. God. They reply, "Pleasure is our God."
> I tell them of the awful jndgment; a miserable eternity, and crying, "priestcraft," they again engage in a noisy revel. Soon an awful rumbling is heard in the heavens. A thousand voices tell them that the angels are rolling out the judgment throne. They rerolling out the judgment throne. They reply, "One dance more, and defiance to that ply, "One dance more, and defiance to that had the smith's neighbor, who was bath-had the smith's neighbor, who was baththrone." Suddenly the stars go out, the moon keeper of the place, seen the animal, when theory. No doubt this is the only proper turns to blood, all nature is convulsed, and unhe became deathly pale, sprang up and exhe became deathly pale, sprang up and exmode of procedure. It is perfectly astonusual panic seizes the hearts of all men, when, claimed with a horrid voice. 'Good Healishing how much is said in the Bible on this

> > claiming, "One dance more, and defiance to that flame;" and ere that dance is done, the bolt is sped, the magazine of the univere explodes, and the time to dance is gone, gone for the only entrance; no one could leave without passing him. He snapped savagely right and left, and no one could leave without being bitten. This increased that the Bible, both is of God to an extension of the confusion. the horrible confusion. All sprang up and shrank from the furious dog with agonizing to be named. countenances. Who should deliver them If you have been ever the least interested, from him? The smith also stood among my dear reader, in those marvellous works of them, and as he saw the anguish of the peothe sun's rays, and closes up in most cases be made miserable by a mad dog, and he men, historical facts acquired in the usual when those rays are withdrawn. So is it formed a resolution, the like of which is way. Inspiration prepares the author to dewill not open, if the Divine sympathies are hid and an elevated resolution shone from the God.

and selected a long chain, the heaviest and firmest from his whole stock. He then, with his own hands, welded it upon his own limbs and around the anvil so firmly that no power A writer in the Examiner mentions a small on earth could break it. 'There,' said he, ow by the French army, a party of officers piece of advice given to him when commenc- 'it's done,' after silently completing the work.

genbach made in order to save his neighbours. May his memory ever be sacred.—Practical

Nen York Correspondence.

inspiration, strive so to distinguish between multiplied. That which was styled the Italic recreion was considered decidedly the best. The Syriac, Ethiopian, and Egyptian versions appeared at no great distance of time; said, Fall on us," &c. They may never have but their dates cannot now be ascertained with precision. The blessed truths, however, which they contained, were powerfully owned and ble-sed of God, that wherever they and ble-sed of God, that wherever they and ble-sed of God, that wherever they are recreated as a considered decidedly the best. Thus it will be in the final day. Men will be as careless as were these ill-fated revelers. Methinks the hour has come, and it was not advisable to have anything to do with him, for the valiant smith would allow nothing wrong in his presence, and it was not advisable to have anything to do with him except in a proper manner. His arms were lattribute the former wholly to God, and the wisable to have anything to do with him, for the valiant smith would allow nothing wrong in his presence, and it was not advisable to have anything to do with him except in a proper manner. His arms were like bars of iron, and his first like bars of iron,

subject-astonishing, we mean, to one whose

The theory at which the author arrives is, that the Bible, both in thought and language, is of God to an extent equal to that of the mechanical theory with a qualification or two

He makes a distinction between inspiration proper, and revelation. Inspiration is from the Spirit, revelation is from the Son. Inspiration may direct the human author to record the words and acts of Satan, good and bad

Another point made is, that while the human author is thus under divine influence, he still thinks, and writes, adopting his own

work, equal, it is said, to the original, at half

I am not able to inform your readers whether