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MINISTERS AND SCIENCE.

It is curious and instructive to note the unreasonable complaints of certain parties, who claim to be the special representatives of scientific culture, against the advocates and representatives of Christianity, for their opposition to modern, skeptical, scientific theories. If the ministers of religion dare to question theories that antagonize all that they hold most sacred and true, they are denounced as displaying a persecuting spirit opposed to liberty of thought. Just as if freedom of thought required either unquestioning acceptance, or silent indifference on the part of all Christians towards every crude theory that is presented under the name of science.

We have not the slightest disposition to favor ignorant denunciation of scientific theories, by men who do not understand them. This must always do more harm than good. Neither do we believe in substituting disquisitions on science, in the pulpit, for Gospel truth. But we do most certainly maintain the right of the Christian teacher to examine and, if he believes them to be false, to condemn theories that are not in harmony with the truths of religion. If his education and habits of thought unfit him for doing this, they are seriously defective. When Huxley and Tyndall came to New York and addressed large audiences in defence of their theories, did they not appeal to the intelligent judgment of these audiences? Did they not expect that these people to whom they spoke would accept their conclusions, if they deemed their facts and arguments conclusive? They could not expect that any would accept their opinions who considered that the evidences of their truth were insufficient.

Dr. W. M. Taylor, has already replied in the Christian-at-Work. He has shown that the clergyman may be quite competent to point out the illogical conclusions which the scientific theorizer attempts to draw from certain admitted facts. He says:—"But, for ourselves, we desire to say that the matter between us and Professor Huxley is not one of physical science at all, but simply of logic; and we learned that science, pretty thoroughly, too, before we ever heard of Professor Huxley's name, and long before the Nation was born.

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remarks suggest some practical questions. If indifference to the wholesale massacres of defenceless women and children by the Turkish authorities in Bulgaria, and a disposition to plunge the nation into a bloody war, to maintain the state of things which rendered such outrages possible, be the sign of a sound state of mind, we do not know what would be evidence of folly and madness. It will be time enough to sneer at the "sentiment" that prompted the denunciation of the Turkish barbarities when the terrible facts which roused general indignation have been disproved. The erection of these oppressed and wronged Christian States into a free political confederation, under the protection of the great powers of Europe, would not destroy the integrity of the Turkish government, any more than the present state of things does so.

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MR. CAMERON'S NOTE

We cheerfully publish the Rev. Mr. Cameron's explanation of his remarks at the Baptist Convention. We are glad that he seems anxious to repudiate them. But we must deny that we quoted his remarks out of the connection in which they were reported, or omitted anything in the Globe's report that would give them any other meaning. We quoted Mr. Cameron's words as reported in the Globe. He mutilates our quotation, and says that we made him say what he did not say. We certainly did nothing of the kind.

ROMISH CREDULITY.

In a recent communication published in the Globe, by Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, he speaks with contempt of Protestants who seem to think nothing too absurd for Roman Catholics to believe. He evidently thinks it treats the Catholics very unjustly, for Protestants to credit them with so much credulity, as to be ready to believe unreasonable things. But who is to blame for this belief among Protestants? Do not the extravagant and irrational absurdities which have been circulated among the Roman Catholics in the lives of the saints, and other forms of religious literature, by the authorities of the Church of Rome, warrant Protestants in assuming that there is nothing too absurd for Roman Catholics to believe.

THE MORALS OF TRADE.

Ever since the commencement of statute laws acts of dishonesty and practices of fraud have been the subject of legislative enactments, and it is abundantly proved, both from Scripture and from history, that frauds in trade have existed from the earliest times. Numerous texts might be quoted which clearly indicate that the state of trade among the Hebrews was far from pure, and the history of all other civilized nations shows that the actual condition of trade morality has always been corrupt. False balances, scant measures, deceitful weights and misrepresentations of one kind and another have always been charged against business men; and the tone of morals, so far as business is concerned, in our own day, is universally admitted to be much in need of improvement.

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MOODY AND SANKEY.

Revival work in Chicago continues to meet with most cheering success. The city pastors are co-operating nobly and heartily in the labors of the evangelists, Messrs. Moody and Sankey, and some of the papers bear unqualified testimony to the substantial character of the work that is being accomplished. Excursions come into Chicago almost daily from the surrounding regions, as many as six hundred coming from Joliet, Ill.

never been seen inside the churches, to whom the glorious Gospel comes as good news indeed.

OUR PAPER.

Now is the time to subscribe for the GUARDIAN. Read the notice at the head of our editorial columns.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—The missionary anniversaries which were held in the city last week passed off very successfully.

A couple of weeks ago we stated that arrangements were being made by our Wesleyan brethren in London for an organized revival mission.

Things in the East are looking hopeful again. The proposal for a Conference has been accepted by the Porte, unconditionally.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Please send us promptly brief accounts of revivals, church openings, and everything that indicates progress.

CHURCH GAMBLING.—We have received a circular, announcing one of those disreputable lotteries by which the Church of Rome tries to ensnare the unwary.

A foreign telegram, dated Leeds, England, Nov. 8th, announces the death of Rev. Samuel D. Waddy, D.D.

A Sabbath School Institute will be held in Knox and Carlton Street Churches on the evenings of December 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th.

The Rev. Manly Benson will deliver his popular lecture on the "Wonders of the Yosemite," in the Queen Street Methodist Church.

NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

Mr. Gladstone on the Jews.

The following letter has been addressed by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., to Mr. L. Gluckstein, author of a pamphlet on "The Eastern Question and the Jews."

Romanism in Scotland. A writer in the North British Mail says:—Until within the last few years the children of Protestants and Roman Catholics (in Scotland) were educated harmoniously in the same schools.

Mr. Schuyler's Book. The American publishers of the work of Eugene Schuyler's new work on Turkistan: "Mr. Eugene Schuyler, who was for several years secretary of legation at St. Petersburg.

Missions in Bulgaria. The "Turkish Missions Aid Society" makes a powerful appeal on behalf of the surviving sufferers by the fearful war which is now raging on the eastern side of the continent of Europe.

Importance of Revivals. Speaking of Mr. Moody's meetings in Chicago, the Advance says:—There is great value in such a revival-movement, as a special undertaking.

stations, however ridiculed by a few, command the respect of men of the world as simply consistent with what Christianity teaches as a doctrine, and with what it should inspire as action.

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The Pan Anglican Synod. We learn that almost every bishop in communion with the see of Canterbury has either replied to or accepted the invitation to be present at the coming Lambeth Synod.

Rev. William Hall says of the Cornwall Missionary anniversary: Sermons were preached on the 5th November by the Rev. Alex. Sutherland, our very popular Missionary Secretary, and were highly appreciated by large audiences.

Spiritualism in the States. "Tremens," writing in the N. Y. Observer about Spiritualism in the States, says:—In several towns, at this very hour, there are organized and incorporated societies of Spiritualists, having their place of meeting as Christian congregations have.

LONDON CONFERENCE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Anniversary sermons of the London Conference Missionary Society were preached on Sunday, the 12th inst., in the North Street Church, Goderich, by the Rev. G. R. Sanderson, President of the Conference, and the Rev. J. A. Williams, ex-President.

BRIEF CHURCH ITEMS.

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Bro. N. Burns, of Canlacchie Mission, sends the following: The lovers of Zion will rejoice to know that we are receiving showers of blessing at Bethel appointment.

The Millbrook Quarterly Services were of an unusually interesting character. There was a good attendance at the official meeting, and the greatest harmony prevailed. The receipts of the quarter were \$487—the largest amount ever realized in one quarter on this circuit.

The Pembroke Observer, of the 17th inst., says with reference to the Methodist Church of that place:—For some time an inconvenience has been felt on account of the limited number of pews that have afforded accommodation to this increasing congregation.

The advisability of providing permanent residences for pastors is engaging a good deal of attention among English Congregationalists. The English Chapel-building Society has formed a distinct Manse Fund, formulated rules for its administration, and wishes, as a first effort, to aid in the erection of fifty houses in five years.

PERSONAL.

Professor Curtius, the German historian, will superintend the excavations at Greece the coming winter. Mr. James D. Lewin, President of the Bank of New Brunswick, is reported to have been raised to the Senate in the room of the late Hon. John Robertson.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

At the Conference of orthodox French Protestants, at Vagin, it has been resolved to abandon the scheme of union with the Liberals of that Church drawn up in Paris.

The Catholic Congress at Bologna has led to a counter demonstration on the part of the population, and the authorities have dissolved the Congress in order to prevent disturbances.

Next to Hungary, Transylvania is the most Protestant portion of Austria. The Reformed Lutheran and Unitarian Churches comprise nearly one-fourth of the population.

Some Asiatic notions would bear transplanting. In a town near Beyrouth the young men who have been converted to Christianity have founded a club for the express purpose of putting an end to lying.

The Northern Methodist Preachers in Alabama, of mixed colors, have divided into white and black Conferences. It seems the negroes, wiser than New England theories, preferred to work among their own race and in their own Conference.

The London Post is informed that, owing to the present uncertain state in which some of the High Church clergy find themselves, Mr. Chancellor Wagner, Brighton, among others, has declined to have some of the churches in that town, erected by him, consecrated.

The arrears which the Spanish Government has announced its intention to pay to the Roman Catholic clergy of Spain amount to 27,000,000. The salaries of the clergy have not been paid since 1863.

The California Chinese Mission was established a year ago by the California Congregational Association. At the close of the first year it reports the receipt of \$5,920, with which thirteen schools have been maintained.

A Roman Catholic paper states that the Old Catholic Congress at Breslau has resolved to get a declaration from the Prussian Government, as to whether it would eventually oppose the abolition of the law concerning obligatory celibacy.

There are over one thousand Young Men's Christian Associations in North America. The average membership is 110. Of four hundred and sixteen associations, the average yearly expenditures is \$750.

It appears, from the latest reports from France, that the breach between the Orthodox and Liberal parties in the Reformed Church in France cannot be healed. The disruption of the Church, it is now stated, is inevitable.

There is a talk of uniting the four bodies of colored Methodists, viz.: The African Methodist Episcopal Church, Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and the British Methodist Episcopal.

From official sources, the statement is made that Texas, since 1870, has received an immigrant population from the older States and foreign countries of about 500,000 souls.

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CURRENT NEWS.

Calico factories are being established in India. An old castle in Japan has been turned into a shoe factory.

In no year since 1749 has Austria's revenue equalled her expenses. A mountain of almost pure copper has been found at Notre Dame Bay, Newfoundland.

The Halifax Citizen suggests the formation of a Humane Society for the Dominion. The Dunkin Act is to be submitted in Laarak county.

It is said that there are 50,000 Hebrews in New York, and that of the number one hundred have estates valued at \$1,000,000 or upwards.

The new torts around Paris, which were only to have been completed in 1875, will be ready to lodge troops next year.

The Metropolitan Board of Works have just voted more than fifteen millions of dollars for new streets and street improvements in London.

A Bill has been introduced in the Spanish Cortes abolishing universal suffrage and re-establishing the old election law.

A pastoral letter from the Pope, denouncing Catholic Liberalism, was read in the Roman Catholic churches of Ottawa on Sunday.

Owing to the depression in the steam coal trade more than a thousand miners are thrown out of employment in the Northumberland collieries.

The agricultural returns for Great Britain show that the acreage under wheat in 1876 was 2,994,967 acres, which is a less quantity than in 1875 by 347,524 acres.

There are now in England eight survivors of the battle of Trafalgar—the last of Nelson's great naval conflicts. Three of these were midshipmen then and are admirals now.

The Quebec Council of Agriculture have decided to hold the next Provincial Exhibition at Quebec, provided the City Council place \$6,000 at their disposal for expenses.

Japan has introduced another European innovation, and this fall large bodies of troops are to go into camp and manoeuvre in the plains of Naniwa, Shimoda.

The Chocoyennes in the vicinity of Red Cloud Agency have left their camp, and gone north to join Crazy Horse. Their defection will greatly add to the strength of the force opposed to General Crook.

The Odesa Messenger says that 5,000 workmen are employed in the construction of coast-defences near Odesa. The fortifications and ramparts of the city of Odesa, Sebastopol, and Kertch are carried on actively.

An official compilation of the record of admissions to the Centennial Exhibition shows the number of cash admissions from May 10 to Nov. 10 to be 5,044,247; free admissions, 1,906,692; total 6,950,939. Total cash receipts \$3,813,724.

The Presidential election still remains in doubt. The decision lies one way or another, with the three Southern States, Florida, Louisiana and South Carolina, but the full returns have not yet been received.

The London correspondent of the Glasgow Herald writes:—"On the authority of an official of the House of Commons, I am informed that Lord Beaconsfield will retire from the Premiership on the eve of the assembling of Parliament. I am further told that the Chambers are to be co-opted for the despatch of business in the last week of January."

The returns of the recent elections of mayors in France are now nearly complete, and show that more than 25,000 of the retiring mayors have been re-elected. Almost all the mayors nominated since the 15th of March, 1876, were also re-elected.

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SERMON

BY REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE.

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THE VICTORY AT MEGIDDO.

"The things came and fought; then fought the kings of Canaan by the waters of Megiddo."—Judges 5: 19.

and down them in cold water. Pursue! Pursue! Well, you say, it is time to call the master roll of the Canaanite host, and see how many of them are left. O the 50,000 men who were smothered in the sea under the waves of the sea! After the battle of Albaro, the roll was called of a regiment of 1,000, and only three soldiers and a drummer boy were left. But the Canaanite defeat was worse than that. What has become of the chariots? Unwheeled, upset, and resting in the sun, as the floods subsided.

Correspondence.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

MR. EDITOR.—"That fund again." Yes. We have heard a great deal about it in the last year, and yet not as much as we first heard nearly enough about the twenty-five per cent. off.

Our Church Work.

OUR FRENCH WORK IN MONTREAL.

It will be recollected by many readers of the GUARDIAN that becoming much impressed with the great importance of the cause, and with the need of the evangelic work, for which opening had been made in the city of Montreal, the committee, to whose oversight this work is committed, made arrangements to secure the labors of the Rev. L. N. Beaudry, of the Troy Conference of the M. E. Church in the States, for that purpose.

House and Farm.

Apples.

After the fruit is picked, its keeping qualities will probably be improved by curing while before being packed in barrels. In freshly-picked apples there is a superabundance of water, which will appear upon the surface when they are put in barrels or in heaps, and if that can have a chance to dry off before they are confined in close-headed barrels, they will be likely to keep longer for it.

Bethany Circuit.

We have just held our Missionary Meetings. The deputation, Revs. N. R. Willoughby, M.A., W. K. Barker, and W. C. Jolley were present and did good service. Notwithstanding bad weather, bad roads, and hard times the attendance was good, and the amounts collected were promised far in advance of what was realized last year.

ANTICOSTI.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—Will you allow me to return thanks for the small of mission to the Quebec Young Men's Christian Association for a quantity of books—school and other kind—lates, tracts, and other reading matter, sent by them, at two different times, for the use of the people and instruction of the young.

CHURCH OPENING AT WHEATLEY—LEAMINGTON CIRCUIT.

DEAR BRO. DEWART,—Press of other work has prevented me sending you an earlier account of the opening of our new and beautiful church at the village of Wheatley, on this circuit, which we event took place on Thursday, 14th September last.

California Raisins.

The San Francisco Bulletin, October 17th, says: "We were shown yesterday a specimen of layer raisins, with a bunch of fresh grapes alongside of them, from which these raisins were made. They were as handsome as any Malaga raisins we have seen in years.



