

RELIGIOUS READING.

Strength for To-day. Strength for to-day is all that we need. As there never will be to-morrow; For to-morrow will prove but another to-day.

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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON. Subject: "Are We Deluded?" Text: "He made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver."—Ezekiel ix. 2.

script and never let it go into type, and writing Jesus in his old days: "Of this Jesus of Nazareth I have to say that he is the son of man, he is the religion he has given us are the best things the world has ever seen or is likely to see."

VIENNA VIEWS.

SIGHTS AND SCENES IN THE AUSTRIAN CAPITAL. House Numbers—Street Cars—The Cafes—Imitating Paris—The Military and Barracks—The Middle Classes.

THE HOME DOCTOR.

Give us a Call. Give us a call! We keep good beer, wine, brandy, gin and whiskey here; And doors we open to boys and men, And even to women, now and then, We lighten the purse, and we taint their breaths.

TEMPERANCE.

Give us a call! We are cunning and wise, We are bound to succeed for we advise. In the family papers, the journals that claim To be pure in morals and fair of fame.

Strength for to-day—the weary hearts, In the battle for right, may quell not, And the eyes bedimmed with bitter tears In their search for light, may fail not.

Strength for to-day—on the downhill track, For the travellers near the valley, That up, far up, the other side Ere long they may safely rally.

Strength for to-day—tho' the weary hearts, In the battle for right, may quell not, And the eyes bedimmed with bitter tears In their search for light, may fail not.

Strength for to-day—in house and home, To practice forbearance sweetly; To scatter kind words and loving deeds, Still trusting in God completely.

A prominent business man of St. Louis, who had lately returned from New York, told the following story:

Some time since, a month or so ago, Col. Ingersoll was thrown accidentally into the society of Henry Ward Beecher. There were four or five gentlemen present, all of whom were prominent in the world of brains.

Contrary to the expectation of all, Mr. Beecher remained an abstracted listener, and said not a word. The gentleman who introduced the topic, with the hope that Mr. Beecher would answer Col. Ingersoll, at last remarked:

"Nothing; in fact if you will excuse me for changing the conversation, I will say that while you gentlemen were talking my mind was bent upon a most deplorable spectacle which I witnessed to-day."

"What was it?" at once inquired Ingersoll, who, notwithstanding his peculiar views of the hereafter, is noted for his kindness of heart. "Why," said Mr. Beecher, "as I was walking down town to-day, I saw a poor, lame man, with crutches, slowly and carefully picking his way through a cesspool of mud, in the endeavor to cross the street."

"What a brute he was!" they all echoed. "Yes," said the old man, rising from his chair and brushing back his long white hair, while his eyes glittered with their old-time fire, as he bent them on their Colonel Ingersoll, "yes, Colonel Ingersoll, you are that man. The human soul is lame, but christianity gives it crutches to enable it to pass across the pathway of life. It is your teachings that knock these crutches from under it, and leave it a helpless and rudderless wreck in the Slough of Despond. If robbing the human soul of its only support on this earth—religion—be your profession, why ply it to your heart's content. It requires an architect to erect a building; any incendiary may reduce it to ashes."

The old man sat down, and silence brooded over the scene. Colonel Ingersoll found that he had a master in his own power of illustration, and said nothing. The company took their hats and separated.

If we do not go by the door of grace, We shall not find the door of the kingdom of glory. Slippery places may fling up the heels of great giants, and little temptations may overthrow well-grown Christians.

Of all the means placed by Providence within our reach whereby we may lead souls to Him, there is one more blessed than all the others—intercessory prayer. In speaking of the spirit, Christ uses the simile of the wind. You know the wind always blows towards a vacuum. If we can make a vacuum in our hearts the Holy Spirit will fill them.

Nothing can be truly termed my own But what I made my own by using well. Those deeds of charity which we have done Shall stay forever with us; and that wealth Which we have so bestowed we only keep, The other is not ours.

The Law and Order League, of Newark, New Jersey, has been lately reformed by the addition to its membership of many leading citizens. The associated liquor dealers of the city have also been perfecting their organization in view of the war that seems likely to be renewed against the saloons.

During 1885 there were 17,804 persons arrested in New York city for intoxication, the smallest number in thirteen years. In 1876 the number was 25,206, and the average for the thirteen years was 22,990.

Two modes of divination by which the King of Babylon proposed to find out the will of God. He took a bundle of arrows, put them together, mixed them up, and drew one, and the inscription on it decided what city he should first assault. Then an animal was slain, and by the lighter or darker color of its liver, the divination was made.

Stupid delusion. And yet all the ages have been filled with delusions. It seems as if the world loves to be hoodwinked, the delusion of the text only a specimen of a vast number of delusions practiced upon the human race. The latter part of the last century Johanna Southcott came forth, pretending to have divine power, made prophecies, had chapels built in her honor, and one hundred disciples came forth to follow her.

Delphic Oracle deceived vast multitudes of people. Apollo uttering a crazy jargon from which the people guessed their individual or national fortunes or misfortunes. The utterances were of such a nature that they could read or not read as they wanted to read them. A General going forth to battle, consulted the Delphic Oracle, and he wanted to find out whether he was going to be safe in the battle, or killed among the ranks. The answer came forth from the Delphic Oracle in such words that, if you put the comma before the word "never," it means one thing, and if you put the comma after the word "never," it means another thing.

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The manner of numbering in Vienna is practical, writes a correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle. Over every door is a cast-iron plate of good size, bearing the name of the street and the number of the house.

By consulting these plates one knows at once where he is, and by observing their form he understands what course he must take to bring him into a familiar quarter.

There is a certain individuality about everything in Vienna. It is German-like without being German, like the speech, which with its queer accent and its local forms, is colloquially little more than a dialect of the German language.

The street-car lines are well systematized and the service generally good, though there are exceptions. The conductor, a person uniformed in blue and as neat as those on the horse cars in San Francisco, gives the stranger all the information that is possible in the absence of a common tongue.

Vienna is a law just as much as it is a law that you can take two glasses full of starch and shake them together through all the eternal ages, and you would have two glasses of starch when you finished.

Starch then is the basis of catarrh. Hundreds of people go to see some "specialist in catarrh," and pay a big fee to have their catarrh cured. The specialist (who usually travels and advertises in all the leading papers) has a powerful douche and forces a spray of an acid, usually alum, but sometimes diluted sulphuric or nitric acid, through this powerful douche into the nostrils and throat.

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FACTS FOR THE CURIOUS.

Every sixty-ninth person in Scotland is a Smith and every seventy-ninth a MacDonald.

During the year 1886 there were 3,223 games run in the United States, and \$1,238,900 won.

Within the limits of the Roman Empire, under Augustus, there were at least 100,000,000 of human beings.

The teeth of a citizen of North Strafford, Penn., are all double. He can crack a walnut, bite a two-penny nail in two or lift a quarter of a beef with his teeth with ease.

When the President of the United States proclaimed war against Great Britain on July 10, 1812, the navy of the United States consisted of only twenty vessels, exclusive of gunboats.

A Glasgow yacht, destined for pearl fishing in South Australian waters, has been fitted with electrical apparatus expected to light up the water to the great depth of seventeen fathoms.

James Hoag, of Cedar Springs, Mich., is the smallest man of his age now living. He is forty-five inches in height, weighs seventy-six pounds, and is seventy-two years old.

Some one with a mathematical mind has figured it out that the gold on earth to-day, or to put it plainer, the mined gold, or to put it plainer, the gold in use in all nations and the produced all ages, if welded in one mass, would be contained in a cube of less than thirty feet.

The discovery of nitro-glycerine was made by an Italian or Spanish chemist named Sobrero, at Paris, in 1846, the year after that in which gun-cotton was discovered. But for many years it was regarded only as a chemical curiosity, its practical value not being recognized till 1863.

Although the production of lead pipe has commonly been regarded of quite modern origin, there appears to be evidence that the Romans were acquainted with the article, with, however, having appliances for making anything of large dimensions or sufficiently strong to withstand pressure from the 'outstain' head. In the Chertsey museum is a piece of lead pipe made by rolling a sheet of metal, turning the edge over, and then rolling molten lead along the joint.

There is a curious custom practiced summer and winter in Northern China of using hot water every morning to wash the face and hands. Men, women, and children must have a basin of clear hot water when they get up, or before they eat their breakfast,