

RELIGION AND NATURAL LIFE

GREAT CHIEF CATCHER

THE TRAGEDIES OF STEEL STRANGERS AT ALTAR

6 AUGUST

They Only Build Wisely Who Build From the Base Up.

The rapidity of Japan's ascension from obscurity to the front rank of world powers may well seem marvelous to contemporary onlookers, but it is by no means without a precedent in the history of Asia, which from time immemorial has been the cradle of quickly developing empires. Considerably less than half a century elapsed, for instance, between the date when Cyrus the Great emerged from his highland principality of Persia proper, and the death of his son Cambyses, yet in that interval, was created a monarchy which was destined to endure for upward of two centuries and which spread from Samarkand to Sinyra and from the Caspian to the Second Cataract of the Nile. Less than fifty years was needed to erect upon the ruins of the Hellenistic kingdoms founded by Alexander's successors the immense Partian realm which stretched from the Euphrates to the Indus, and which in historical fact was well as in the imaginative picture drawn by Milton in "Paradise Regained" remained for centuries the unconquerable counterpoise of the Roman world. Within less than seven decades after the death of Mohammed the sway of the Caliphs reached from the Hindu Kush to the Pyrenees, and in less than two generations the enormous domain evolved by Genghis Khan and his descendants extended from the neighborhood of the Vistula to the China Sea.

When we keep in view these precedents our astonishment at the development of Japan to prestige and influence within the short span of forty years is considerably qualified.

That Japan would beat China to the ground in the war of 1894-5 might have been taken for granted from the moment that the former Power adopted the military and naval methods and perfected weapons of the West. But that the island empire of the Pacific, which as lately as 1867 had no war fleet and whose warriors were still limited for weapons of offence to the sword and the bow, should have been able in the war of 1894-5 to defeat on land and sea the most colossal of European Powers was undoubtedly an achievement which under all the circumstances must be pronounced unparalleled in the history of the Western world. Even before the outcome of her contest with Russia had justified Japan's claim to a place in the first rank of nations the demonstration of military and naval equipment made by her in the war with China, had left the Western Powers to recognize in her the ominous power of a new factor in the East.

Systematic Treatment of Soldiers in Austrian Army.

The three number of serious cases of insanity among soldiers which have recently been reported have caused a considerable scandal in Austria.

Within the last few weeks three cavalry soldiers belonging to different regiments have committed suicide as a result of mental derangement. One of them, a Hussar, shot himself within hearing of his fellow soldiers, who were reviewing his regiment at the time. The archduke's advisers and immediate enquiry into the circumstances.

QUEEN MARGHERITA'S SHARP EYES.

An amusing story is being told at Rome about the trouble that Margherita, Queen-Mother of Italy, has had with her maid of honor, Miss Sussan. Some six years ago she noticed a woman in the street wearing a dress which seemed strangely familiar to her, and a few minutes' thought convinced her that the dress was one she had recently discarded. Investigations at the Palazzo disclosed the fact that Teresa, one of the Queen's maids, to whom the dress had been given, had sold it and for this Teresa was dismissed, and Queen Margherita engaged another woman, Adelaide Buccarini, whom for years she regarded as a "perfect jewel of a maid."

LARGEST BOOK.

The largest book yet printed is a colossal atlas of beautiful engraved and colored maps. It takes three months to make it from the giant bookcase in which it is stored in the library of the British Museum. This monster book is bound in leather, magnificently decorated, and weighs 80 pounds. This, the largest book in the world, was presented to King Charles II. before leaving Holland in the year 1660.

The people that know the joyful soul, they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance." Psalms 89:15.

When a man of the painfully pious religion that he has no time to think of politics or of national affairs, common sense usually allows our religion to remind us that he is so simple a creature that he should be content with the other for a monopoly of political affairs none the poorer for losing them.

No man can be religious who neglects the world in which he lives or the nation of which he is a part. Piety is not for the desert of the church, not for separate places alone, but for every realm of human life. You cannot put religion in a compartment by itself; it is a spirit, an atmosphere, and a principle which must pervade all.

There is a great difference between the religion which must hold to national and the religion which religions and ecclesiastical organizations are bound to hold. The one church and state makes the more necessary the deeper permeation of our whole national life with the spirit of morality and religion.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON, JULY 21.

Lesson III. The Ten Commandments. Golden Text: Lev. 19: 18.

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On Feb. 1, 1902, the Lancet published a statement from Dr. O'Sullivan, Bare, Vice-Consul at Binnely, telling how he cured a fever and delirium by means of a certain herb. The patient, a young man, had been suffering from a severe fever and delirium for several days, and had been taken to a hospital. Dr. O'Sullivan, after trying various remedies, finally succeeded in curing him by means of a certain herb.

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