PAL GRANT REPEATED.

knows Moslem lands.

aside that she might not see the dying agonies | doubt of his vocation. should need to take counsel to-day, how best name of Islam-or Self-surrender.

ness of the faith.

and it is a claim allowed by the Jews. His- religion made little headway, and that he was home of the missionary, he seated himself tory shows that Ishmael founded the race, viewed with dislike and suspicion by most, close to the latter, wrapped in his blanket, which probably included later, the descendants | Mahommed, hearing of a band of believers in | and looking exceedingly serious, indeed. In of Keturah, Abraham's second wife, and also the town of Medina, 300 miles away, ordered answer to an inquiry from his host, he rolled those of Esau. The Arabians have always the whole body of the Faithful to migrate up his eyes and solemnly uttered the followbeen a fine warlike race, picturesque, romantic, there. From this-the Hejira or Flight is ing words, pronounced in his own fashion, earning for themselves the sobriquet of Orien- dated the Mahommedan era, 622 of the Chris- with a pause between each: tal Italians. In disposition wild and lawless tian era, and the 53rd of Mahommed's life. -there is yet a mysticism in their nature, During these years in Mccca Mahommed suswhich has caused at least one writer to speak | tained an irreparable loss, the wise and loving of them as naturally devout, and strongly im- wife Khadija, died. Older by some years than bued with the spirit of worship. Believing Mahommed, it is probable that while ardently in God, in those early days they yet extended | believing in his vision, her counsels were of their devotion to idols and ideas, and at one great value. In the year following her death, time were worshippers of the sun, moon and Mahommed twice married again, and the greatstars-symbols of God, as it seemed to them est reproach levelled against him thereafter is -and, by them ignorantly given, the worship | because of domestic relations which were in due to Him alone. By degrees their worship | defensible, except on the grounds that he did became centred round the sacred black stone not wholly escape the corruptions of the times preserved at Mecca, which tradition related in which he lived. It seems probable that, at fell from heaven. This is supposed to have first, he believed himself to be divinely inspired and worshipped accordingly. Here also is the himself or his followers. This very fact showsacred well of Zem-Zem, said to be the mi- ed the man to be of a higher moral character raculous spring which the angel revealed to than the average of his time. How many in built the Kaaba, spoken of by Diodorus Silicus, wrong, or to need excuse?

practised, and many of the sects were at en- others state that the utterances were indistinct. of his childhood, did not turn to those truths | ment went up to the throne of grace in the of which he learned a good deal by instruction last broken words of the man who had struggor by hearing preachers. In his twenty- led out of darkness towards the Light, withfifth year, Mahommed entered the household out finding it. of Khadija, a rich widow, whom he eventually In considering the character of Mahommed, married, and for her he made commercial jour- we have to remember the age in which he neys into Palestine and Syria, and there the lived, the influences of life around him, and impressions made in early youth were deep- the colossal nature of the work he undertook. ened, and eventually bore fruit. Mahommed Those who denounce him as a fraud forget was of good appearance: All accounts agree that amongst his contemporaries he was known in speaking of his fair skin, ruddy coloring, as the faithful or trusty one, and the followexpressive eyes, etc., and besides, he was of ing tribute was paid not long after his death, good character, and had earned amongst his by some followers who implored the protection friends and companions the name of 'el Amin' of the Christian King of Abyssinia against the or 'the faithful one.' Somewhere about the persecutions of the Koreish Arabs: time of Mahommed's marriage, a religious "Oh, King!" they said, "We lived in ignormovement had arisen among a few thoughtful ance, idolatry and unchastity; the strong opmen in Arabia, and with these, the young man pressed the weak: we spoke untruth: we vio-

be interested in their forms of faith.

came into contact. "Oh! Lord, if I knew in what form thou would- himself Carlyle says: \* \*

that we know that those who, years ago, look- no one in Ancient History who stands out ed on the subject of trances as necessarily to-day as Mahommed, and there is no one, frauds, were ignorant of facts which we are round whose life and work such diverse A STATEMENT OF THE LATE PRINCI- | beginning to discover. If it is established be- opinions have grown up. It would be pre-Yound a doubt, that, in this hard matter of fact | sumptuous in me to do more than quote; and world of to-day, people do dream dreams, and if I have chosen words which show Mohamsee visions, can we deny the possibility of the med in a favorable light rather than those "Organized Mahommedanism Will Remain same to the mind filled with the solitude of that are adverse to him, is it not the in Until Organized Christianity Reflects the the desert? Consciously a seeker after some- junction of the Master whom we serve, that Spirit of Christ."-Spirit of Love Necessary. thing better than what satisfied his fellows, it the sifting of the wheat should be left to the is not surprising that Mahommed assumed a harvest—the servants were not to attempt to The following paper was read by a member fictitious importance to himself. This caused separate the grain from the chaff. It is beof the Cathedral W.A., in Kingston, and in the unconsciously false to be mingled with cause I feel that if the body of Christendom view of the fact that missionary bands in the true, on the momentous day when he re- to-day is to accomplish anything against this various communions, are, with Anglicans, stu- turned from one of these periods in the desert great force, it will be by the spirit of love, dying the greatest problem of the day, "The to his wife, with the news that the Angel therefore, I urge the charitable view of Ma-Moslem World," it is given in its entirety. Gabriel had appeared to him enabling him hommed. Principal Grant, in his "Religions It has been culled from the highest authorities (an unlettered man) to read from a scroll, or of the World," says: "Organized Mahomand put in shape by one who has lived in and heavenly book, the source of revelation, and medanism will remain until organized Christhe same from which Moses and the prophets | tianity reflects the Spirit of Christ," and is Is there anyone who has read the story of had all drawn. And so Mahommed, as it our Lenten studies and prayers are to be Hagar without a pang, a secret sympathy for seemed to him, also was called to be a pro- any practical value to us or to others in this the woman who seems to fare so ill in the phet. Those who doubt the man's good faith, great work of the church will they not be more division of this world's benefits? The tool of should remember that after the period of ex- powerful if our attitude is one of love and her mistress' faithlessness, and the victim of altation he was assailed by doubt-and for two forbearance even where we do not approve. the same mistress' jealous mother love. Could or three years there was no further vision. there be a greater tragedy presented to a But at the end of this, he went into a trance woman's mind than that desert scene-the lad in the presence of his wife, and again had a perishing of thirst, and the mother turning vision. From then he seemed to have had no Saturday Night.

wondered over God's dealing with this case, was in his fortieth year. During the years of been some tactiess ones who might learn a where it seems as if injustice had been allowed uncertainty he seems yet to have made con- lesson in diplomacy by reading a story told to prevail, it is because we have forgotten verts in his own household, of whom Khadija by a missionary here recently. He at one that, with God, time is not. Already, when was the first. But progress was slow, and time labored among a tribe of northern In-Hagar was forlorn in the desert, and Sara after about three years, during which he had dians, and it was his custom to bring out such proud in the possession of her son, the heir of formulated his creed, his followers did not refreshments as he was possessed of when promise, the Almighty prescience foreknew number more than thirty. "There is no God any of his converts from a distance visited the faithlessness of its consequences would but God, and Mahommed is His Prophet," is him; sometimes cider was included. An old reap their harvest:-foreknew the time when the manifesto with which Mahommed started man had heard of the good man's hospitality, sides. An enterprising landlord years ago the descendants of Ishmael would be massed his crusade against the superstitions and idola- and he proposed to some of his converted against the forces of Christendom, and was tries of his day, and round these central facts friends to accompany them on their next visit.

been an aerolite, and it is not difficult to but that later he was able to deceive himself all. It reminds one of the chapter in natural understand how in those dark ages, it should into receiving revelations that permitted acts history headed "Concerning the owls in Icehave been looked on as a direct gift from God, which otherwise he could not have justified to Hagar in the desert; and over them both, is | those days felt immoral tendencies to be

50 years B.C. as the oldest and most honored | From the Hejira, Mahommed entered on a temple of the time. When Mahommed planted new phase. He was not only prophet, but the Banner of Islam in Mecca he made a legislator and warrior, and founder of a social compromise with the tribe of Koreish, which system. In the year after "the flight," hosprovided that the Kaaba should always be tilities were begun against Mecca, and lasted, kept holy. This promise has been scrupulously intermittently, until about ten years later when maintained. Seven hundred years before the Mahammed re-entered Mecca at the head of tures, Napoleon got off another one of his where; they are even nailed to houses and birth of Mahommed, and more than one hun- 10,000 devoted followers of Islam, destroyed dred years before the birth of our Saviour, a the idols in the Kaaba, and set up the Standlinen or silken veil, covering the building, was ard of Islam which has waved there ever offered annually by a pious Homerite king, and since. The tenets of the Moslem faith as the offering is continued to this day by the set forth in the Koran were professed by Ma-Turkish Sultan. The tribe of Koreish had hommed to be the revelations which he re- of Christ are interesting. He said: "Everyearly acquired the charge of the Kaaba, and ceived in trances. By this book or "reading" thing in Him astonishes me. Between Him funeral they are cut into shape, and decorated stood, therefore, in the same relation to it, the Moslem world is governed. It enters into and whoever else in the world there is no as the Levitical priesthood to the Jewish minute rules of conduct and life. "It is the possible term of comparison; His birth and the deceased, his age, and, in most cases, some Temple, and to this inheritance was born, 570 sacred book of more than one hundred millions the history of His life; the profundity of lines of poetry. In the poorer districts these A.D. Mahommed, founder of Islam. A post- of men, some of them of old civilizations, and His doctrine, which grapples with the might- boards are not always cut into shape and humous child, his mother died when he was by all of them it is looked on as the word of lest difficulties, the most admirable solution. painted, but are simply deposited just as they about six, and he was brought up, first by God." It is compounded of fragments written His gospel; His apparition; His empire; His are at the foot of some crucifix, where they his grandfather and then by an uncle—one of a from time to time at Mahommed's dictation, march across the ages and realms—everything remain untouched until they moulder away. numerous family. Although of good birth, not collected, or published together till after to me is prodigy, an insoluble mystery which there were no riches, and Mahommed was his death. At the flight Mahommed was al- plunges me into a reverie and from which I early inured to hardship and simplicity of liv- ready 53, so that by the time Islam was esing. He followed the occupation of camel tablished at Mecca the prophet was an old deny nor explain. Here I see nothing human. driver and went on frequent journeys with man. His last illness was only of about ten caravans, and during some of these, it is al- days, and seems to have been one of the fevers leged, he came in contact with both Christians so common in Eastern countries. He gradand Jews, and the cast of his mind led him to ually sank to rest, in the arms of his favorite wife, his last words being of Paradise and The Christianity at this time prevailing in Pardon. The ejaculations were broken, and Arabia was polluted with superstitions; the while some authorities give words as beautiful worship of the saints and even of images was as any that have been used by Christian faith, mity amongst themselves. It would be well But at least, it seems certain, that his thoughts to remember that when considering why Ma- were turned to God and pardon, and who can hommed, in escaping from the idolatrous faith say what silent confession, what self-abase-

lated the duties of hospitality. Then a Pro-Four men of the tribe of Koreish decided phet arose, one whom we knew from our Islands, living in a settlement called Talon, to separate themselves from the yearly feasts | youth, with whose descent and conduct and have been offering a human sacrifice. Allan at the Kaaba, when sacrifices were made, and good faith we are all well acquainted. He told Walker, District Governor of Devao, went on the people assembled to worship the aerolite. us to worship one God, to speak truth, to keep an egrand of investigation. Datu Ansig, the One of them said: "By God, ye see, our tribe good faith, to assist our relations, to fulfil the chief, told the Governor that they had offered know not the true God, they have corrupted rights of hospitality, and to abstain from all the sacrifice according to their custom, as a the faith of Abraham, and worship a stone. things impure, ungodly, unrighteous. And he religious duty, and would tell him all about Seek for yourselves, ye are not in the right ordered us to say prayers, give alms, and to it-that they offered sacrifices to the gods of path." Three of these men, eventually pro- fast. We believe in him. We follow him." evil to avert drought, and to allow widows to fessed Christianity, but one alone, remained | Carlyle says, "To the Arab nation it was as | marry again. Addy and Obby, two widows, a sceptic to the end. In extreme old age he a birth from darkness into light. Arabia first had asked him to have a sacrifice offered that offered a most beautiful and touching prayer: became alive by means of it." Of the man | they might marry, and the ceremony was ar-

est be worshipped, so would I worship thee, "Apontaneous, passionate yet just, true mean- age, deaf and cross-eyed, was tied, naked, to a member of the class, "and it hit only people but I know it not." The doctrine of these ing man! Full of wild faculty, fire and light: a tree, and amidst formalities these two wi- like those you spoke of, there wouldn't be Hanifs, or penitents, impressed itself upon of wild worth all uncultured: working out his dows stuck a spear through the child. The ' Mahommed. He was seized with a sense of life's task in the depths of the desert there. . . | body was cut up into little pieces, and disdependence upon God, and the futility of the Islam means in its way Denial of Solf, An- tributed as a protection against the evil spirit. after that. existing religion of his people, and he began | nihilation of Self. Such light had come, as it | The U. S. authorities summoned these people to withdraw himself into the desert for private | could, to illuminate the darkness of this wild to trial and convicted them, but suspended the prayer and fasting. It is supposed that these Arab soul. A confused dazzling splendor as sentence, feeling that mercy and the mission- New York Sun. any visible result, but the matter was fer- which threatened to be death: he called it cumstances, would be more efficacious than can boy except his parents. If they would do menting within. Surely the fact of these years revelation. . . That Providence had un- justice; but the Governor told them plainly their duty by him instead of listening to the is evidence of the man's good faith—he was speakably honored him by revealing it, saving that, if anything of the kind should occur dedicated persons who have made a profession in his ignorant, excitable, visionary way, seek- him from death and darkness: that he there- again, the members of the tribe would be of telling other people how to bring up chiling for light. It is an established fact that fore was bound to make known the same to convicted of murder and executed. The chief dren, he would not be the unruly nuisance Mahommed had a tendency to see visions. In all creatures: this is what was meant by promised the government to be good.

these days psychology has taught us so much, 'Mahomet is the Prophet of God.'" There is

The Indian and the Missionary.

Among the workless men who have stormed of the boy? If we-in all reverence-have At the time of the first vision Mahommed the Toronto City Hall this winter there have so strong, that the whole Christian world he built up the religion with the beautiful They explained that he must be a Christian old arch have been almost entirely lost. Befirst. He inquired what that meant, and they fore that time, the church itself fell into semito sift the false from the true, how to bring The promulgation of this doctrine gave rise told him he must know all about the Bible those descendants of Abraham into the ful- to bitter opposition, and even persecution; When the time came the old man declared and after twelve years of struggle against re- himself prepared, and undertook the journey The Arabs trace their lineage to Ishmael, lations and towns people, finding that his with them. When the party arrived at the

"Adam - Eve - Cain - Noah - Jeremiah "What do you mean?" asked the missionary,

"Solomon-Beelzebub-Noah-" again be

gan the old fellow. "Stop, stop," cried the missionary; "what the world do you mean?"

"Cider," quoth the Indian solemnly.

Closed His Life in Faith.

Discoveries have recently been made regard ing Napoleon's religious views. Perhaps the queerest "find" is that he had any religion at land," which began, "There are no owls in Iceland." However, religion of a certain kind Napoleon certainly had, as J. T. Herbert Baily, in an attractive volume proves. His cynical remark that "God is on the side of the big battalions," seems to have been one of those "totenbretter," or "death-boards." These are little pessimistic utterances for which the emperor displayed a liking during his last days and roughly painted. Sometimes they bear at Helena. Dr. Barry O'Mears, surgeon at the image of a saint. They are erected-often Helena, narrates having come upon Napoleon one day seated in his bath, reading the Bible. Questioned about his fondness for the Scrip- fixes, in the village streets-in short, everycynicisms. "Man has need of something barns. They do not mark burial places, as scriptural," he said. Furthermore, Napoleon's might be supposed. As soon as a person has own Bible has come to light. It is full of marked passages, comments and notes, in a lies in state until it is put into the coffin shortreligious strain. His views on the character ly before the funeral. These boards, then, cannot escape; a mystery which I can never

Story of the Shamrock.

St. Patrick once, in Ireland, Was to the people preaching; He, foremost of a little band, To bring the church's teaching; A great and wondrous myst'ry, He tried to make them know it-The myst'ry of the Trinity-What could he do to show it?

He preached out in the open air, By fields of grass surrounded; And round about him everywhere The shamrock green abounded. He gathered one, that all could see Its lesson as he taught them, . A sign of that blest Trinity Whose gospel he had brought them.

Three leaves, yet one, distinct and clear, The truth the shamrock teaches; We cannot understand it here, It far beyond us reaches; We're taught of God the Three in One. And, though we can't perceive it. We worship Him-the Father, Son, And Spirit-and believe it.

Heathen Sacrifice Renewed.

The tribe of Bagobos, in the Philippines ranged for them. A slave, boy, eight years of

TREASURED LONDON RELIC.

Is the Old Gateway in Smithfield at St. Bartholomew's Church.

London is in danger of losing one of her valuable relics of mediaeval times, the old gateway in Smithfield, at St. Bartholomew's church. Besides being one of the oldest Norman structures in Europe, this gateway has associations which make it both romantic and grewsome. Near it in earlier days was a famous battleground, where great tournaments were held, several of which figure in legendary -lore. Many a knight after a hard fought battle was brought in through this gateway to receive the last sacraments of the ancient church. Also it was through this entrance that the Smithfield martyrs were led to the stake to be burned to death. Their execution took place almost opposite the portals of the ancient St. Bartholomew archway and citizens crowded the top of the structure to witness the event. Before a burning, martyrs were brought into the church and their faith tested, If they did not answer certain questions of dogma correctly, they were condemned to be

When in 1544 the property of the monasteries in England was seized by Henry VIII he gave the St. Bartholomew priory and church to Lord Rich. Two hundred years previous to this the old priory was celebrated throughout Europe, and in Henry's time was one of the wealthiest of church establishments. Today St. Bartholomew's is considered the finest specimen of Norman church architecture in England. Though the church is a huge, rambling structure; which might well be called a cathedral, it has been literally buried by modactually built rooms over the gateway, which he let at a good rental, and the beauties of the ruin. Some of its aisles were boarded off and let to a firm of printers; horses were actually stabled in the old Norman arches in another portion of the structure. About twenty years ago several shops were occupying the church premises. In recent times, however, Rev. W F. G. Sandwith has managed to clear out the stables and shops and the old church has been more or less restored.

By the side of the church runs one of the quaintest streets in London. It is called Cloth Fair; and is not much wider than the length of a man's arm. It was in this little passage in the early days that the beautiful fabrics that went to make up the picturesque costumes of the Elizabethan times were sold. An effort is being made to raise \$10,000 with which to buy the land on which the old gate way stands in order to retain it as a relic. Already about half of the sum has been subscribed. If the money is not raised, a modern office building will be built around the arch

Memorial Tablets Are Many. In the eastern half of Bavaria, on the borders of Bohemia, lies the so-called Bavarian Forest. This part has been in many ways untouched by civilization, and owing to its seclusion some strange customs are still in vogue. One oddity, strictly observed by the population, is the way they keep alive the memory of their dead by the erection of wooden planks cut in the shape of tombstones in a row of thirty or more-on the roadside, in fields and meadows, near chapels and crucidied the corpse is put on a board, and there it

England Merrie England Again.

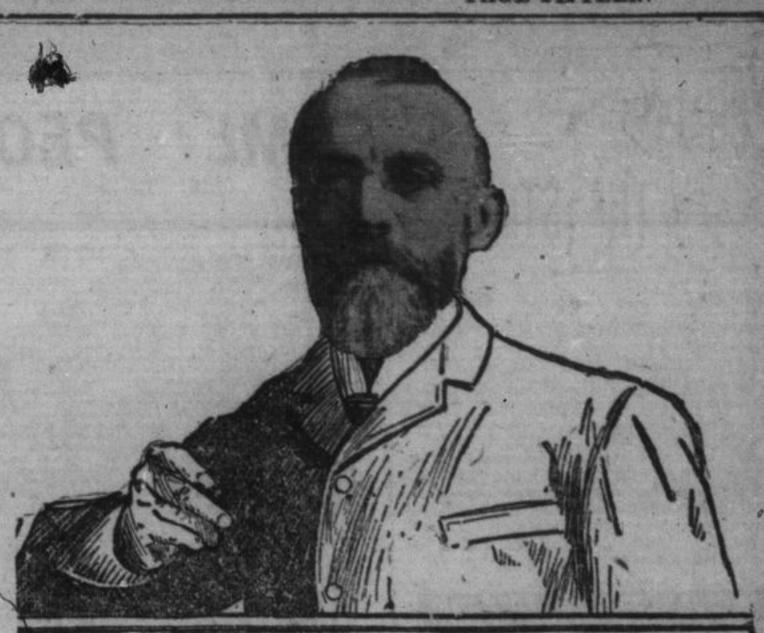
An association for the revival and practice of folk music has given a demonstration in Queen's hall, London. A troupe of young girls made a pretty picture in Morris dances and quaint old English games. The association hopes to spread all over England, and petitions the London council to direct the county bands to learn the Morris music and to allow instruction in the dances in the parks and evening schools. Earl Lytton and Miss Mary Neal are active advocates and Mrs. Humphrey Ward is speaking and writing much for the general movement to teach the chila week. Beginning three years ago with an attendance of 5,000 children, the system is now educating 23,000 a week in healthy enjoyment. Nothing could be more inspiring than to see the children of the slums dancing the old country dances, gleefully singing the forgotten songs and reveling in the graceful games of the one-time "Merrie England." The sight is even more moving when they are taken down into the country to show the country children their own native pleasures. It is a strange idea that modern children need to be civilized by obsolete games, but, it is now a weak civilization in which the people do not know how to play, and can amuse themselves only by watching others play.

A Philosophic Class Member.

The Sunday school is supposed to be a forum for the calm and reasoning discussion of topics pertaining to this life and the hereafter, but now and then we see that the opinions of the attendants are not always con ventional, not to say unorthodox. They were discussing in a class of boys the story of the fire which descended upon the apostles, and seemed to be the general impression that had descended only upon those who were good and in every way worthy of it. "If that fire were to fall on this church now," ejaculated enough of it to light a cigarette!" They came near calling a meeting of the "session"

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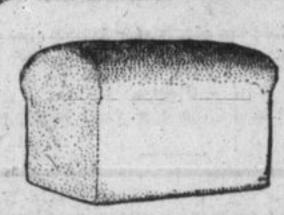
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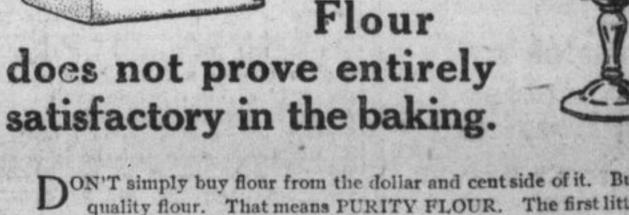
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