

WORK OF THE CHURCH

LARGE SUMS GIVEN FOR SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

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What is the matter with the churches is a constant cry. Very little, indeed. It will take more than normal human energy and spirituality to stem the tide of non-churchgoing satisfaction and indifference, and absence of conscience as to this world's relation to future life.

While the religious papers were lamenting that the best interests and ends of men were for educational, scientific and art purposes, a sensation has been created by the unprecedented will of John S. Kennedy, New York banker, which gives nearly \$30,000,000, chiefly to religious objects.

In old time, within any part of the precincts of a church, fugitives had right of refuge or sanctuary. Many English churches still have a large ring on the porch door.

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A churchman asks us the antecedents of "pulpit." It grew from the old French pulpit, from the Latin pulpitum, a scaffold, a rostrum, a stage for actors.

Boston has raised, by popular subscription, a half-million dollars for a Young Men's Christian Association building.

One very rich woman of Boston, Mrs. "Jack" Gardiner is a public spirited and tasteful leader and promoter.

Oliver Cromwell's descendants afford a curious example of the persistence of English governing families, and of their intermarriage.

Eight new sanctuaries for birds and animals have been set apart in the province of Victoria, Australia, by the government.

of man is noted in the East African game-preserve along the railroad.

Strange customs still survive in England, furnishing snug little sinecures. One is the "hereditary herb strewer."

The Chicago school board is not grieving over rate suicide. It is absorbed in housing the thousands of youngsters pressing to be educated.

Robert Womack, miser, has died a poor man. He it was who, after a long, hard search, discovered gold on Cripple Creek, and straightway in his joy went on a spree.

An experiment with good music has been successfully worked out in Chicago. For park or play ground centres, fifteen musical evenings were arranged for.

Danish women are rejoicing that one of their sex has been made a judge. It has been stated that Denmark is the first country in the world where this has happened.

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STRAIGHT TALK TO CLERGY.

A Man Who Believes in the Publishing of Marriage Banns.

Contributed. The Detroit papers have been complaining of the exodus of couples from their city to Detroit, to be married under almost improper conditions.

"We had looked to the marrying ministers of Windsor for conscientiousness in their acts. We were mistaken. They inform us that their consciences are in the keeping of the license clerks."

More unworthy words never passed clerical lips than those by which the marrying parsons of Windsor and vicinity justify their deeds.

Did any one of those marrying parsons ever put on his hat, go with the couple across the river to the minister of the parish where the girl lives and entreat him to deal with the matter in the spirit of Christian charity and fatherly concern?

There is nothing stagnant about it. It is deep and widespread, of trained minds and consecrated lives. In quality of those enlisted for life service as missionaries, picked men and women of colleges who have studied the great questions of the world's evangelization, there has never been anything equal to it.

The boards have called for 1,000 volunteers each year for twenty-five years, to be selected from those offering for service, subject to the required intellectual and physical tests.

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BRILLIANT WOMEN OF HISTORY.

A Sketch of Hypatia Who Flourished in the Old City of Alexandria.

The Alexandria of A.D. 400 was a wonderful city. Into its streets from the sand hills of the desert long trains of camels and countless boats brought the abundant harvests of the Nile.

Hypatia was the daughter of the Alexandrian philosopher and mathematician, Theon, a man of transcendent ability, whose high powers were inherited to the full by his daughter.

This extraordinary woman was what would be termed in this day a "rationalist." Eclectic in spirit, she took what seemed the truth from whatever source it might come.

Hypatia's death, terrible as it was, was in perfect keeping with her life. She loved truth, was heart and soul self-dedicated to truth, and for truth she died.

The Story of Her Life is Really a Curious One. Youth's Companion. Not long ago, there died on one of the small islands of Micronesia a young woman named Siakwe. The story of her life is a curious one.

Among the hierarchy of animals the monkey holds a place of honor second only to the cow; for in the Ramayana, the sacred epic of the Hindus, it is written how Hanuman, the monkey god, allied himself with Vishnu, the Preserver, helping him to overcome his enemies and recover his lost wife Sita.

At the time she became a Christian she had never seen a missionary. She lived with her husband for six months on the back side of an island where there was a station, and the contrast of the people she met with those of her own distant island wrought the change in her heart.

There stands on Nukoor a little church, built in the last few years by the native people, who have laid up its walls of coral rock with their own hands, and carved its beams of bread-palm tree with loving if crude art.

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