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J. H. Jowett, D.D., in Presbyterian. Claims calls were sounding on every side, but the people did not hear them.

And the symbol of their casefulness only emphasizes our astonishment. We should have expected it anywhere but in Zion.

It is no wonder that men should be at ease in some Central African village, where privilege is scanty and revelation is dim.

The people confounded Divine favor with Divine favoritism. There was no question that God had lavished his favor upon Israel.

It invariably leads to self-concetration rather than to a healthy self-esteem. It lulls to ease rather than inspires to service.

In the second place, the people confounded ritualism with worship. Now let me guard myself against even an apparent attack upon the use of religious symbolism.

But the peril begins when the ritual becomes an end in itself. A crucifix may take the place of the Christ, and a man may regard it as a talisman which works independently of his own character.

They lolled about as though ensnared by invisible defenses. They lolled and slept, they were "at ease in Zion."

And, thirdly, this people confounded a rich sensationalism with a healthy life. It things were kind they regarded them as real.

They sang idle songs to the sound of the viol. All their senses were whipped into excitement by aggressive stimulants.

And so they lived in a perfect whirl of sensuousness. They passed their days in the channels and passages of living, they abode

in the outer halls. They were always on the way, and never arrived. They appeared to live, but were not alive.

And so we may truly say that the sensational desensitizes the soul. It makes men numb to God's holiness and also numb to human need.

GOSSIP OF THE PARISH.

A Lot of Things That Are Very Raly and Readable.

Visiting an out-of-the-way English parish when the incumbent happened to be away, a former archdeacon of Suffolk was, it is related, shown round by the clerk.

"Dear, dear!" said the archdeacon. "I can't approve of this. I really did not think Mr. — would have planted wheat in the churchyard."

"That's just what I told parson," said the clerk. "I says, says I, 'Ye didn't ought to have wheated it; ye ought to have tatered it!'"

Eugene Field was once presented to "a sister poet," to whom he tried to say pleasant things. At last the lady inquired condescendingly, "Do you ever write yourself?"

"A little," replied Field, modestly. "And what did you say your name was?" "My name is Field—Eugene Field," I have not heard of you before, Mr. Field," said the lady, with oppressive frankness.

"Eggorrah," he growled at last, "and ye needn't talk. I bet I done more steerlin' in ten minutes 'n ye done in yer howl-waich."

"In 'Glimpses of East Africa' Mrs. Ethel Younghusband tells an amusing story of a venerable Parsee who was on board a big liner going to England.

A son of Ireland was painting a fence surrounding a house in one of the suburbs of Chicago. His face wore a troubled look; but suddenly it brightened, and dipping his brush into the paint-pot, he began to paint faster and faster.

According to Dr. C. Ward Campbell, in an address before the New York Public Education Association, the new hygiene "aims to get results. Showing a child the use of a toothbrush is likely to be of more value than many years devoted to study of the structure of the teeth.

Masculine "Doreas" Society. Church Family Newspaper. Bishop Jocelyn, Coadjutor Bishop of Jamaica, who is in England, spoke enthusiastically at Bally, Leicester, of the great interest West Indian folk took in all departments of Church life.

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The Bishop of Carlisle Strongly Denounces Divorce. "The habit of calling black things by white names and wicked things by soft sobriquets is responsible for much of the jelly-fish morality of the present day," said the Bishop of Carlisle when he spoke on the divorce commission at the Carlisle diocesan conference.

ROMANCE AND MISSIONS.

Romance is in the Character of the Missionary.

Bishop Brent in The Outlook. "Missionary work is a normal vocation for normal (that is to say, the best) men and women.

It is time for us to drop, once and for all, that sentimental regard for missions, and missionaries which is belittling to the missionary cause, supporters and missionaries alike.

The real hardship of the missionary is that which founders of empire as well as religion have had to face from the beginning—failure from whatever cause on the part of the pioneer to make others see the vision of the things that belong to their peace.

But efficient equipment is a necessity of efficient work. Poorly conducted and professionally weak missionary institutions, when side by side with well-conducted secular institutions of a high order, are a menace.

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In closing Bishop Brent suggests that men and women of the privileged class should be taught that there is a place for them in the mission field, permanent or temporary, if they will qualify by becoming proficient in some department of useful work.

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ROMANCE OF ARCHITECTURE.

Origin of the Graceful Corinthian Style of Capital.

In the winter a young girl had died in Corinth. Some time afterward her maid gathered together various trinkets and playthings which the girl had loved and brought them to the girl's grave. There she placed them in a basket near the monument and put a large square tile upon the basket to prevent the wind from overturning it.

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BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

Six Million Books Issued in the Past Year.

The one hundred and sixth annual report of the British and Foreign Bible Society shows the society's total issues for the past year were as follows: Bibles 843,784 New Testaments 1,198,226 Portions 4,578,014

Total 6,620,024 This result is 685,000 in excess of the output in the previous year, and constitutes a record in the history of the society. Three times in the last seven years the total has exceeded 5,900,000, but hitherto it has always been below 6,000,000 copies.

From the Bible House in London 2,995 cases of Scriptures, weighing 293 tons, were shipped abroad during the year. But only about 28 per cent. of the total issues go out from London.

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BURIAL OF HOLMAN HUNT.

Ashes of the Great Religious Painter Laid in St. Paul's.

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