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neither could nor would retract anything. Here I take my stand; I can do no other; God be my help! Amen."

Shortly before this, Ambrosius Catharines (Bishop of Minorca, and afterwards Archbishop of Couza, in the kingdom of Naples) had published a treatise on Antichrist.

Luther's views on prophecy. From James A. Begg's "Devilry and Doom of the Nations."

We have traced the somewhat rapid progress of Luther's convictions, that the Pope was Antichrist; while we have also shown the temptations fitted to influence him in accepting the interpretations which preceding expositors had given to that effect.

This conviction, in such a man, must be operative; and, of necessity, therefore, he, as the minister of Christ, must ever denounce, at whatever hazard, the iniquities of the Papacy.

Yet can we also understand, that the very use, habitually and controversially made of Scripture terms, more and more unfits him who erroneously uses them from readily discovering the mistake.

Having adopted this scheme of interpretation, if he be at all entitled to the name, Luther, with his usual assiduity, pressed it as true. In 1523, he published a tract, "against the falsely-called ecclesiastical order of Pope and Bishop."

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9. Is it because I am trying to save myself by morality, or in any other way of my own? "There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

10. Is it because I do not clearly see the way to be saved? "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel." "God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.)

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The entrance of Israel into the promised land was, without doubt, a circumstance of great joy and exultation; yet it was incomplete until the times of David and Solomon—a circumstance calculated, and I suppose designed, to remind them of the fact that that was not their final rest; nor a fulfillment of the covenant with Abraham; they were still kept looking for a future good.

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hath ceased from his own works; which the Jewish nation manifestly had not as yet, for they were still seeking rest from their adversaries. "There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God," of which the possession of the land of Canaan was but a type.

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if the first wife is childless. A filial son, in such a case, it is said, should marry again that he may have sons who will continue the sacrifices at the ancestral tomb. If any conviction of sin is awakened by the preaching of the missionaries, among the patients at the hospital, or elsewhere, the consciousness of guilt centers at once on some neglect of filial duty.

One of the commonest objections to Christianity is, that it does not admit of the worship of ancestors. A recent Chinese author, in an attack upon Christianity, says: "The religion of the Lord of heaven, in not permitting men to worship the tablets of their ancestors, nor to offer sacrifices to them, tends to lead away mankind from the respect they have been accustomed to pay to their parents and forefathers."

Taoism is addressed entirely to the lower wants of man's nature. It invents divinities to promote the physical well-being of the people, gods of riches, of longevity, of war, and of particular diseases. Among the latter is an eminent physician of a former dynasty, who, now despoised, sits in his shrine, to heal, as his worshippers think, the ailments of those who pray to him.

Buddhism is better known to us than the other religious systems, by its prevalence in India, where it had its origin. In China it is an exotic; though it has many adherents, and being tinged with Confucianism, it cannot be as well estimated here as in its original seat. The most prominent thing about it is its monastic system. In one of the Buddhist monasteries, instead of the perpetual fire of classic temples, or perpetual light, in the form of candles before the shrines of Christian ones, we find perpetual song. A monotonous chant is kept up day and night, the monks alternating with each other in performing this service.

There are several minor sects prevailing in certain provinces, the name of one of which is derived from a word which signifies to do nothing. It is a sort of *dolce far niente* religion. They have neither temples nor idols. The universe, they say, is a great temple. The fragrance of flowers is incense. The singing of birds, the music spontaneously offered. One of this sect being asked how he performed his religious duties, said he had no objection to show, and took his seat for the purpose on a stool, in a cross-legged attitude. "At first he sat tranquil, with his eyes closed; but gradually he became extremely excited, though without speaking. His chest heaved, his breathing became violent, his eyes shot fire—he seemed to be the subject of demoniacal possession. After remaining in this excited mood for some minutes, he suddenly brought it to a termination, left the stool on which he had been sitting, and resumed conversation as rationally as before." In the halls used for worship by this sect, it is the custom to place small loaves of bread or balls of glutinous rice, and cups of tea, before a tablet dedicated to heaven and earth; and from this practice the worship has acquired the name among the Chinese of the *Bread-and-Tea Religion*.

If the Taoists have a medical divinity, the Confucianists can boast of an agricultural one. There is a temple erected to him in the neighborhood of every Chinese city; and the city officials visit it every spring to offer sacrifice and to plough a small spot of adjoining ground. This is done as an example of industry to the agricultural population, and as an intimation that the labors of the field are to commence. Another species of temple frequently found is erected to the memory of the virtuous women of a district. There is one of these on the island of Tung-ting, in memory of the women of that island. "It is on high ground, in a beautiful situation, in sight of some of the other islands that stand the northern part of the Tachoo lake. The rock on which it stands is limestone, furnishing material for masonry. Some time since, an application was made to government to prohibit quarrying for stone at this point, as disrespectful to the temple. The request was granted." The partisans of Woman's Rights will be pleased to hear that among the "rights" accorded to women—when they are virtuous—by the Chinese, is that of appearing a second time on earth in the body of a man. Chinese women frequently pray for this, we are told. Whether they make better or worse husbands for this, previous feminine experience, we are not told.

There are many customs among the Chinese which seem to have the force of religious authority, though it is difficult to trace them to any religious source; indeed, no one seems to know whence they had their origin. A mention of one of these must conclude this sketch of the religious opinions of this singular people: "It has been the invariable custom in China, since a thousand years before the birth of Christ, to abstain from intermarriage with a family having the same surname, even though there should be no relationship." A Chinese poet can hardly ask, like our English one, "What's in a name?"—Home Journal.

God everywhere.—"If God is everywhere present, show him to me!" said a Roman emperor to a Jew. "He is too glorious to be seen by mortals," was the reply. The emperor sneered and insisted. "Let me, then," said the Jew, "first try you upon one of his ambassadors." "It was noon, and walking out with the emperor, the Jew, pointing to the sun, said, 'Look at him.'" There is a sublime philosophy in the incident.

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Miscellaneous.

AGRICULTURAL.

HOW TO KEEP CIDER.

Levi Bartlett, in the Country Gentleman, describes the process of fermenting cider with burning brimstone...

There are three stages of fermentation to which cider is subject, viz.: the vinous, the acetous, and the putrefactive. When cider has passed through the vinous fermentation...

If new cider is fermented in an open cask, after a time, longer or shorter, depending upon circumstances, all the heavier portions of extraneous matter, pomace, etc., will settle to the bottom of the cask...

When the white bubbles begin to appear, the crust should be removed, and the liquid drawn off without disturbing the sediment at the bottom of the cask.

Every farm establishment should be provided with a spacious and conveniently-located water-cistern. If the farm buildings are numerous and compactly situated...

The convenience and value of such an arrangement will be particularly obvious during seasons of protracted drought, or accidents from fire.

Good and substantial reservoirs, perfectly water-tight, may be formed of split stone, brick, plank, or even without either...

In a cistern constructed in this manner, the water will soon become clear and fit for family use, if the roofs of the buildings upon which it falls are kept ordinarily clean.

The evenings, during the holding of the New York State Fair at Elmira, were improved by the meeting of farmers at the Farmers' Club...

MANURING BY MUDDY WATER. The manuring of the soil by means of the water of the New York State Fair at Elmira...

side clay twice as good as muck for manure. It won't pay to haul muck where clay can be had.

run on liquid manure, my grass grew too fast and lodged, and lodged grass will not make over two and a half tons per acre of cured hay.

Upon a farm where grass will grow, there is no difficulty in making land rich. There is no dressing of manure, such as is often given to land, equal to a thick grass sward.

FACTS FOR FARMERS. If you invest money in tools, and then leave them exposed to the weather, it is the same as loaning money to a spendthrift without security—a dead loss in both cases.

TO KEEP SWEET POTATOES FOR PLANTING. The negroes in the southern states dig holes under the kitchen floor, near the fire-place, in which they store away their sweet potatoes...

FEEDING CATTLE. The practice of feeding hay and straw from the stack is a very wasteful one, yet many farmers continue to do this, when, with a little extra labor, one half or more could be saved.

SELF-MADE NOBILITY. A newspaper correspondent, who is indignant at the taunts of low birth thrown out against Abraham Lincoln, has shown that there are thirteen eminent Englishmen, who have risen to high stations in life...

judges of the Queen's bench—son of a very poor herring dealer in Yorkshire. Lord Trower—son of a very poor man in Cornwall, married a first cousin of Queen Victoria.

For his favorite servant, Billy, who attended him through the revolutionary war, a special provision was made in the following terms, and with characteristic precision:

LONDON'S DUST HEAPS. A correspondent communicates the following to the Boston Journal: "One has not seen the hills of London until he has gone through St. Giles."

WASHINGTON WILL. A new life of Washington, by Edward Everett, has made its appearance. The following extract from it, showing what disposition he made of his property, will interest our readers:

A FIELD OF BLOOD. The soil of Bladensburg, Md., has a bloody record. It has been the scene of many a refined murder, in days past.

ODDS AND ENDS. A fellow was doubting whether or not he should volunteer to fight. One of the flags waving before his eyes, bearing the inscription "Victory or Death," somewhat troubled and discouraged him.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW JERSEY. From foot of Cortlandt-st. Connecting at Hampton Junction with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad...

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