

NEWS NOTES.

As a "calling"—if calling it can be styled—the Church is not as attractive to young men as it used to be. The difficulty experienced by many clergy in making such a career is not a new thing...

POPULAR BALLADS. A big beautiful ballad has revealed the fact that the most popular ballads in "Home Sweet Home" which received more votes than any other ballad...

- 1. "Home, Sweet Home"
2. "Auld Lang Syne"
3. "The Killarney"
4. "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond"
5. "Alice, Where Art Thou?"
6. "The Last Rose of Summer"
7. "Gaily in Our Air"
8. "Kathleen Mavourneen"
9. "Hearts of Oak"
10. "The Mistral Boy"
11. "Men of Harlech"
12. "Come Into the Garden, Maud"
13. "Tom Bowling"

ALL-MOIST TELEGRAMS. There suddenly arose circumstances in which many persons desire to despatch a telegram during the night. The telephone is not convenient for this purpose...

"C.O.D." ABUS. Although it has been in operation a few weeks only, the "C.O.D." (cash on delivery) system has been subjected to a number of people who have abused it in many cases...

TELEVISION COMMING. Television—seeing by wireless—is coming, and coming with a rapidity unusual in the history of the world...

THE GREAT BOTTING. The staff of the bottle bottling plant in the city is busy with the bottling of the new wine...

THE KING'S MONARCH. After reigning for over twenty years, King George V. has passed away at the age of 74...

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NEW MUSIC.

By ARTHUR MASON. OF FORD UNIVERSITY PRESS. The "Oxford Piano Series" (edited by A. Forbes Milne) maintains its quality in the latest issue by means of some well-written and interesting pieces designed for the moderately difficult D-2 grade of this series...

WINTHROP ROGERS. Elizabeth Paston's "Mad Quist" carries on the succession of this writer's musical songs, and Percy Kahn gives us new arrangements of "Mary of Argyle" and "McGregor's Gathering" which should renew interest in two well-loved national airs.

ENOCH AND SONS. An album of Sir Landon Ronald's "Songs of Remembrance" will be of interest to a number of his followers. The songs, four in number, are in his accustomed melodious style...

ELKIN AND COMPANY. Three songs by E. van Someren-Jodilly reveal considerable ability to compose and well-wrought music with an appeal in it. They are "Cradle Song," "Little Lullaby," "Everlasting Love" and "Last Night" (Danil Wood).

FRANCIS, DAY AND HUNTER. This firm has issued some of the songs of "Cochran's Revue." "That Certain Gentleman" is familiar to all, and there is a large selection of new light songs, including "You Must Get Yourself a Hat," "Heads for Henry," and "The Vanity Fairy."

FELDMAN AND COMPANY. Feldman's continued output of old-style musical ballads in large numbers. Their latest issue includes "Call You Sweetheart," "Scotland's Whisky," "Every-thing's Gonna be All Right," and "Bird Whistled a Tune."

SIMPLE INVENTIONS THAT YIELDED FORTUNES. Every five minutes a new invention is patented in Europe. It is not difficult to make your creative ability pay you big dividends...

STONE WHICH CHANGES COLOUR. There has been discovered a new precious stone which has the remarkable property of changing its colour. Heliosone, as it has been named, was found in Eastern Africa...

A DOG MYSTERY. In illustration of the remarkable faithful-ness and intelligence of collie dogs, there is related this story:—A Scottish farmer, sitting over the fire one night with his mother, told her that he intended making a journey to a certain place the following day...

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ROUNDABOUT JOTTINGS.

LARGEST METEOR. It is seldom that the earth is bombarded by meteors as big as the one which fell at Bridgewater, Somerset, and made a cavity six feet across...

COLOUR OF CRICKET BALLS. No colour has been found so suitable for a cricket ball as red, which naturally shows up to advantage against the green background of the field...

POWERFUL NEW GAS. Manufactured gas which is said to give twice the heat and light value of any gas now used was announced recently. It is a mixture of hydrogen and carbon monoxide...

AN UNDERGROUND MILL. The intensity of Yukon winters is notorious, and the difficulties they present to the industrialist may be imagined. A novel scheme, carried out at the Keno Hill Mine of the Westfield Mill Company...

FIRST RAILWAY EXCURSION. The first railway excursion in history was run on July 1, 1825, in the form of a horse-drawn train from Stockton to Darlington in Yorkshire...

THE SNOWSHOE RABBIT. Creatures known as "Snowshoe Rabbits" are found in Canada. Their hind feet have long spreading toes, which in winter are covered with a soft, white material...

THE PESTILENT FLY. There is little doubt that the common house fly is responsible for the majority of the diseases which afflict man and beast. Hatched from a mass of refuse, their bodies are covered with all manner of germs...

AN IMPROVED NUT-CRACKER. In cracking a nut under the heel or between two stones, we risk bruising the kernel. The nut-cracker with teeth we may ourselves suffer in the corners of the mouth...

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GEMS OF THOUGHT.

KING INTELLECT. The commanding intellect should have the command, and be king—Schiller.

FANS OR EXTINGUISHERS. Absence is to love what wind is to fire. It puts out the little, it kindles the great—Bassano.

CALAMITY OF PLACID CONTENTMENT. The greatest of all calamities is the contentment that sits down at peace with a remediable evil—William Shakspeare.

OUR NEAR-AT-HAND TASKS. Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand—Carlyle.

GOOD USE OF MONEY. By doing good with his money, a man, as it were, stamps the image of God upon himself and makes it his currency for the merchandise of heaven—Bunyan.

WHAT SAY BACHELORS? Marriage is the best estate for a man in general; and every man is a worse man in proportion to the want of it for the married state—Dr. Johnson.

TO-DAY'S THE DAY. Every man's life lies within the present; for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain—Antoine.

HEED ONLY THE PASSING HOUR. I am not careful for what may be in the future, for I am not certain of the world before I was born, shall take care of to-morrow, for I am not sure I shall improve the present moment—John Wesley.

FEW CAN STAND PROSPERITY. Adversity is hard upon a man; but for one who can stand adversity there are a hundred who will stand adversity—Carlyle.

CHANCE. Chance is but the pseudonym of God for the uninitiated. He who chooses to subscribe openly with His own sign-manual—Coleridge.

LIFE'S "TOSS UP." The life of man is just like playing with dice; if that which you most want to throw does not turn up, that which turns up by chance you must correct by skill—Lycophron.

OUR DAILY TASK. Every day we should bear at least one little thing, not one good deed, see one exquisite pleasure, and do one possible good to a few sensible souls—Goethe.

HOME. It is a rare privilege in our nomadic state to find the home of one's childhood and its immediate neighbourhood. Many have lost their home, and many have never found it—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

TRUE BRAVERY. True bravery is sedate and ineffective. If it sedate, it is not bravery; if it is ineffective, it is not true bravery. It is only when it is both sedate and effective that it is true bravery—Ogden.

MARRIAGE A CALL. Marriage is a call to high things. There must be love, trust, faithfulness, purity of heart and life, consideration, respect, and affection. A serious sense of that which enters on the marriage relation undertaken by mutual consent and with a view to the good of the world—Knox Little.

ADVICE TO THE FAIR SEX. Women should be unacquainted that beauty has any charms, but the inward one. It is not the outward one that is the true and lasting ornament; it is the inward one that is the true and lasting ornament—Knox Little.

EARLY RISING. How much more time than necessary do we spend in sleep! forgetting that "the sleeping cat has no poultry, and that there will be sleeping enough in the grave." Soth makes all things difficult, but industry makes all things easy. He that rises late must not all day, and shall scarce overtake his business on the next morning—Benjamin Franklin.

SAVING POWER OF MARRIAGE. I have noticed that a married man falling into misfortune is more apt to retrieve his situation in the end than a single man, chiefly because his spirits are soothed and relieved by domestic comforts, and self-respect kept alive by finding that although (through bad fortune and humiliation, yet there is still a little world of love at home, of which he is monarch. Whereas a single man is apt to run to waste and self-ought, which women sustain the most overwhelming reverses of fortune. Those disasters which break down the spirit of a man, and prostrate him in the dust, seem to fall forth all now say that the little Strand bridge shows its age, but shall hope where it is to sink the new Strand with the old.

Sore Places Heal to Stay Healed. When the Blood is cleaned with Clarke's Blood Mixture. Use Clarke's Miraculous Salve. Our portrait is of Master Charles Healy, of 11, Jacob Street, London, who was cured of a skin disease which caused him to be almost blind...

DEATH OF LORD STUART.

A DISTINGUISHED PARLIAMENTARIAN. The death took place at his residence in London of Lord Stuart of Wortley, who was associated for many years with the Unionist Party as the first holder of the post of an age, which becomes extinct. Lord Stuart was born in 1821, the son of the Right Hon. James Stuart-Wortley, Q.C., and grandson of the Earl of Bute...

LORD SALISBURY'S MISHAP.

A ROAD ACCIDENT. The Marquis of Salisbury was involved in a collision with a motor-car on the road between Hatfield and London. The Marquis was driving in a single-horse brougham from Hatfield station, and when crossing the road he was struck by a motor-cyclist proceeding north. The Marquis was unhurt, but the brougham was overturned...

HEAVY SMUGGLING FINE.

At Westminster Police Court, George Francis Williams, who had been convicted of smuggling, was fined £500 for the same offence. The Marquis of Salisbury was also involved in a collision with a motor-car on the road between Hatfield and London...

LONDON CONSTABLE'S GALLANTRY.

In a case at Bow-street Police Court, London, in which Percy Harris, a constable, was fined £10 for having been drunk and disorderly, a policeman stated that at 11:30 on the previous night he saw Harris trying to throw himself off the parapet on Victoria Embankment. Witness was only able to get to the scene in time to prevent the constable from doing so...

ROYAL BOROUGHS.

Devices had been habitually termed a Royal Borough, but this dignity having recently been queried, the matter was brought to the notice of the Secretary of State, who has written from the Home Office as follows: "On the subject of the Royal Boroughs, I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that the title 'Royal Borough' may only be applied to a borough by the express permission of His Majesty, and that the only borough in England which has received such permission are Kensington and Windsor. So far as the Secretary of State is aware, devices is not entitled to style itself a Royal Borough; the fact that the Mayor is, or has been, in the possession of the King, not constituting any claim to the title."

To Every Woman Health and Beauty.

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UTILITY OF COLOUR.

Colour exercises a direct influence in the life of its bearer. It may serve its owner indirectly by attracting friends, discouraging enemies, and warning companions, but it has even more active and strenuous functions. The greenness of a plant is not a mere attraction; a quiet and passive green is a necessary condition of a plant's life, and a necessary condition of a plant's life, and a necessary condition of a plant's life...

FIRST ENGLISH WALLPAPER.

China was the first nation to use wall paper. It was used for ritual purposes 2500 years ago. Since then, it has been used in many countries. The first English wallpaper was made in 1825 by James Watson and Co. of Glasgow. It was a pattern of red and green leaves on a white background...

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