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The Profound Influence of the English Bible.

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Father Faber has this on the same subject:—"The English Bible lives on the ear like a music that can never be forgotten. It is part of the national mind; it is the anchor of the national seriousness. The memory of the dead passes into it. The most potent traditions of childhood are perpetuated in its most powerful passages. All the griefs and trials of a man are hidden for him beneath its solemn words. All that is soft, and gentle, and pure, and penitent and good, speaks to him forever out of his English Bible. It is his one sacred possession that doubt has never dimmed and that controversy has never soiled."

And our own Dr. John Earle of Glasgow in his learned and eloquent work has this:—"The English Bible is the people's Book. It overshadows, with its divine authority, all households, all churches, and all classes; it includes under its heavenly jurisdiction, persons of every rank, age and calling, from birth to death, telling all men what to believe, what to obey, and what to suffer, developing the nation's wealth in its trust form, and fostering liberty and fraternity in their only genuine merit and meaning. The people of this country were, naturally, very glad to have such a Book in their own common speech. And when they got any fragment of it, they cherished it with reverential fondness. And in days when it was forbidden to possess it or to read it, they secreted it with jealous care, and in a quiet hour, took it from its concealment and secretly pondered it over. No wonder that so many men and women suffered all possible penalties rather than give up their Bible in the tongues wherein they were born." And Thomas Carlyle's testimony is eminently characteristic. He writes:

"In the poorest cottage in the land there is one Book, wherein for thousands of years, the spirit of man has found light and nourishment, and an interpreting response to whatever is drooping in him. And wherein, to this day, the Mystery of Existence reflects itself, if not wholly resolved, yet revealed and prophetically embodied; if not to the satisfying of the outward sense, yet to the opening of the inward sense, which is the far grander result."

And then, as to the profound influence of the English Bible on English literature and on the best English style. And take first on this subject the testimony of one whose own style is the most winning and the most sweet of all our English writers. In his so acute and subtle book, "The Grammar of Assent," Dr. Newman has this: "Bible religion is both the recognized title and the best description of English religion. For English religion consists, not in ceremonies, nor in creeds, but mainly in having the Bible read in Church, in

words of inspired teachers, under both covenants, and that in grand, majestic English, that has, in matter of fact, been to our people a vast benefit. It has attuned their minds to religious thoughts; it has given them a high moral standard; it has served them in associating religion with compositions, which, even humanly considered, are among the most sublime and beautiful ever written; and especially it has impressed upon them the series of Divine Providences in behalf of man, from his creation to his end; and above all, it has impressed upon their minds the words, the deeds and the sacred sufferings of Him in whom all the Providences of God center."

And another master in English composition, but of quite another style, John Ruskin has this in his "Praeterita":—"My mother forced me, by steady daily toil to learn long chapters of the Bible by heart. And to that discipline—patient, accurate and resolute—I owe, not only a knowledge of the Bible, but much of the best parts of my taste in literature. I have, this moment, opened my oldest copy of the Bible, and my mother's list of chapters, with which she established my soul to life, has just come into my hand. And, truly, this maternal installation of my mind in the Bible I count, very confidently, to have been the most precious, and, on the whole, the one essential part of my whole education."

(To be continued.)

Siquires Notes.

RESUME OF NEWS FOR WEEK 28-30 APRIL.

1. General.—Fortunately all the days of the month registered 32° Fegs. C or 90° degs. F in the shade. The heat was great and oppressive, occasioning lassitude and loss of appetite. Neither was there wind nor much sea in the leaves of the month.

2. Sunday, 23.—The Rev. E. A. Pitt spent the day with his congregation and administered the Lord's Supper. The reverend champion preached to a large and appreciative audience at each service. The biographer only wished that these worshippers would undevote themselves and be "Days of the week and not hours only."

3. Monday, 24.—This may be called "Dead man Day" as the local cemetery received the remains of two men and that of an infant. Poor Gowie, an African from Sierra Leone, was crushed to pieces under the wheels of a moving car. Until then he was well and strong, working in Mr. H. Whittier's mason gang, and was only returning from the water-pipe when he was knocked down and literally mangled to death by the train. His remains were gathered up in a box and laid to rest that same afternoon.

4. Tuesday, 25.—Mrs. Powell-Thompson died early this morning and was very recently laid to her long-last rest. The impressive funeral ceremony was performed by Mr. H. Hylton, Don Juan Alvarado, Dr. Shaw, Mr. E. C. Gayle and a few others did much to insure the decent funeral which returned her dust to the dust.

5. Wednesday, 26.—This may be called "Dead Cow Day." A railroad box car proved a regular *hatch hole* to 9 cows carried from the Old Line consigned to Mr. G. Campbell. Of the nine, six died and the other three barely escaped death from suffocation. The famous mare Monette bade good-bye to Siquires to make a career in the islands of Costa Rica.

6. Thursday and Thursday, 26 and 27.—Disposited into the Centro tragedy of the Barnett shooting were taken at the local court house. The Court House then gave the appearance of a well-attended school with the exception of Don Antonio as Professor and a few pupils as members of the order. Felicia Jose Toques has been delegated to Centro Branch to perform duty as Jus. de Paz while the former Fernan Ojeda stays about Siquires like a peacock, who has just saved his country from being devoured by an innocent Ziploc. On this night very heavy rains brought a check upon the oppressive heat that prevailed for many days.

Friday, 28.—Much rain fell, a slide ahead hindered the passage of the trains and this delayed us.

Saturday, 29.—The passenger train for Limon was almost an hour late.

Still in the Jungle.

The Editor.—El Tiempo.

Dear Sir,—Cosmopolite did not deviate into sense yesterday when he wrote in the "Nation" threatening and insulting the "Inquisitive Teacher" at Siquires. It cannot be anything but very strange news to the Siquires folk when no one has ever contacted the Teacher for meddling in what does not concern him. Rather, it is this misguided Cosmopolite who now meddles in journalism and starts off with a false *delitto*. He threatens his "Inquisitive Teacher" to make him sorry should he persist in troubling what does not concern him. That's good and right, should this Teacher enter into what doesn't concern him; but it is only fair that Cosmopolite state anything into which his supposed Inquisitive Teacher, meddled derogatory to his name and reputation.

When Cosmopolite would attack the ability of the Siquires Teacher, I firmly declare that the signing of this aspirant preents upon this day. Had he not just sprung out from some stygian cave of eratic ignorance, he would have known the Teacher better. He would call the Siquires Teacher "Downs" as though it is a disgrace to be a Downist. Last here, he has put his foot into his mouth as I shall prove in a subsequent letter.

Where then is the hypothesis upon which this man rears his pseudonym of "Cosmopolite"? Does he show even the faintest part of the astral ray of the intelligence in this great Cosmos? I warrant he has purchased the name, and if he would do penance to clear his purified soul, let him renounce himself to the Class, whence he sprung out to the proper sphere where he will add to an aztec and phrotic simplicity his true companion.

Let Cosmopolite know that the Siquires Teacher is in no precarious position regarding the tenability or untenability of his position as he remains master of the Siquires School and from his personal efficiency and attainment is eligible to teach in Limon.

Let him know too that teacher does not deem him a man worthy of his steel for him to enter into controversial correspondence with. For he tends not with a common class. Let him know in addition, that his penance will be his own, as he is in borrowed feathers; that his memory is bad, and that he ought to have remembered his name.—Annus Absurdus.

(Hope that you will continue in giving his judgment in your very important, independent and impartial journal. For the "Inquisitive Teacher,"—I am, etc.,

HENRY WYLLON.

Current News

The s.s. "Corinto" is expected to arrive today from New Orleans in ballast. The s.s. "Parajana" comes from the same port and is consigned to the United Fruit Company. The last named steamer brings cargo, passengers and mail.

The Editor of the "Nation" was apprehended and carried to the court on Sunday last but was afterwards released. We are informed that the rough handling he received was in connection with the report of the recent fire in Limon and which was printed by him in the form of a bulletin and circulated in town.

The Prinz Josephine arrived on Saturday evening last bringing the following passengers: From New York: Murray Savary and Otto Koehly. From Santiago: Mr. and Mrs. Luis Rosa. From Jamaica: Theodor Seurtadot, Humbert Rodriguez, Willy von Purlow, Cyril Ennass, Miss Elizabeth DaCosta, Miss Christina DaCosta, Joseph DaCosta, Mrs. Rose Elliott, Wilfred DaCosta and 5 in transit with 79 deckers.

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While the proprietor of Hotel Miramar and a few of his friends were in the lower verandah of the Hotel seated at a table having dinner, he saw the reflection of a blaze on some trees that was opposite the table he sat. He became suspicious and rising from his seat went upstairs where he was just in time to see fire and smoke issuing from a corner of the flooring of the upper verandah.

The floor of the verandah is double and the miscreant tripped up a part of it and there placed a large towel saturated with kerosene oil. A few parties also saw the flames and gave the alarm. The towel that was used was taken from one of the boarder's rooms also a lamp that contained kerosene oil, both of these were missed from the room and identified later. The room is situated immediately opposite the staircase that leads from the downstairs office to the lodging rooms.

When the proprietor got upstairs his footsteps attracted the attention of the man that set the fire and he to make good his escape rushed through a dark room, and in a haste to get away from justice or death, came in contact with a table on which a large basin stood and smashed it to pieces. Like a cat on hot ashes he made for the step where like a flash of lightning he descended and ran out of sight.

Washington.—A final Togo has accepted the invitation of the United States Government to be the nation's guest in July while returning to Japan from his mission as member of the special Embassy to the Court of the King of England.

Admiral Togo to Visit U. S.

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Juarez Counsel Sees End.

Washington.—"It is the general belief that the war is ended, declared American Consul Edwards at Juarez, in a report to the State Department.

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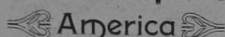
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