

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

SOBRIETY.

Every man should be sober sometimes. I once knew one so unfortunate as to be sober all the time, and yet an honest man!

Mirth itself is not always honest. But it tends to openness, to sincerity, to sweetness.

Only consider how many men quit empty and worthless, inwardly neither rich nor powerful, are kept going by the mere trick of gravity.

Behind the mask of sobriety how many pretenses pass themselves off! Every one knows how wretchedly inconsistent with honor their out-door life is, but they have such a power of gloom in meetings that men respect their religious experience!

Public sentiment is purifying itself. Men are beginning at last to understand that nothing is so cheerful, so full of liberty, so genial, and joyous, as true religion.

With all this, sobriety ought not to be denounced. Men have a right to be solemn, in spots, and on just occasion.

Whatsoever things are kind, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

—The Episcopalians have a "Clergyman's Mutual Insurance League," numbering 529 members.

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THE HIGH COURT AT TOURS.

Its Constitution and Form of Procedure. The French Constitution of January 14, 1852, established a High Court of Justice, which adjudicates in cases of attempts against the life of the Emperor, or a conspiracy against him or the security of the State.

This body consists of thirty-six jurymen and four assistant judges. When the decree of conviction is issued, the first President of the Court of Appeal in each department is required within ten days to draw by lot, in open court, the name of one person from the list of the members of the Council-General, to serve as jurymen under a heavy penalty.

An electoral assembly in each canton, consisting of electors and citizens found on the jury list, elects a member to the Council-General. Members thereof must be aged over 25 years, and pay 200 francs annually in direct taxes.

When an Imperial decree notifies the High Court to exercise its functions, the Chamber of Accusation, which is to a great extent equivalent to the Grand Jury in this country, enters upon its duties.

Upon the announcement of this decision the Emperor convoked the High Court, which is now in session. In this decree, Counsellor Glanzel is named Presiding Judge.

An important regulation at the High Court is that the declaration of the High Jury finding the accused guilty, or finding that extenuating circumstances exist, must be rendered by a majority of more than twenty votes.

The High Courts of Justice are invariably held away from the capital in order that the deliberations may be uninfluenced by popular demonstrations or Government intrigue.

On this occasion the Emperor directed that the Court should hold its sessions in the city of Tours, in the Department of Indre-et-Loire, formerly the province of Touraine.

The general climate of the exuberant soil and varied productions of this ancient province have secured for it the name of the Garden of France.

The borders of this splendid river display nature in her grandest and most luxuriant form, while elegant villas and ancient chateaux add to the interest and attractiveness of the scenery.

Tours forms the capital of this historic province. It has a population of 41,000, and is about 136 miles southwest from Paris.

It is beautifully situated at the junction of the rivers Loire and Cher, and was formerly a place of great prosperity.

This was due to Louis XI, who induced workmen to come there from Italy and Greece to engage in the manufacture of silk.

Under the ministry of Richelieu 69,000 persons were employed at that industry. The surrounding country was covered with mulberry trees.

The revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which destroyed French industry for a time, inflicted a blow on the prosperity of Tours from which it never recovered.

SEWING MACHINES.

THE AMERICAN

Combination Button-Hole AND SEWING MACHINE. It is now admitted to be far superior to all others as a Family Machine.

It is also admirably adapted to manufacturing purposes on all kinds of fabrics. Call and see it operate—and get samples of the work.

Place it unquestionably far in advance of any other similar invention. This is the only new family machine that embodies any substantial improvement upon the many old machines in the market.

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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND GARDEN TOOLS. Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators, Seed Sowers, Churns, Garden and Field Rollers, Lawn Mowers, Reapers and Garden Wheelbarrows, Hay Rakes and Kicker Cutters, all at reduced prices.

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ONION SETS, ASPARAGUS ROOTS, Rhubarb Roots, Grating Wax, Mushroom Spaw, Early Snow, Early Mohawk, and Peach Blow Potatoes. HACKER, WETHERILL & CO., No. 303 MARKET Street.

EARLY YORK, WINNINGSTADT, Flat Dutch, Drumhead, and other varieties of Potatoes, Seeds, Tomatoes, Egg Plant, Pepper, Lettuce, Beans, etc. HACKER, WETHERILL & CO., No. 303 MARKET Street.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS, FRUIT AND GERMINE. Green and White Cucumber, Onion Sets, Asparagus and Rhubarb Roots, Mushroom Spaw, Early Potatoes, Fruit Trees, Grape Vines, Strawberry, Raspberry, Blueberry, Currant, and all the best varieties. DREHER'S GARDEN CALENDAR for 1870, with list of prices, etc., can be had on application at DREHER'S SEED WAREHOUSE, No. 74 CHESNUT Street.

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