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HAVE YOU READ IT?

it encourages. For the welfare of the

city from any right point of view, the

erection of a sightly and substantial

building, by a society able to support it,

is a desirable and 'audable consummation, worthy the assistance of every

When Benjamin Franklin was rldiculed in Paris for his defense of the Bible he determined to ind out how many of the scoffers had read it. He informed one of the learned societies that he had come across a story of pastoral life in ancient times that seemed to him very beautiful, but of which he would like the opinion of the society.

On the evening appointed Franklin read to the assembly of scholars the book of Ruth. They were in eestacles over it, and one after another begged that the manuscript might be printed. "It is printed," replied Franklin, "and is a part of the Bible."

On another occasion he copied and Franklin discover it?" He informed them; girls will not marry them. They them that it was the third chapter of are not worth their keeping to anybody.

ethical value the Bible is the one book swers this description let him take a of which no intelligent person can afford to be ignorant. As Charles Dud-

ley Warner says: "It is a question of general intelligence.

Voltaire, who died in 1777, prophesied that with 100 years the Bible would be an unknown book. The number of volumes of holy

scriptude that come from the press now every 12 months is about 8,000,000, more than the total number that saw the light during the first 18 ecuturies

The Bible, which in Voltaire's day existed in only 38 tongues, is now being read, in whole or in part, in over 400. One hundred and fifty of these languages were for the first time reduced to writing by Bible translators.

BEER ALCOHOLISM.

Another alleged fact arrived at in the recent anti-alcoholic congress in Berlin is that beer drinking as a means of combatting alcoholism is a failure. The conclusion was that beer leads often to the use of distilled liquors, but in itself it produces all the evils of whisky. "Of 140 patients who were treated in a north German private asylum for drunkards, 41 had been aldrinking spirits, 39 by wine drinking and 78-or more than half-by the exlief that delirium tremens was unknown among beer drinkers was a mistake. It was impossible to convey by

AS ROME DOES.

Here is an interesting bit of information concerning the old city, which me up. is evidently much in need of modern missionary methods:

In Rome there are one pope, three cardinals, 35 bishops, 1369 priests, 2832 persons charged with spiritual callings among a population of 400,000. So there is in Rome one spiritual to every 54 inhabitants, while in the large Protestant cities of Germany there is but one spiritual to 10,000 inhabitants. Although Rome is a city given to the academies, still 190,000 grown people exist there who can neither read or write. Rome also has within her limits the largest number of lawbreakers

-83 to 1000 citizens. Of 458,082 engaged couples in the whole of Italy in the year 1897, only 204,098 could sign the marriage contract, that is, only 450 out marriage contract, that is, only 450 ou

According to Miss Susan B. Anthony, dren and better-bred ones. Miss Anthony is thoroughly convinced that ception of the criminality of bringnumbers.

Boys with hats on the back of their received with extravagant admiration. worn-out horses. Nobody wants them "Who was the author?" "Where did at any price. Men will not employ and they will not keep themselves. If Wholly apart from its religious and any boy who happens to read this anlook at himself and do what his conscience says is best to do.

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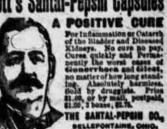
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