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We must beg our friends to write the names of persons and places as distinctly as possible.
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ning must stand over till our next issue.
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TO THE PROPRIETOR CHURCH OBSERVER,

OUR PLATFORM.

This term is peculiar and American, but not perhaps the less expressive for both characteristics. "Our platform" simply means a statement of our principles made before the public for the benefit of our friends and those who may see fit to act with us; and last, though not least, for those who, either through ignorance or ill-will, misrepresent our views and sentiments on all matters relating to religion. And we would now, once for all, state as clearly as we can the position which the CHURCH OBSERVER wishes to hold amongst the religious papers of the day.

1st. We claim to be a sound "church" pa We desire to send into the families which support us, a paper that will not only instruct and amuse, but that will aid materially in extendprinciples. We claim to belong to a branch of God's divinely-instituted church. We claim for our three-fold order of ministry divine appointment; and we claim, as the right of our children, distinctive teaching on these important matters. We have not the slightest intention of casting stones at those who differ with us on these subjects, while claiming the same privileges for themselves; but we do claim the right of making the clearest distinction between those doctrines of grace, which to a great extent are our common property, and those principles of become Everybody's Children; who have organization and government on which it is plain we cannot possibly agree. As far as the latter are concerned, we desire our children should be instructed from a Church of England stand-point, and that in tones so clear, conservative and decisive, as to aid in enabling them hereafter to fill (with honor to the church) our places when we are dead and gone.

2nd. We claim to be a sound PROTESTANT paper. We use the word in the plainest sense. Protestant as opposed to Popery and its somewhat deformed child "Ritualism." We desire thieves! the very words seem out of place to extend those views for which our fathers died. 'and with which we earaestly believe the "truth great, clean, airy maindecks, the blithe as it is in Jesus" is so intimately connected, that crew, in their blue uniforms, are at school. to allow them to be clouded is to darken that or in the various classes for learning shoenarrow road which leadeth unto life eternal. making, tailoring, or the whole art of woody and seven years is its limit for tea- Such-a-one." It proves so entire a want We do not wish to be personal or needlessly seamanship, from splicing and knotting to making. But, having a plantation, its of right feeling with regard to the true offensive,—neither do we wish to seek out con- the more scientific parts of their duty. It renewal is a matter of no appreciable object of assembling in God's house, and so troversy for mere controversy's sake; but we are is pleasant to see them learning the "rig" determined to be plain and outspoken against of the capital model that rests in a sort of establish and realize from than mulberry which is due to Him, that one cannot but country designed to follow the cultivation those who, calling themselves Anglican clergymen, who eat of the church's bread and drink of the church's cup, yet strive to turn our Anglican churches into Popish mass meetings,-our Protestant laity into enemies of that church in which they were baptized. ¡We make no apology for writing thus plainly, when in our city auricular be discerned even as we stand watching the and what we call our poorest lands are best preached, and, we suppose, put in practice. above; to learn that to-day is sea-pie day, better quality than those which want of erected there: confession and priestly absolution are boldly and we will not be silent.

3rd. We claim to be an Evangelical paper. saying that we will maintain and propagate those doctrines which present Christ's personal atonement, once offered as the only source of a sinner's salvation, and faith in that atonement as the means whereby the sinner must be saved. We take our stand on the articles of our church and foremost among them the 11th, 12th, 17th,

Such, in a few words is "our platform," and we ask all who can honestly endorse these views to aid and assist our effort either by special us with literary contributions, or such items of foreign foe, and may hope that we shall able to church people. We hope to make our selfishness and slothful conceit, and make church with which it is connected.

Montreal, 2nd January, 1868.

THE REASON By the Rev. JOHN I love the Church! for she By Apostolic hands;

On which she firmly st With wacders on her be ss watch to ke

love the Church! for, hu Here eat the bread of bear Here, to the thirsty trave Are purest waters given

I love the Church! for she in Her "hoary head" is wise-I ask no infant sect to guid My steps to Paradise.

I love her for her Liturgy, Her prayers divinely swe So scriptural, devotional, Time-honour'd and con

I love the Church of Englan She loves the sacred Word And for her homage to THE She's honour'd by her Lord

I love the Church! for, every The foot of man hath trod, She plants the Cross, and points the way To Paradise and God.

I love her for the gifted sons Who strike her hallow'd lyre; And for her martyr'd saints In chariots of fire!

"Why do I love my Church?" Because, A wise and watchful guide, In weal and woe,-in life and death,-She's ever by my side.

She brings the children to her Lord And lays them on his breast: She smooths the pillow of the dead In their last place of rest!

Ah! who would not a Churc Confessed in heart and life Who would not flee the bligh Of Sect, and Schism, and S

To live in her -- to die in her --And so ascend to heaven!

Family Circle

NOBODY'S CHILDREN.

There is no pleasanter holiday sight round London than Her Majesty's ship Chichester," for it is Her Majesty's-a gift to the Queen and the nation from those who have had the rescue of Nobody's Children at heart, in order that they might regarded those little, bright, keen, intelligent creatures as something akin to ourselves--meant for noble purposes, immortal lives; not as so much waste and refuse in the great stock-taking represented by registrars' returns, but as a valuable heritage of which we must surely give some account other than that which we may derive from the statistics of criminal prisons and the records of pauperdom. Paupers! on board of the "Chichester," where on the on stays and spars; pleasant to know that be left to Asiatics, who are skilled by long so irreverently. they have a grand bakery down in the hold, practice. But tea culture, when conducted whence the sweet smell of pure bread may | prudently, is a highly productive industry; 'two-decker' of meat, onions and potaremember that already captains in the merchant service are anxious to secure "Chiof their duties than half the grown-up * See "Our Church and her Services," by the Metropolitan of Canada.

* that the eggs going to Europe from our in process of construction,
unsound worms will prove injurious to our pleted back of the pulpit.

children—the children of the State. Till reputation. The Japanese will have silk this time comes it will be well for us to men presently added to their colony, and deny ourselves, if we can do it in no other they will add this industry to their selecway, in order to help on this good work, tion. They have vineyards and wineand send the full complement, four hundred presses. Wine-making they have to learn. pleted at Bisley, near Woking, and the rest to remain at the London home. Do our readers wish to know what becomes of like these people, and give them a hearty at the same time to the United States, against the outrages recently committed on American citizens in Cuba, and insinuating at the same time to the ministers that these children, and whether from them we may supply our colonies with new help? It only needs a visit to the institution to see the letters that come from Canada, as he likes, and there is no stancro. Sta barbarities in the island, and in her refusal South Africa, Australia, asking for boys nero is the enforced kneeling when in of the terms of a compromise to the people. work or useful trades; for girls who know have heard of Heaven away off,—we have the duties of domestic servants. Of 1,122 found the place. Come and share our the object of embarrassing the regency, as boys and 623 girls who had left the refuges happiness.' up to the end of 1867, 314 boys emigrated to New Zealand, Canada, the United States, Queensland, Nova Scotia, and South Africa; 46 entered Her Majesty's navy; 5 went into the army, 80 the merchant service; 304 were placed in various situations; 153 were restored to parents God, yet this is not intended to prevent and friends; 16 removed to other institut tions; 4 were apprenticed; 15 died; 1 went to college, and 184 were transferred to the "Chichester." Of the girls, 317 went to service, and have almost without their friends; 16 were removed to other institutions; 5 emigrated to America; 26 to Canada, 20 to New Zealand, 2 to Tasmania, 1 to Natal; 1 was married, and 15 died. It surely needs only a statement of such results to show what a waste of the raw material of humanity must be going on while a hundred thousand neglected children still cry for help, and can find no refuge except through the doors of the gaol .-

THE JAPANESE IN CALIFORNIA.

Cassell's Magazine.

California. He reports that all of hear them. An hu hear them. An humble vote them the people is essential to common prayer."

Every "amen" should be so hearty and general, as to assure him that his people are mindful of the duty in which they are admitted to wield the cradle admitted. Considering how much more how much more that instrument cuts in a day, they at once gave it preference over their accustomed sickle. The tea-nuts which they planted on their dry rolling land, of choice, are all up before God should not be rattled off in a to a finger's height, which is much more than they would do in Japan in so short time. They are all tea-gardeners and teamakers. They mean to make tea their speciality. Its success admits of no question. Such frosts as we have in our foothills are beneficial to the plant. The best

teas always come from plants that have 60 days snow and frost. The tea-plant is a camelia. It bears a fragrant flower. It will probably grow very bushy in this climate. Its natural height varies from three to five feet in China and Japan. Here, its tendency will probably be to grow taller; but, for convenience of plucking, it will probably be trimmed down to four feet. It is unwise to begin taking off leaves till the third year of its growth in planta-

operations of the "master baker" from for its finest qualities. The Japanese have knowledge has unfortunately scattered so

boys, to the Home in Great Queen-street, They hope to make varieties suited to the whence they are drafted off-such as desire taste of their countrymen, and to find a a sea-life (and only such as evince a strong market for it in Japan. Rice they will Spanish Government an official note, prowish for it)-to the "Chichester," others plant for next year; they have varieties to the new country home just being com- adapted to El Dorado county. But they and the Government of the United States, who have learnt the elements of agricultural presence of a superior. They say," You The members of the opposition to Serrano's

AUDIBLE RESPONSES.

Although the congregation is reminded at the beginning of the Prayer-Book, that all the earth should keep silence "before' any from approaching the throne of the Heavenly Grace with "an humble voice," as well as "a pure heart." There is a time to speak in church, as well as to keep silent, and all ought to be ready "to show exception done well; 222 were restored to forth God's most worthy praise" with their "lips" as well as their "lives." The officiating minister even "beseeches" all, "as many as are present," to do this; and his comfort in performing the service of reference to Cuba, were stopped at Madrid prayer and praise depends greatly on the prompt and cordial responses of the people. He might almost as well be as silent as

A statement which has been pretty exthey. Their interest in the service would hardly be more marred by his neglect to lead them audibly than his comfort is affected by their refusal to follow his lead of Spain in Cuba is denied. and answer his call, to ur confession and thanksgiving. The intent of the The editor of the Alta California has had a visit from Herr Schuell, the leader of the Japanese colony which recently set. of the Japanese colony which recently set whispers even will not suite; he cannot bear them. An humble was a trong the engaged, and deeply interested in every

petition or ascription which he offers. But the responses should be reverent as well as audible. The sentences uttered noisy and hurried manner, like so many parrots and without even "minding the stops," which the sense of the words, and the pointing of the book require to be observed, as if they were entirely unmindful of the fact that the Lord is in His holy temple, and that they are taking His words upon their lips. For in this way they may be taking His holy name in vain, and by this means drawing down a curse upon their light and trifling souls, instead of attaining and manifesting that "broken and contrite heart" which alone "He will not despise."

Parish Visitor.

GOING TO HEAR MR. SUCH-A-ONE.-I tion. Neither would too early leaves make a do not know a more painful sensation, or wholesome beverage. Once established, a any expression that grates more harshly tea-garden lasts for years, if plucked on one's ears, than when a person tells you reservedly. Otherwise, its leaves grow that he is going to Church "tollear Mr. expense. A tea plantation is easier to utter a forgetfulness of the holy worship which that portion of the youth of the dry dock of its own, conveniently for the trees. The manipulation of the tea-leaves have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood, may, simultaneous have a fearful suspicion with regard to of the soil for a livelihood bo'sun" to refer to in his short lecture is a delicate process, and probably it will the spiritual condition of one who speaks

> A correspondent of the Cincinatti Gazette writing from Salt Lake City thus describes the great Mormon Tabernacle now being

It deserves the name of wonderful. Its toes; to hear the real boyish laughter, and profusely over our State. They are all like does not exists in our land, if anywhere. evil can be arrested only by giving the We need not define the term further than by learn that sky-larking is not altogether from known varieties, grafted in Japan. It is an edifice two hundred and fifty feet rising generation a clear insight into, (1) unknown on board this glorious vessel; to Our trees are the wild mulberry raised long inside, and one hundred and fifty wide the properties of the different soils, and from seed. Italian experts who have Brick colums or walls about twelve feet the course of treatment required by each examined them declare them unfit for feed- high, four feet thick, and some twelve feet to bring out and maintain their full vigor chester" boys, as having a better knowledge ing by hand to silk-worms. In three years deep, placed around the entire circumferen- (2) the anatomy of domestic animals, and they will be too coarse and woody for food ce at intervals of about ten feet, support the nature of the diseases to which they loafers who ship before the mast; to find at any stage of the worm's life. The the walls and roof, and give free entrance are subject; and (3) chemistry and entothat there are volunteers who are received Japanese silk experts predicted two months and exit through wide doors on the inner mology. into the Queen's service, and will help to ago that our worms would not live, under side directly to the groundfloor, upon which man the national marine; and that, as we our system of feeeding on leaves from wild level is the great audience chamber, capaleave the vessel's side and hear the lads and unripe trees, and for want of experience ble of comfortably seating 15,000 persons upon its agriculture; and unless an imwho man the yards sing, "We'll fight and in rearing worms. They require great care The roof is like a monatrous half egg shell provement is made in the system pursued, donations towards our enterprise, or by subscriptions, or both. We ask our evangelical church clergy in our various dioceses not only to seek to clergy in our extend the paper in their parishes, but also to aid achieved there than any conquest of a against plucking mulberry trees before they with pine, and no supporting columns break need not be expensive concerns, either in bear fruit; as well as because it vitally its great expanse. Its height is over sixty first cost or subsequent maintenance; even church news as would prove generally accept soon as a nation take up arms against our injures the tree, as because the sappy feet. The pulpit occupies one end, an or. if the opposite were true in the end. Our leaves are unfit food for worms, and are gan higher than the Boston monster al- contemporary points to the Hon. Mr. Carpaper successful, and a credit and aid to the the homeless and the destitute our own sure to breed disease. These people predict most as broad and musically excellent, is ling as the source whence action in the

Political.

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

London. Sept. 15.—It is known here that General Sickles transmitted to the testing in behalf of the American people well as to prevent, if possible, any arrangement with the Executive in Washington.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR CUBA.

MADRID, Sept. 14, evening.-Two Spansh iron-clad frigates have been ordered by Government to proceed to Cuba with troops. Three thousand have already sailed for the island, and seven thousand more will leave Spain for the same destination during the present week.

NEW YORK "HERALD" DES-PATCHES EMBARGOED.

Telegrams from Spain addressed to and en route for the New York Herald, having

THE RAILWAY KING OF THE NORTHWEST.

Mr. Alexander Mitchell, of Milwaukee, whose election to the presidency of the Chicago and North-western Railway-he indisputed Railway King of the West He has now about two thousand miles of railway under his control forming a network of lines leading from Chicago and Milwaukee to the Pacific Railway at Omaha, tapping the great northwestern States at all their important points, and embracing nearly the entire railway system of Wisconsin and Minnesota. These lines are constantly lengthening, and it would not be a very surprising thing, if, within a year's time, another thousand miles of railway should be added to his dominion; and that without any further annexation, but simply by completing and adding to lines already in process of construction or projected.

Mr. Mitchell is a "cannie Scot," a native of Aberdeen, the birthplace of more of the wealthy and successful business men in the United States and Canada than almost any other city of its size in the world .- Buf falo Commercial advertiser.

PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

The Windsor Record says:—We are pleased to see the London Free Press moving in the matter of Agricultural Schools in this province. Institutions in neously with a literary education, receive a thorough training in the several branches of agriculture based upon scientific truths. are much needed, and in the absence of private enterprise, should be established and maintained by the State. There is no doubt that the productiveness of our soil is yearly lessened by the thoughtless, haphazard practice of the farmers, and this

The wealth and importance of Canada depends, and must ever depend, chiefly that the eggs going to Europe from our in process of construction, and nearly com-unsound worms will prove injurious to our pleted back of the pulpit.