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THE ANTI-POVERTY MOVE-MENT AND RELIGION.

WE are far from endorsing the Henry George theories concern ing land, and the raising of the national revenue and other necessary Fain would many of the poor worship funds for social and municipal pur- where "rich and poor meet together" in poses by a tax on land alone. That is the presence of Him who made them a matter for statesmen to deal with both, but they are not wanted there. tion, and whatever is erroneous or imence of the past in reference to reforms Jesus, is not the religion for them. it is well that great care be exercised ant and fraught with consequences so manifestly beneficial or detrimental.

under which the working masses both them that any religion which countenin the old and new world are groaning. I ances the breach of God's taw or It will not do to impute selfish motives. There may be some who sor The Presbutgran Review no matter whatever may be the mo- brethren, and that those who despise tises of the advocates, argument must the poor are not Christ's disciples. To most prominer advocates of the theory disclaim such in uses, and they should not be discredited in advance. They The erils pointed out are admittedly great, the danger is great, the remedy is not so apparent and easy as some seem ience is, to say the least, an issue to be in worship and service. prayerfully avoided. Any proposal then to help the down trodden masses should be fairly dealt with.

That poverty will remain, land or no land, so long as men are victously inclined and are unable to control their tusts and passions must be admitted, hence the need o' moral education. In this western world, where land is abundant and cheap, it seems strange to at Certain it is, that very many prefer living ing in crowded cities almost tion point to settling on land. Neverthat of cities, and direct the fruits of labour towards enriching the few and leaving the toiling thousands to remuty and discomfort. Landlordism in the affect the country population as well as old world sense, with its abuses of here-I ditary succession, primogeniture and entail may not exist here. Still the possession of large racts of land, held by speculators, and excluded from set tlement, the control of coal nunes by " coal barons" and railway companies, , the possibilities of monopoly and combination by capitalists and land-owners are matters that demand consideration by our law makers. There can not be a doubt that the labourers who do we work are not remunerated as they should be, and are not in many cases enjoying the comforts which their industry and morality should secure for them.

But it is the bearing of these matters on Religion that to the Christian is the most important question. Have truth and right and love the full sway to which they are entitled? Or is it true that our laws and social institutions justify the poverty-stricken, toiling millions in regarding the religion of Jesus as opposed to them, and Christians as their enemies? It is, alas! true that in many instances the men and women who are prominent in the churches, practice deceit and falsehood in their business, and so impose upon the ignorant, ignore the claims of justice in paying for labour, and lovelessly disre. gard the need and sufferings of the labourer. And it is also too near the truth that the one sole object of the wealthy so-called Christian monopolist is to make the greatest profits by the cheapest labour, not heeding who is crushed and utterly forgetting what he owes a brother man. This we know is not the religion of

Christ. Is it the religion of the the lattice of the control of the co high and low as in God's sight? 'Are ADVERTISHORATES ... - Perline per year.

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30 contr, under r easth, so conts. Special Must the poor pay tithes to support rathe for contracts on application. a well-fed and arrogant priest-Food? Must those who cannot bear their part in supporting elegant and costly churches and mingle with the lion of the Scott Act. " Put the Act fashionable and great, be thereby deprived of the services of able and eloant ministers, and either attend mission churches supported as charities, or leave the church altogether? Whatever is good in the theory will They feel that these wealthy men are sooner or later find its place in legisla- not brethren in the Lord, that they cannot join in saying "Our Father." tracticable will disappear. No one and it is a short step to conclude that can in the present state of matters a religion so devoid of love, so redospeak with infallibility. The experi- lent of pride, if it be the religion of

What, then, is the need of our day? prematurely committing themselves To teach men, not about Churches, but e ther to the support or condemnation, about God in Christ. To tell them of the measures, wise, men will allow that the only true religion is love to the discussion to go on. There are a God and man, that any religion that few points, however, concerning which to opposed to truth, or justice, or right, or love is not of God-is not religion is at best an unsavoury one. But no in dealing with a question so import- at all, that any law or institution that words are strong enough to condemn a rests on deceit, injustice, envy, and traffic which resorts to mobbin, to promalice, and fosters pride, is not of God lect itself in delying the law. We Charity should be enercised towards -has nothing to do with religion. To would not, if we could, come in bethose who are advocating reform with teach them theren commandments, and tween the law and the parties now conficience on the occasion; and the choice a view to remedying the terrible evils the sermon on the mount, and tell mitted to stand their trial for the shoot of that nobleman, who has a near, tela- congregation.

Christ's precepts, is not true religion, is but there is no question as to wiso benot of God. To tell them that God is gan the quarrel, and as to the cowardly d dis expect to entich themselver, but the universal l'ather, that all men are nature of the attack. be met by argument and not by abus | bring men near to God in Christ, and ive imputation of evil intentions. The tell them that every man who receives Christ belongs to Christ, forms part ci His body, which is the Church. That Christ's Church is not a human organi not be discredited in advance. They Christ's Church is not a human organi and when persistent efforts are made to about are Buthops, lavding them to no active helper in any department of appeal to reason without threatening. zation, but consists of the disciples of to discredit the operations of the Scott the Conference to be held at Lambeth. Church work could afford to do without. Christ united to worship God and do good to man. That what is wanted is not to be a member of a Church, but a to think, suppression by force is out of member of Christ's body, the Church, the question; and resolution by sio- and to unite with the children of God

> If these views of true religion were prevalent, the hostility of the labouring classes would cease and the religion of Jesus would be embraced. The wrongs done by, and the unchristian conduct of many who pass for Chris tians, and are often lauded for ostentatious real for a church, are the immediate cause of what seems to be opposition to Christianity. It is not Christ or His doctrine, it is not the God of the Bible that the masses reject, it is the spurious religion of untruthful, an just, selfish men, who while calling themselves Christians, dishonour Christ and disregard their fellow-men. Conor anarchists; still like men they will demand for themselves and all their brethren their God-given rights, and will seek to obtain them by such methods as the love of God may dictate.

TEMPERANCE MATTERS.

THE Rev. D. J. Macdonnell's scr mons on drinking have provoked wide comment. The anti temperance press is pleased. Some temperance advocates, like Rev. Dr. McCurdy in the Mail, labour to make Mr. Macdonnell's position appear as not injuit ous to the temperance cause. The general sentiment of the temperance public is, however, with Rev. Mr. Tay. for of London, and Revs E. A. Stafford and John Smith of this city-Epilcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian, respectively, in their purgent replies. We are not prepared to accept Mr. Taylor's views on Bible wines. Indeed, we hold the question to be of comparatively little importance. We hold these two positions as impregnable: that the only safe course for men, whether under twenty-one or over twenty-one, is total abstinence; and that the principle of self denial for the sake of weak brethren, whatever it may or may not have imposed on Paul, or the Christians of his time, says to Christians of our day, Abstain from all intoxicants " because of the fearful risk which they run who touch, taste or handle them. We lament that any comfort has been given to liquor drinkers from the pulpit of St. Andrew's which speaks out so grandly on many themes. Intentionally, or unintentionally, on the part of its minister, as it may have been this has been done, and thereat throughout the length and breadth of the land the enemies of Temperance rejoice.

Such occurrences as the shooting affray at Myrtle a few days ago bring to mind the prophecy of Mr. King Dodds in his showy speeches against the adopinto force," he was wont to cry, "and respectable men will quit the hotel business, to be replaced by a rowdy set. We have the rowdy set, in all truth , but the prediction has missed the mark in this one point, that there has been no general change in the personnel of hotel-keepers. Some have, of course, been driven out. But the men who figure as the defendants in Scott Act cases, and who engage of encourage ruffianism against those concerned in the enforcement of the law, are just now Mr. King Dodds' old friends the former "respectable" hotel keepers. It is a striking comment on the de basing character of the whole business, and the Scott Act has done signal service in opening the eyes of the public to this. We are, it niust be admitted, no fervert admirers of the whiskey detectives, or their methods. Their trade

ing of Brown. We pass no judgment live in the Sacred College, has given as to who was guilty of the shooting; lively satisfaction at the Vatican.

At a time, therefore, when the liquor interest is more than usually active and malignant, when, too, some pulpits are giving forth a very uncertain sound regarding the use of wine as a beverage, and when persistent efforts are made Act, it is well for Presbytemans to bear The Conference will assemble, in ac-

"That this Assembly again declares its conviction that the liquor traffic is ever, after four days' session, adjourn, contrary to the Word of God and to to re assemble on Monday, July 23rd, the spirit of the Christian religion; that and will conclude its sittings on Fritotal prohibition is right in principle: that it is the duty of the State to pass a

their choice of representatives, will elect on the Anglican Communion in relation him away in peace when the time comes only able and good men, who are well to the Eastern Churches, to the Scanhanown to be in sympathy with problem of dinavian and other Reformed Churches, secular side, and the legal relations and

use their utmost influence against the deadly power of the saloon, by their lations of Dioceses and Branches of public utterances and attract life, by the Anglican Communion. The Pres since men who God is, what He to personal effort and example on behalf byterian Council, as we have already life of a church most needs to know, quires, and what He is doing in Chris of Temperance, and by a watchful care mentioned, will meet on July 3rd, and can be found anywhere else. It has to save, and they will not be atheurs of the young gathered in our Sabbath continue in session till the 10th. In to save, and they will not be atheust of the young gathered in our Sabbath or anarchists; still like men they will schools and homes, so as to awaken the conscience of the indifferent, and to save those who are tempted or fallen,

> No expression of opinion could be less ambiguous or more emphatic than this. And while the largest possible measure of individual liberty of opinion and action upon the matter of temperance is permitted and enjoyed in the Church, it can scarcel, be a matter of doubt that members and adherents who are sincerely anxious to do what is right on this question, will act wisely in following the recommendations of our Supreme Court. In a few days Presbyterians, in common with their fellow citizens, will have, throughout the country, an opportunity of showing how much or how little of the spirit of the above resolutions governs their votes in the choice of municipal representatives. We sincerely hope that they will aim at electing only good men, who are well known to be in sympathy with pro-

hibitory legislation. That there are schemers who "work" the Temperance ticket for their own selfish ends is no excuse for honest men hesitating or refusing to support Temperance candidates at the polls. The plain duty of Christian people is to labour diligently for the establishment of Christian principles. Let the temperance ship be brought safe to the harbour, and then let the barnacles be removed. It would be supreme folly to blow up or desert the ship in mid ocean with a view to getting rid of the always given to hospitality birnacles.

HOME MISSION FUND:

PHE Presbyterian Church of Ireland has ever been a true friend of our Church, and never fails in its annual contribution. Dr. Cochrane has re- gers to the city. Of course they found ceived from Dr. Wilson, of Limerick, the following letter, transmitting L150 to the Home Mission Fund. Mr. Wilson's letter speaks for itself.

"Linknick, Dec. Sth, 1837. "DEAR DR. COCHRANK,-I hope er closed draft for £150 will reach you in good time as a Christmas offering. It is the amount of grant from our Board

great success, and I sincerely hope may not be emppled or limited in its operations if in want of means.

THE London Presbyterien Messenge of Dec. oth has the following:-

Next year promises to be a remark able one in the ecclesiastical world.
On the first day of the year the Pope will extebrate the subilee of his priesthood, and already there has been considerable stir in anticipation of the erent. The Dake of Norfolk has been selected as special Envoyof the Queen, to convey to the Pope her congratula-

Meanwhile, the papers teem with no-counts of the Jubileo presents that are sent to Rome. And as a further token of the extending influence of the Papal Church, the news of the retire ment of Lord Lyons was immediately followed by that of his reception as a Roman Catholic, an event which has rich and manifold experience are har-The Anglican Conference will, howday, July 27th. The subjects definitely selected for discussion at the Confer-1638 and the Tercentenary of the Defeat of the Spanish Armada, will begin pel, as vindicated anew at the time of the Reformation, and it is hoped that

Nor infrequently the charge is made by strangers visiting l'resbyterian churches that they meet with but a cold reception. We have even heard it stated that the Methodist churches are more hospitable. It would appear, however, from the following, which we clip from an American Methodist paper, that Presbyterians are not always neglectful of strangers, and Methodists

"Some years ago a young gentleman removed from the country to a certain large city in the State of New York to commence the practice of law. He, as well as his wife, had been reared from childhood in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both were comparative stranascertained that after an attendance of the well known art critic and corressome two years, the young man was un. pondent. able to form any acquaintances as no attention was paid either to him or his Presbyterian church, whose people at which there are no less than fourteen, release. The natural and made them compaise. Profits of Particular to the natural and the compaise. release. The natural result was they

general merits or defects of the various denominations are very likely to be nominations are very much alike, with years. But, as we have more than title of "Inst Girl in Black and once said," the best way for strangers to mumber is also enriched by poems from George Meredith and Sidney A. Alexander, and a continuation of H. D. Traill's clever monthly notes "Et Cactongregation." [Macmillan & Co, New York.]

Literary Notices.

Parisit Problems. Hints and Helps for the People of the Churches. Edited by Washington Gladden. New York: The Century Co.

since been succeeded by his death, vested in this volume. The purpose Turning from the Church of Rome, we has been to make a book which every notice the letter of the Archbishop of Justor would wish to see in the hands Canterbury, which has been addressed of every member of his flock, and that Many things ought to be said to the people of every church that their pastor cannot say. The relations between them is one of great delicacy; the happiness of both parties depends on con-sideration and justice—in many matters in respect to which the parties lips are scaled. If these obligations are disregarded there is suffering; yet their fulfilment cannot be demanded. The attempt is made in this volume to set forth the othics, the courtesies, and the that it is the duty of the State to pass a selected for discussion at the Conterprobability law, and that this result is encu are the following.—(1) The properties of the pastoral relations in to be carnestly sought by all right Church's practical work in relation to such a way that the people may be means.

"That this Assembly, with renewed carnestness and emphasis, again expresses he hope that the electors, in classes, and the means thereto. (2) Departs problem—how to secure a good minister, how to treat him, how to work with him, how to send the means thereto. (3) him, how to work with him, how to send the means thereto. to the Old Catholics, and others. (4) business interests of the organization

"That this Assembly calls on all its pastors, elders, teachers and members voice. (5) Authoritative standards of doubtful whether a statement as com-Poctrine and Worship. (6) Mutual re-lations of Dioceses and Branches of chapter, as the very things which every man who is interested in the business June, the United Missionary Conference who has long been an active member ence will take place, which will bear an of one of the great churches of New international aspect. The celebration York. The fourth chapter finds the of the Bicentenary of the Resolution of pastor at home, and discusses in a homely, sympathetic way the questions concerning the domestic life of the parin London on May 27th, which has sonago, and the relations of the copile been selected as the anniversary of the to the pastor and his family. In the day on which the Armada set sail from lifth chapter the pastor is seen at work, Spain for the invasion of Ereland, and and some of the wisest of our teachers its subjugation to the Papal youe. An offer hints about methods of pastoral rangements are being made by the Executive Committee for the printing and thankful for these counsels; but they circulation of a number of publications, are intended for the people more than leaflets, &c., bearing upon the two the pastor, and show what the work of great crises in our national history, to the pastor is, that they may give him a which the celebration specially refers. fair chance to do it. In the sixth chap-In addition to Mr. Guinness and Mr. ter the people are pointed to several Shipton, the following have been appointed joint secretaries—namely, Mr. The seventh chapter toes to the heart Mark Knowles, Mr. H. Miller, the of the matter; for the central purpose Rev. Dr. Kennedy Moore, and the is to set the people at work and to show Rev. Mr. Hooper. The object of them what to do; and it covers a good those promoting this celebration is to part of the active life of the working endeavour to awaken fresh zeal in rechurch. The Sunday school is the endeavour to awaken fresh zeal in re-church. The Sunday school is the gard to the great doctrines of the Gost theme of the eighth chapter, and was written by men who are recognized as leaders in this field. The final chapter the Reformation, and it is hoped that teauers in time nero. The macroapped both Evangelical principles and spirit-tial life will be fostered and promoted proper emphasis upon this feature of the three. Thus, the purpose of the book is to help the man who stands in the pulpit by showing his people what are their right relations to him and to one another, and to those without their fellowship, and to all the great services that demand their powers, and by stimulating and guiding and developing the spiritual life and practi-cal efficiency of the church.—From the Christian at Work.

> PROF. TYNDALI, who is scarcely less famous as a mountaineer than as a scientist, spent last summer in the Alps of Stitzerland, and his adventures and observations will form the subject of two articles which he has written ex pressly for the Youth's Companion.

JOHN RUSKIN'S portrait is to be the frontispiece of the January Century The magazine will have a frank estimate of Mr. Ruskin, as a critic and teacher, by one who has traveled and studied with him, Mr. W. I. Stillman.

The December (Holiday) number of the English Illustrated Magazine fulfils wife. They withdrew and connected the promise of being unusually attraccomprise. " Portrait of Rembrandt," by himself; " Potato Planting"; " Study of is the amount of grant from our Isoard to aid in your Home Mission work—
Western district.
"I regret to learn through the Rawd, etc., that you are in trouble as to your financial state. I sincerely hope your entire Church will be stirred up to a sense of duty and the great privilege of carrying on and sustaining such a noble work as that in which you are engaged. Your mission has been a great success, and I sincerely hope it ing by Hugh Thomson; "The Meet at an Inn," from a drawing by Hugh Thomson; "Courtyard of the Church operations it in want or means.

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we agree with our contemporary that the more attention is called to the sub- Herring," are continued, and there see Minto, and the author of "John ject by the fastors, and by the people, is also the first chapter of a new the better it will be for the coming one by Mrs. Molesworth, under the years. But, as we have more than title of "That Girl in Black." The