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Jan. 1st. CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD.  
Morning.—Genesis xvii. 9. Romans ii. 17.  
Evening.—Deut. x. 12. Col. ii. 8 to 13.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29, 1887.

The Rev. W. H. Wadleigh is the only gentleman travelling authorized to collect subscriptions for the "Dominion Churchman."

ADVICE TO ADVERTISERS.—The *Toronto Saturday Night* in an article entitled "Advertising as a Fine Art" says, that the **DOMINION CHURCHMAN** is widely circulated and of unquestionable advantage to judicious advertisers.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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A quantity of Correspondence and Diocesan News unavoidably left over for want of space.

**MEN WHO ARE WISER AND BETTER THAN CHRIST.**—It would seem as though the claim on behalf of Christ that He stood peerless in moral dignity and wisdom, is being challenged. The Rev. Mr. Stafford, a Methodist minister, with quite a number of others have put forth the plea that when Jesus created wine to enhance the hilarity of a wedding and when He ordained wine for the Sacrament, He was acting on lower moral principles than the prohibitionists of to-day. They are the supreme and only exemplars of divine purity and wisdom! Mr. S. says plainly that morality has brightened in these later ages, one effect being different views of the drink question to those held by Jesus and St. Paul. It is now a common thing to hear the rabid, paid, advocates of temperance declare that Christ did not know as much as they do, and that his moral standard was below that of teetotalers! The next step will be to declare the Almighty to be impure in a teetotaler's eyes, owing to His having created wine. That is, in effect, what the prohibi-

tionists now say, they desire to drive out of the world that which God placed in it for the use of His creatures, thus claiming to be better and wiser than the Creator. Well may these people blaspheme over the Sacrament. But what are some of our clergy thinking about to allow themselves to be associated with this infamous conspiracy? Do they sit in silence while their prohibitionist brethren blaspheme Christ by declaring His morality not up to their standard? It is a common thing to hear Jesus spoken of on temperance platforms as ignorant of the effects of wine, and of the evils of drink in these later ages. Do our clergy sit cheek by jowl and hear their Lord and Master thus maligned? They probably imagine it right to be thus cowardly in the interests of temperance.

WHAT CRANKINESS LEADS TO.—A writer in the *Mail* who is, we believe a School Inspector, has taken Mayor Howland to task for certain utterances of his in regard to education. Mr. Howland is a particular favorite of the sects, chiefly because of his offensive conduct as a churchman. What will the preachers think of Mr. Howland saying "There is no such thing as a boy being really criminal, it is merely surface depravity." The writer in the *Mail* says, "This statement surely overlooks two well known factors (well-known, I mean, to all educators) in education—(1) The law of heredity, and especially (2) the influence of the 'environment.' Does Mr. H. expect us to believe that a boy 12 or 14 years of age who has from the hour of his birth been surrounded with evil influences is merely tinged with 'a surface depravity?' Has not the noxious atmosphere which the unhappy child has continuously breathed, largely determined his moral constitution? It is hardly a metaphor to say that under such circumstances moral evil has become infiltrated in the very being of his soul, for it is literally true that the evil environment has produced a brain development which finds its natural activity in crime. This, it seems to me, is no 'merely surface depravity' that can be removed (to carry out Mr. H's metaphor) by the gentle application of a sponge." The statement overlooks the fact of the natural depravity of the human heart, in which the impulses to crime are stirring oftentimes very early in life. A barrister of high rank said to us lately that he could not get an honest messenger boy, "they all lie and steal," said he. Between Mayor Howland's oracular declaration, that the badness of boys is merely on the surface, and the facts of life as declared by God, that the heart is desperately wicked, we prefer to accept notorious facts and the word of God, to even Mayor Howland's cranky notions. Some of the most determined criminals in Canada to-day are mere boys. It is a very alarming fact that the number of juvenile criminals for some years past has been increasing at a rapid rate.

**THE "CHURCH TIMES" ON THE WELSH QUESTION.**—We quote satient passages from a powerful article in the *C. T.*, to confirm our own comments on the Welsh church question.

"Everyone knows that there are only two possible bases of society. One is 'the good old rule, the simple plan,' whereby nobody was lord of life or limb, or property, or possessions, whose right arm could not keep his person and chattels. The other is a state of things under which law and life and property and contracts are by common consent inviolable. Under this system England has grown enormously in population, in wealth, in civilization and happiness."

The Editor goes on to show how the Irish agitation has bred disorders under which "Socialism and anarchism are lifting up their heads amongst us. We have Dissenters trying, in the name of religion, to rob the clergy of the pittance on which so many starve rather than live; and now this attack on tithes is extended to rent." The article quotes some portions of the language used by the Welsh

press against landlords, quite enough to excite men to murder them. It seems that there have been one or two cases of chapels having been built on leased land, and as the rent was not paid the mortgage was foreclosed, as we should say. For merely protecting himself against loss, the landlord has been abused as a hog, lion, bear, ass and serpent, all combined! One Welsh paper "coolly lays down the doctrine that 'the Government of every country ought to own the lands, and let them for fair and reasonable rents, and use the money received from them towards bearing the expenses of the State, and through that extinguish the taxes and lighten the burdens of the subjects in general.' Meanwhile, counsel has been given that each tenant, instead of taking his rent on the appointed day, should take his books to his landlord and show from them that he has not been able to earn by the land more than he has paid for his living expenses (of the amount of which he is himself to be the judge) for his own labour and for his hired labourers. The good man, according to the Psalmist, is one that sweareth to his neighbour and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hindrance; but, according to the Welsh gospel, he is the man who makes bargains and refuses to abide by them, and blasphemes those whom he seeks to rob.

Is it not dreadful to think that there should be a million people who can read this pestilent nonsense? Its silliness is beneath contempt, but as it appeals in the most direct way to the sectarian passion and the cupidity of those for whom it is written, there is only too much reason to fear that it may have its effect."

**HONOUR FROM TRICKERY.**—A very reprehensible deception has been practiced on those citizens in New York who took any notice of a missionary from Toronto, who went to convert those poor, ignorant Yankee heathens. He went to tell what marvels of moral reform had been effected by him in the Ontario capital, and in doing so stated things which his own best party friends have condemned as without any foundation. Take the Sunday question. It was affirmed that the quiet Sunday enjoyed in Toronto was all the result of Mr. W. H. Howland's influence as Mayor! As a matter of fact, there has not been the slightest change in this respect for many, many years. A barber or two have been harried, it is true, and that is all the reformation can claim to have done! On the other hand the general rule of Mr. H. has excited a strong feeling which will develop, probably, into an organized attack on the Sunday laws. Fancy such a record calling forth the doxology from a number of excited and badly gulled men! The Toronto missionary to New York forgot one thing, he did not tell his hearers that since he came into office the Police Court cases have gone on increasing until they show an increase over any previous year, of from 25 to 30 per cent. But as Mr. Joseph Cook said, "It is no use fooling with fools," and Mr. Howland, therefore, did not deal with facts, but gave them fools' diet of fiction, bombast, and mere self-flattery. The *New York Tribune*, the leading paper of the States, says plainly that Mr. Howland played "a very smart trick."

—Sixty per cent. of all the crimes committed within the limits of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, during a period of twenty years, consisted of "rum offences" drunkenness, illegal liquor dealing or nuisances.

—A good and a wise man is not to be an enemy of wicked men, but a reprover of them; and he is to look upon all the drunkards, the lustful, the thankless, covetous, and ambitious that he meets with, not otherwise than a physician looks upon his patients.—*Seneca*.

Temperance is reason's girdle and passion's bridle.—*Jeremy Taylor*.