

ing of three and one-fifth acres in the very heart of the city, with a view to the erection of an elegant and representative church edifice, together with Mission Houses and other connexional institutions. The *Globe* says:—"We understand that matters have advanced sufficiently in the direction of erecting the new Wesleyan Church and Connexional buildings on McGill Square, to warrant the committee in shortly offering a premium for plans of the proposed structures. It has been determined to use the whole block entirely for church purposes, without, as first proposed, dividing it into any small lots for residences. The new church will be built to accommodate 2,000 persons seated, and is calculated to cost \$50,000."

Gleanings.

LONG SERMONS.—A lawyer who consumes three hours in arguing a question of law relating to the ownership of a barrel of apples, is indignant at his minister for exceeding twenty-five minutes in unfolding one of the great principles of morality, on the observance of which the tolerable existence of society depends. The judge who fills two hours with his "opinion" on the right of a counsel to challenge a witness, grumbles at his minister because he has prolonged the discussion of fundamental laws of human existence to thirty minutes. The physician who takes ten minutes to prepare the medicine for the headach, is eagerly restive if his minister spends twice as many in attempting to relieve a chronic heartache. The belle who has spent—how long?—in adjusting the bows of her bonnet, is remorseless in her criticism on the minister who does not finish his meditations on the character of God in fifteen minutes. The fop who has combed and perfumed and waxed his beard and moustache for an hour, is mortified past endurance if the poor minister is not through his discussion of the immortal life "inside" of twenty minutes.

FAMILY PRAYERS.—Henry Ward Beecher says that the best time for family prayers is immediately after breakfast and immediately after supper—for then the children will be most likely to be quiet, and to feel that they have something to be thankful for. No one will be hungry; no one will be sleepy; and if ever the whole attention will be given to devotion it will at those times.

ROUNDED PERIODS.—A clergyman from the country, who, I suppose, had the previous six months been preparing a gorgeous sermon for the metropolis, delivered it at a missionary anniversary in Surrey Chapel (the venerable Rowland Hill's) "Oh!" said another clergyman, at the close, to Mr. Hill, "was it not a beautiful sermon? the periods were so exquisitely rounded!" "Rounded," said Mr. Hill; "Aye, they were rounded, as round as Satan could wish them. How smoothly they would roll off the sinner's conscience, leaving no impression there!"

SWEARING.—A lady riding in a car on the New York Central Railroad was disturbed in her reading by the conversation of two young men occupying the seat before her. One of them seemed to be a student of some college on his way home for a vacation. He used much profane language, greatly to the annoyance of the lady. She thought she would rebuke him, and begging pardon for interrupting them, asked the young student if he had studied the languages. "Yes, madam, I have mastered the languages quite well." "Do you read and speak Hebrew?" "Quite fluently." "Will you be so kind as to do me a small favour?" "With great pleasure. I am at your service." "Will you be so kind as to do your swearing in Hebrew?"