

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE INVITATION FOR WEEK OF UNITED AND UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR, JANUARY 4-11, 1880.

Beloved Christian Brethren.—We have again the happiness of inviting you—beloved followers of our Lord Jesus Christ...

This sacred fellowship, by its annual recurrence, deepens afresh in our hearts the assurance of the essential unity of all believers...

The past year has been marked by great temporal depression in many countries, and has not been free from the desolations and sorrows of war...

THE FOLLOWING TOPICS ARE SUGGESTED FOR EXHORTATION AND INTERCESSION ON THE SUCCESSIVE DAYS OF MEETING:

- Sunday, Jan. 4.—Sermons on the "Fullness of Christ's Salvation." Monday, 5th.—Thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year, and prayer for their continuance.

The following arrangements have been made for the city of Halifax:

- Sunday, Jan. 5th.—Meeting at 4 1/2 o'clock, conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association. Morning Meetings will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, beginning on Monday and closing on Saturday...

S. L. SHANNON, President. ROBT. MURRAY, Secretary.

TALMAGE AND HIS JUDGES.

WHAT THE CLERGYMAN'S FRIENDS SAY CONCERNING HIS CRITICS.

Resolutions of Clerical Combinations and Schemes that were Said to Have Distinguished the Recent Trial by hat

The Synod of Long Island meets in New York to-day to take up the appeal from the verdict of the Brooklyn Presbytery acquitting Dr. Talmage. The contest between the Talmage and anti-Talmage factions is stronger than ever...

Reckwell told him about the bribe offered by Van Dyke to secure his vote against Talmage. Little by little the incidents and events of the Presbytery trial are coming to light.

Another Old School Presbyterian opened his lips to-day, for the first time, as follows: "The Rev. James Glentworth Butler, S. T. D., stated clerk of the Synod, was opposed to finding Dr. Talmage guilty of the offences charged against him..."

Dr. Van Dyke and his friends expected a young clergyman who recently joined the Brooklyn Presbytery to follow their lead. The young clergyman was told that the minority were the most powerful, intelligent, and influential...

A member of the Long Island Synod said last night that Dr. Talmage's reference to an emissary who had been sent to a member of his family related to a visit of inquiry concerning the accident by which the first Mrs. Talmage was drowned near Philadelphia seventeen years ago.

"The disaster," he said, "occurred near Fairmount Park. The venerable mother of the lady who was drowned resides in Jersey City, and although in possession of full mental vigor, is infirm bodily health. A Presbyterian messenger called at her house and requested a personal interview..."

LAND OF PALESTINE.

Even with this enlargement the country only attains an extent of ten thousand square miles—a measurement about equal to the territory of Massachusetts and Rhode Island united, or considerably less than one-fourth of the dimensions of the State of New York. The soil surface is, however, much larger than the comparison would imply...

sides) preventing the soil from being washed into the valleys, rendered the hills cultivable in a series of long, narrow fields, gardens, or vineyards, from base to summit. Thus these hill-sides were enriched and beautified by a luxuriant growth of the olive, the fig, the grape, and other fruits...

East of Bethlehem is a narrow plain or open valley, with white stony slopes and a few crumbling ruins. It is here that Meial Eder, "the Tower of the Flock," is supposed to have stood, and where, according to Jewish tradition, Messiah was first to appear.

It was in this plain, doubtless, that the beautiful pastoral of Boaz and Ruth was enacted. (See Book of Ruth, chapter i, 22; ii, 23.) The Moabitish maiden had made request of her mother-in-law, Naomi, to allow her to go, in accordance with the custom of the country...

GREAT SERMONS.

We are called upon to adorn Christ crucified. I think we are getting into great mistakes about sermons sometimes. "Great Sermons," we say. A great sermon is generally a great sin. "O, it was an intellectual treat," said somebody. Very likely there was not a soul saved by it. We think that we are to give our people something big every Sunday.

THE PAIN-KILLER.—We have known the high character of this medicine, and that it is used with great success and satisfaction in our very best families.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH—IS DIPHTHERIA INFERIOUS.

From the Halifax Morning Chronicle.

Having just returned from my tour through the western counties, a few facts gathered in my journeyings may prove of value to your readers. Under the auspices of the Nova Scotia Health Society I have visited and delivered lectures in every county in the Province...

Notwithstanding that diphtheria has ravaged the country for twenty-two years there is still a class of people who will not admit that the disease is infectious or capable of being carried in clothing. The following facts are of importance as bearing on this question.

- 1. A family after recovering from diphtheria in Massachusetts, came to visit some friends at River John. The children of their host took the disease...

FURNITURE SPOTS—CLEANING STOVE MICA—TURNIP GRIDDLE GREASE.

On whom we know to be an excellent House-keeper sends to the American Agriculturist the following, which, she writes, were new to her, and may be to some others at least: Spots on varnished furniture are readily removed by rubbing them with essence of pepper-mint, and afterwards with "furniture polish" or oil.

DAIRYMEN IN CLOVER.—No other class of producers suffer so severely from low prices during the first half of the year, and we rejoice with them in the fact that no other class—not even the rampant speculator of Wall-street has enjoyed so great a "boom" in prices...

GOOD PRESSED BEEF.—We commend to our many new house-keeping readers the following, which has been partly given in former years. Take any fresh lean beef—the cheaper pieces, as the upper part of the leg above the "soup pieces," answers very well; that containing tendons or plenty of gelatine is even preferable...

old books from a shelf and looking through them. Now, these books were in the room were the deaths from diphtheria had occurred twenty years previously, and during the whole of that time had never been disturbed. Both these girls were taken ill in a few days and the disease in both cases proved to be diphtheria.

NOTE—I would take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Mr. Moore, of St. Alban; Mr. C. E. Brown, of Yarmouth; and other thoughtful friends, for papers containing articles bearing upon sanitation.

HOUSE AND FARM.

J. W. MACDONALD, M.D. Antigonish, Dec. 4th, 1879.

DAIRYMEN IN CLOVER.—No other class of producers suffer so severely from low prices during the first half of the year, and we rejoice with them in the fact that no other class—not even the rampant speculator of Wall-street has enjoyed so great a "boom" in prices, as the producers of Butter and Cheese. Last month we chronicled a very great advance in prices, and now we report a further large rise, in butter especially, as witness: Oct. 14, price ranged 10 to 27 cents per pound for various grades; Nov. 14, for the same grades 16 to 40 cents per pound—an average rise of fifty per cent! Good for the producers. As for consumers, they are not compelled to eat more than they can pay for.—American Agriculturist.