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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 potion which the Church Observer wishes to hold amongst the religious papers of the day.

1st. We claim to be a sound "church" paper 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 extending and propagating unmistakeable "church" principles. We claim to belong to a branch of God's divinely-instituted church. We claim for our three-fold order of ministry divine appoint- The old man gravely shook his head, ment; 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 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 to extend those views for which our fathers died. and with which we earaestly believe the "truth as it is in Jesus" is so intimately connected, that to allow them to be clouded is to darken that narrow road which leadeth unto life eternal. We do not wish to be personal or needlessly offensive,-neither do we wish to seek out controversy for mere controversy's sake: but we are determined to be plain and outspoken against 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 confession and priestly absolution are boldly preached, and, we suppose, put in practice. When it comes to that, silence would be a sin, and we will not be silent.

3rd. We claim to be an Evangelical paper. We need not define the term further than by 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 as my demijohn is empty." But just bethe means whereby the sinner must be saved. fore to became empty, he always filled We take our stand on the articles of our church it again. At one time, towards the close and foremost among them the 11th, 12th, 17th, of the session, he said to me: "I am

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 donations towards our enterprise, or by subscriptions, or both. We ask our evangelical church clergy in our various dioceses not only to seek to extend the paper in their parishes, but also to aid us with literary contributions, or such items of church news as would prove generally acceptable to church people. We hope to make our paper successful, and a credit and aid to the to me a fact that more deeply impressed ing by her side, "it seems to me I love have just received an addition of nearly that, taken as a whole, the Murray is the church with which it is connected.

Montreal, 2nd January, 1868.

Poetry.

CHRIST OUR ALL IN ALL.

I need no other plea Wtih which to approach my God, Than His own Mercy, boundless free. Through Christ on man bestowed; A father's love, a father's care, Receives and answers every prayer.

I need no other Priest Than one High Priest above; His intercession ne'er has ceased Since first I knew His love: Through that my faith shall never fall, Even when passing death's dark vale

I need no human ear In which to pour my prayer; My great High-Priest is ever near, On Him I cast my care: To Him, Him only, I confess, Who can alone absolve and bless.

I need no prayer to Beads, relics, martyrs' shrines; Hardships 'neath which the spirit faints, Yet still sore, burdened Christ's service yields a Easy His yoke, His bu len light.

I need no other book To guide my steps to I Than that on which I By God's own Spirit gi And this when He il "Unto salvation make

I need no holy oil To anoint my lips in d No priestly power my gu And bless my parting br

bade fear to cease, ee! go in peace." Long since these word

I need no priestly ma No purgatorial fires, My soul to anneal, my When this brief life ex

Christ died my etern His blood has cleans I need no other dres I urge no other claim,

That His imputed rig In Him complete Las Heaven's portals at t No passport do I need

A MORAL FOR OUR YOUTH

An old man, crowned with honors nobly earned, Once asked a youth what end in life he sought The hopeful boy said, "I would first be learned; I would know all that all the schools e'er taught.'

"And when you've learned all this, what then?"

'Then," said the boy, with all the warmth of

"I'd be a lawyer, learned and eloquent; Appearing always on the side of truth, My mind would grow as thus 'twas early bent.' The old man sadly shook his head, "And when you've done all this, what then?"

I will be famous," said the hopeful boy, "Clients will pour upon me fees and briefs; Twill be my pleasing task to bring back joy To homes and hearts near crushed by darkest

he said.

griefs." But still the old man shook his reverent head, "And when all this is gained, what then ?" he

And then I will be rich, and in old age. My body then must die, but not my tame Surrounded by the fallen great I'll lie. And far posterity will know my name." Sadly the old man shook again his head, "And after all this, what then?" he said.

'And then, and then!"-but ceased the boy to

His eye abashed, fell downward to the sod ; A silent tear dropped on each blooming cheek. The old man pointed silently to God, Then laid his hand upon the drooping head, "Remember there's a place beyond," he said.

Family Circle

THE UNSEEN PRECIPICE. I recollect one member of Congress. said Governor Briggs in one of his speeches, who was always rallying me about our Congressional Temperance Society:

"Briggs," he used to say, "I am going to join your Temperance Society as soon going to sign the pledge when 1 get home. am in earnest," continued he, "my demijohn is nearly empty, and I am not going to fill it again." He spoke with such an air of seriousness as I had not before observed, and it impressed me; and I asked what it meant what had the religion of Jesus; for whereas he had changed his feelings?

since a visit from my brother, who stated and affected me than anything I recollect the Lord Jesus, he shines in my heart so; 700 new volumes, and these are only an finest navigable river in the whole of Her

In my neighborhood is a gentleman of my ng-horse. acquaintance, well educated, who once had some property, but is now reduced—poor! guinea, Herman?" she asked. He looked He has a beautiful and lovely wife—a lady earnestly into her face for a moment, and downwards, fiction, &c., all strongly as

sociates were together, they counselled as hard question. to what could be done for him. Finally, Two days passed away, and his mother visitor, whether lady or gentleman, will one of them said to him, 'Why don't you was afraid Herman had forgotten it. That meet with every attention from the obligsend your daughter away to a certain dis- evening he came to her, and said, with a ing librarian. tinguished school?' which he named.

'Oh, I cannot,' said he, 'it is out of the question. I am not able to bear the expense. Poor girl! I wish I could.' 'Well,' said his friend, 'if you will sign

the temperance pledge, I will be at the expense of her attending school for one year. 'What does this mean?' said he. 'Do children to Jesus?" he said. And as he you think me in danger of becoming a

'And I,' said another, 'will pay the rent first asked me. I am now. of your farm for a year, if you sign the

Well, these offers are certainly liberal child as he was, he had found the kingdom but what do you mean? Do you think of heaven, which is better than the world land. The passing of the Disestablishment me in danger of becoming a drunkard? full of gold .- The Well Spring. What can it mean? But, gentlemen in view of your liberality, I will make an offer. I will sign, if you will.'

This was a proposition they had not considered, and were not very well prepared to meet; but for his sake they said

And now for the first time the truth poured into his mind, and he saw his condition, and sat down bathed in tears.

'Now,' said he, 'gentlemen, you must go and communicate these facts to my wife-poor woman! I know she will be glad to hear it, but I cannot tell her.' Two of them started for that purpose.

tidings of her husband-but good tidings, such as she would be glad to hear. 'Your husband has signed the temper-

ance pledge; yea, signed in good faith.' The joyous news nearly overcame her she trembled with excitement; wept free ly, and clasping her hands devotionally.

God for the happy change. 'Now,' said she, 'I have a husband as he once was, in the happy days of our

But this was not what moved me. There was in the same vicinity another gentleman-a generous, a noble soul, married conduct must grieve her Heavenly Father. young, married well, into a charming She felt so unhappy, that she ran out of family, and the flower of it. His wine- the room, and up stairs. drinking habits had aroused the fears of his friends, and one day, when 'several to say within her. The little girl threw were together, one said to another, 'let us herself on the bed and began to cry She sign the pledige.' 'I will if you will,' said said: "O! I know I have behaved very one to another, till all had agreed to it, naughtily to dear grandmother. I was and the thing was done.

This gentleman thought it rather a small business, and felt a little sensitive to forgive me;" and Lottie did so. "Will about revealing to his wife what he had you forgive my naughty behavior to you, done, but on returning home he said to

'Mary, my dear, I have done what will displease you.

Well, what is it? 'Why, I have actually signed the temperance pledge.

' Have you? 'Yes, I have, certainly. Watching his manner as he replied, and reading in it sincerity, she entwined her arms round his neck, she laid her head

upon his bosom, and burst into tears. Her husband was affected deeply by this conduct of his wife, and said-'Mary don't weep; I did not know it would afflict you so, or I would not have done it. I will go and take my name off

immediately. 'Take your name off!'s said she; O no, let it be there. I shall now have no more solicitude in reference to your becoming a drunkard. I shall spend no more wakeful midnight hours. I shall no more steep my pillow in tears.'

Now for the first time truth shone upon his mind, and he folded to his bosom his young and beautiful wife, and wept with her."—Christian Secretary.

THE GOLDEN GUINEA.

There was a little boy of seven, or thereabouts, who, his mother hoped, had found

" Mother," said the child one day, stand-

sweet seriousness

"Mother, I give my guinea to the Lord Jesus; here it is. What shall be done with it?" "What would you wish to have done with it?" she asked

"May it buy Bibles to bring the heathen

Herman gave up his all. And was he

LOTTIE AND THE VOICE.

You remember the story of little Samuel. One night, after he had gone to bed, he heard a voice, saying, "Samuel, Samuel!" they would, and did sign, and he with He thought it was Eli calling him. So he got up, went Eli, and asked him what he wanted. Eli said he did not call him, and told him to go and lie down again. Samuel heard the voice a second and a third time. Then Eli thought it was God speaking to Samuel; and he told him, when he heard the voice again, to say: "Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth."

ly, and clasping her hands devotionally, her, instead of bringing it willingly and she looked up into heaven, and thanked politely, as a little grandchild should. "Lottie, Lottie!" said a still, small Voice within her. Lottie heard it. She Act":heard it above the angry voices which were in her bosom, and knew who it was. She knew whose it was. She knew it was God's. She saw that her feelings and

> "Lottie, Lottie!" the voice still seemed quick and unkind. I am sorry, very sorry. I will run down this minute, and ask her

> dear grandma?" she asked. "Yes, my child," was the reply; "for there is nothing so acceptable to God as the penitent tear.'

> So Lottie was forgiven for her faults and strove with success afterwards to restrain the quickness of temper which was unhappily natural to her.—Early Days.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY .- Young Montreal has, for the last few years, cultivated its muscle most assiduously, as the numerous lacrosse, base ball and snow! shoe clubs in the city testify. This is by no means wrong, but there is something yet nobler than athletic games and the practice of gymnastics. The storing of the mind should not be neglected for the gathering of the athletic laurels, nor the cultivation of the taste be put in abeyance for exclusive devotion to physical training. It is possible that the languishing condition of the Mercantile Library may be aggravated by the extraordinary attention now paid to physical exercises, to excel in which is liable to become too exclusively the ambition of the young man, rejoicing in the morning of his strength, It is likely, too, that the prevalence of newsto have heard upon the subject, in any and I love every body. Mother, I would instalment of some 4,000 that are to be Majesty's dominions.

temperance speech I ever heard or read. give anything; I would give him my rock- added to the former number, making, in all, nearly 10,000 volumes. These new of cultivation and refinement—and a most charming daughter.

This gentleman had become decidedly intemperate in his habits, and had fully alarmed his friends in regard to him. At one time, when a number of his former associates were together, they counselled as hard question.

He slowly crept behind her chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, &c., all strongly as well as handsomely bound. There are also chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, and the properties are chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, and the properties are chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, and the properties are chair, then stole to the open window, then downwards, netion, and the properties are chair and the properties are chair an and is both lofty and light; also, that the

Political.

PROTESTANT DEMONSTRATION IN IRELAND.

Large open-air meetings of Protestants slipped it into her hand, a happy smile over- of all denominations have been held in the spread her face. "Mother," said he, "I counties of Fermanagh, Monaghan, Caven 'No matter,' said his friend, 'about am glad I have got a gold guinea to give that now; but I will do as I said.'

am glad I have got a gold guinea to give and Armagh, in connection with the Loyal to Jesus; but I was not ready when you Orange Institution, for the purpose of to Jesus; but I was not ready when you Orange Institution, for the purpose of taking into consideration various matters concerning the administration of justice, not happy? O yes, very happy; for, under the present Government, and the welfare of the Protestant churches in Ire-Act, is evidently the great grievance, and we see it stated that one Episcopal minister has ceased to pray for the Queen, whilst another person in a prominent position reverses the emblem of Victoria, when placing it on letters as a postage-stamp.

At some of the above meetings the feelings of the speakers ran high, and allusion was made by one of them-the Rev. J. Flanagan, of the County Fermanagh, to the Bishop of Ontario, as follows :-

" Many, however, as are the evils now inflicted upon us, they are not unmixed. We shall no longer, have the bench of Bishops filled with Castle hacks We God does not speak to children, in these shall no longer have our ministers depend-The lady met them at the door, pale and trembling with emotion.

What, she inquired is the matter?

What has happened to my husband?

They bade her dismiss her fears, assuring. No; I am sure He does not do that.

Clod speaks to enliden, in these days, as He spoke to Samuel. We cannot ing upon family cliques. We shall get rid of that sink of iniquity, ecclesiastical law colesiastical lawyers. We shall have colesiastical lawyers. They bade her dismiss her fears, assuring the colesiastical lawyers. They have the the colesiastical lawyers are colesiastical lawyers. They have the there is no colesiastical lawyers are collected in the collected that they have been also collected to the collected that they have collected to the collected that they have been also collected to the collected that they have collected they have been also collected they have collected they have been also collected they have collected they collected they have collected they collected t ng her that they had come to bring her God speaks to us; for he loves us. He church. I remember an old friend of mine whispers to us by His spirit, in a still small whom I had the pleasure of bringing with me to an Orange soiree in Lisnaskea as a There was a little girl named Charlotte. brother Orangeman. What is his present They called her "Lottie," Lottie once be- position? He is now Bishop of Ontario; came very angry with her grandmother. and what made him Bishop of Ontario? She spoke unkindly, and threw a towel to The votes of the Orangemen of Canada.

Another speaker, Capt. C. Barton, G.M., Co. Leitrim, speaks as follows of Canada, whilst alluding to the "Party Processions

"We consider it to be an unjust and unconstitutional law aimed at one section of the people of Ireland, and totally ignored as regards another and larger section. (Hear, hear.) We have far more right as Orangemen to celebrate the memory of William sIII of glorious memory, than have the people of England to keep the anniversary of the deliverance from the Gunpowder Plot; for they have basely thrown over the faith which their forefathers once contended for, and that is what we never did and, please God, never will. (Cheers.) It is a monstrous thing that in ten days' steaming from these shores you come upon a land, the land of Canada, where no such miserable Act exists. where the Government of England dare not enforce it. (Hear, hear, and loud applause.) But here in Old Ireland, the cradle of Orangeism, where every foot of soil we possess has been fought for and paid for by the blood of our forefathers, it is penal to celebrate the victories won for us by the greatest king that England ever had. It is only of late years that the Roman Catholics of Ireland have persuaded themselves that our celebrations are insulting to them. Many men still living can tell you how Roman Catholics used to spend the evening in Orange lodges; how the drummers and fifers to a large extent were Roman Catholics, and what is the reason of the change now?' Let the Roman Catholics have their processions as they have in Canada. As long as they don't interfere with us we have no wish to meddle with them. The world is wide enough for us all, and "live and let live" should be our motto. But we claim that this Act, which is treated as a dead letter in so many parts hould now be repealed as unconstitutional, oppressive, and unjust."

-The River Murray, in South Austrapaper reading of an evening, and the lia, has at last been navigated successfully cheapening of the highest class of literary from its source to its mouth, and some inperiodicals, may have something to do terresting accounts of a voyage up and down with the comparative neglect of the library. the Murray and its tributaries, which have It has been the complaint that the library been appearing lately in the Adelaide Obbeen wilful, disobedient, and selfish, he had of this institution lacked extent and server, show not only that the scendry on "Why," said he, "I had a short time grown lamb-like in his temper and conduct. variety. If this was true some time ago, its banks are very like that on the Thames it will soon be so no longer. The shelves and in the lower parts of Scotland, but