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CHRISTMAS DAY. Morning-Isaiah ix. to 8. Luke ii. to 15. Evening-Isaiah vii. 10 to 17. Titus iii. 4 to 9.

- ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR. Morning-Genesis iv. to 11. Acts vi. Evening-2 Chronicles xxiv. 15 to 23. Acts viii. to 9.
- ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Morning-Exedus xxxiii. 9. John xiii. 23 to 36. Evening-Isaiah vi. Revelation i.
- Dec. 29th—1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. Morning—Isaiah xxxv. Revelation xvi. Evening—Isaiah xxxviii.; or xl. Revelation xviii.
- INNOCENTS DAY. Morning-Jeremiah xxxi. to 18 Evening-Baruch iv. 21 to 31.

THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 1885.

1. I am convinced that the doctrine of the in advance of the tidal body of water. We see this Trinity in Unity expresses profound relations in great moral and religious movements. Such existing in the divine nature as manifested in the an instance has occured in Scotland, and excited hearts and consciences of mankind.

foundation of social and natural life.

rized exponent of the above doctrine and fact-an fanatical hatred of musical instruments and decent exponent not to be received in the bondage of the ceremonies in Churches. Dr. Muir has naturally letter but in the freedom of the spirit, with that gone over to the high school in the Church, perfect love which casteth out all fear.

4. I am convinced that the name, "Father, Son, an impetuous youth, he is an aged, scholarly and and Holy Ghost " is the Christian name of that devout man, whose maturity of judgment has led God in whom we live and move and have our being; him to cast off the bonds of the Free Church, and and that this expresses Christian theism in the take upon him a gentler and nobler yoke. only historic sense of that term.

As to the rest, it naturally and necessarily follows, I can say even the very words of Maurice, Canada have just held a convention. They have uttered after he had been twenty years a minister boasted so loudly of late of the decadence of of the Church of England : "I distinctly and deliberatels accepted the belief which is expressed stration of their strength, at least equal to that, in in the Nicene Creed as the only satisfaction of the honour of the political leaders or the Moody meetinfinite want which Unitarianism had awakened in ings. In spite of much trumpeting, the gathering me-yes, as the only vindication of the truth which was not too large, for a hall used for semiclandes-Unitarianism had taught me."

In such a sense as this I find myself a Trinitarian, and yet, even more than ever a Unitarian. Such Unity-in no degree contradicts or weakens it. In the Unitarian denomination, as now constituted, there is apparently no place for the preaching of Christian theism as so defined. Therefore, very reluctantly, on account of pleasant ties, associations, and hopes, I have decided to withdraw and henceforth identify myself with those whose intermy own.

CHRISTMAS IN TORONTO.-A spell of extreme cold came with a heavy snow fall, in time to give a churches are decorated with much taste, and the agnostic, that is their hope and promise. To comservices were more than usually musical and well ply with the demands of the Convention, it would Baptist preacher, the Rev. Dr. Thomas. Where all did so much in honoring the day of the Incar nation, it seems invidious to select any for special praise, but we deem it an honour to all our choirs, in holiness grows in joy. Spiritual strength brings to honour their leader in Church music. The gladness. It is a poor, half-hearted religion-not festal musical sorvice, at the Church of the Holy spiritual power, but the want of it-that breeds Trinity was most effective and charming, a solo by gloom. The consciousness that a man is becoming one of the boys being especially beautiful and sang strouger in his faith, clearer in his convictions, with great taste.

great indignation [in certain quarters. The Rev. 2. I am convinced that the fact of the Incarnat- Dr. Muir of the Free Church of Scotland, has left ion of the Second Person of the Trinity in Unity in that body and joined the only really visible Free Jesus Christ, is at once the key of human history, Church,-the Catholic Church of Christ. Dr. Mair the great support of personal religion, and the was in charge of a congregation near Edinburgh. He was, it is said a sort of protege of the late Dr. 8. I am convinced that the Bible is the autho-Begg, the great pillar of the Free Church, who had a converts always go to extremes. Dr. Muiris not

THE INFIDEL CONVENTION .- The agnostics of Christianity, that we expected to see this demon tine prize fights, under the name of glore contests. Not one person whose name is publicly respected or even known took part. A significant incident a Trinity, to my mind, explains and establishes the was a quarrel between two of the leaders, one of whom regarded himself as insulted by being dubbed "Atheist" by the other. So we learn that even among atheists or agnostics their appropriate designation is offensive. We never heard however of a Christian feeling insulted by his name! Another incident of note, was the dropping by the convention of their absurd title "Free thought," a pretations of Christianity more fully coincide with title which had only this point of fitness viz. the freedom of the agnostic from the laws of thought, that being a characteristic feature of this sect. The Convention formulated a list of demands, which they intend to press for, such as the abolition seasonable look to the city preparations for Christ- of the Sabbath, the non-recognition by the state in mas. Doubtless this had a powerful stimulating any form, direct or by implication of Christianity, effect on the trade of the season, and through it an and so on and so forth. They should be satisfied excellent influence upon the offertories. The with having the State University and College



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ANOTHER WANDERER COMES HOME.-The Rev Martin K. Schermerhorn, has published the following retraction.

Having been, during the past fifteen years, the pastor of important congregations in the Unitarian denomination, and having on various occasions preached in a large number of the Unitarian pul pits of the country, it seems to be my duty to make guidance.

THE LANGTRY V. DUMOULIN SUIT --- The Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, Proudfoot gave udgment last week, confirming the judgment given by V. C. Ferguson, which gives the funds in dispute to the clergy, who are the plaintiffs in the suit. The counsel for St. James vestry, Mr. Howland spoke did not wish any reply to this effort as their conviction was clear against the Vestry! The Vestry have decided to seek a compromise after spending several thousand dollars in maintaining this unrighteous litigation.

the following explanation to as many as I can the in rush of the tide on a broken shore, must in abusing them, a burden of sorrow in losing them, reach of those who came, either regularly, or have seen again and again how the high water a burden of account at last to be given up for occasionally, under the influence of my theological mark, is as it were pushed for by some odd wave possessing and either improving or misimproving or two, that seem impelled by a special force to go them.

rendered. As a sign of the growing respect paid to be necessary to abolish our criminal laws, marriage, this holy season, by those who in less happy times, and other institutions based upon religion. We ostentatiously treated its observance with contempt would recommend the next agnostic convention to as a superstitious usage, we note that the sermon move that the decalogue be declared obsolete why at a Wesleyan service was preached by an eloquent should such an ancient decree bind the men and women of this century?

GROWTH.-Growth is gladdening. He who grows warmer in his love, must, from its very nature, be a glad consciousness. And the hope of greater strength yet to be attained, of loftier heights yet to be reached is more joyous still. A story is told of Thorwaldsen, the sculptor, that on one occasion, when he was adding a few finishing touches to one of his masterpieces-a statue of Christ-a friend called upon him at his studio, and found him in a for six hours against this decision, but immediately he concluded, the Chancellor said that the Court ing the cause of this unusual and apparently untimely depression, the sculptor gave this singular answer-pointing to his work, he said, "I can see no fault in it; my genius is decaying : it is the first of my works that I have felt satisfied with."

BURDEN OF RICHES .- A burden of care in getting them, a burden of anxiety sn keepsing them, a bur-THE SET OF THE TIDE .- Those who have watched den of temptation in using them, a burden of guilt