

The Church of the Nineteenth Century, and the Young of the Nineteenth Century.

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In her understanding and presentation of the great fundamentals of Christianity, I am glad to say that the church of the nineteenth century is not in advance of the church of the eighteenth century. With a wider acquaintance...

While the church has been faithful to the Godward side of her work, she has not been so faithful to the manward side. Does it follow that because she may not change the grand old Gospel she is to preach that she may not therefore change her methods in propagating its gracious truth?

In many minds there is a growing conviction that the church of the twentieth century will be very different from that of the nineteenth—not in her theological belief, but in the methods of propagating it, not in the way of being saved, but in the instrumentalities of winning souls to Christ.

God, Rightful Proprietor and Absolute Lord of All. BY J. DENOVAN. (Conclusion.) It seems to me that none of us could object to the doctrine of Divine Sovereignty and predestination, even the most quietly, we would put the doctrine fairly before our minds thus,—If everything God does is always perfectly right when He does it, it must be also perfectly right for Him to purpose and resolve to do it before it occurs.

When this world is terminated and its bankrupt affairs have been forever wound up, when the final judgment is past and all the human family have reached their eternal abode in heaven or in hell—if then God's judgment will be true and righteous altogether, if then every soul shall acquit Him of blame and declare Him to be a God of truth and without inquiry, in the name of common sense, I ask, how can it possibly be in any sense wrong for God to decree and predestinate such true and righteous judgments?

Francis Clark, pastor of "Phillips Street Church," Boston, has written "bold the young people" at that time of life for which the church generally has made no provision, drew up from his thoughtful and loving soul the plan for a society that would meet the wants of youthful souls, and thus supply the missing link in church work.

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