

CURIOSITIES OF PULPIT PREACHING AND LITERATURE.

The specimens of preaching in the Middle Ages reveal a strange intermingling of wild imagery and tender pathos, a grotesque treatment of sacred subjects in the hands of preachers, and a fervor and force, and disregard of consequences which recall the Apostles in another.

Occasionally we do, indeed, hear a voice of seeming remonstrance from some of its pastoral authorities both here and in Ireland, but it evidently dies away on the wind. It has no echo, no force. Not a few impartial, unbigoted observers have come to the belief that this failure is attributable to some occult, sufficient reason—some strategy well understood by the initiated.

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Such is the title given to the late Irish "fizzle" on the Canada border by the New York Evening Post. We are glad to see it so justly characterized by a secular journal of such commanding character.

their expensive but senseless and wasteful military schemes. That they do so voluntarily is no reason why the American people or the Government should not try to enlighten them respecting the real character and designs of their swindling leaders.

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