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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The permanency of marriage is indispensable to the security of families: and families are the beams and girders which hold together the State -Friend's Review.

The average length of missionary service in Japan has thus far been no more than 73 years for men and 43 for women. The average for men in India is nearly 18 years.

When the true pastor leaves his charge it is not his "spleudid" sermons but his faithful and tender care of his flock that make wet eyes in the pews. - Nush. Adv.

The Cokesbury Record asks this question: "Is it honest for a steward to vote the beginning of the year, and then termine at once, while you may have put forth little or no effort to collect the opportunity of changing your

What are we to conclude with reference to parents who say they don't care what Church their children join? Is it that they don't care much for their Church, or much for their children? Which? - South'n Ch'n Adv.

"It is not given to every one," says an English society journal, 'to be joyful because of the success of the Temperance movement. To a well-known firm of distillers it has made a difference of something like three thousand a year to each partner."

Of Mr. Beecher and his recent visit to San Francisco the Argonaut says: -"His biblical vagaries have ceased to amuse the irreverent, and his irreverences have ceased to shock the religious. Nothing can save him next lecture season but a new doubt."

In the Canadian thanksgiving proclamation about two inches are devoted to the goodness of Providence and about three inches to the dignity of us of the man who wrote "the year of our Lord" with a big O and a small L. - Telegraph.

One of the members of the Boston school committee, himself a distiller, has ordered vacated a school-house in the heart of the city, that certain saloons in the vicinity might not be undone, and leaves trouble and vexclosed under the operation of the new ation to his successors. If a minister law forbidding the sale of liquor with- cannot preach well, the congregations

Of Dr. Etter's treatise on homiletics, "The Preacher and his Sermon. the New York Examiner says: "It turns the scale at two pounds, fourteen ounces. It is the very Jumbo of books. When Homiletics come to be sold by avoirdupois, there is a great future for this book—but not before.

There is a large share of common sense in the world's average judgment, after all. If it sees a man with the Ten Commandments on his lips, and something quite different written all over his life, it would be apt to point to the discrepancy and utter hop Huntington-by descent a Purisome harsh criticisms, but who can

Blue Ribbonism has done much in England. In one Devonshire town (Dartmouth), it is resolved by the Town Council to decrease the police force of the borough on the ground that the work of the constabulary and the police court fees had fallen off gradually, so that now there was not enough work for the men to do.

The Advance asks "persons who grow impatient at the frequent ap pearance of the contribution-plate to remember the story told of a good deacon who was seen driving back and forth over a rough corduroy road; when asked his reason he replied : "I am bound to drive here until I can do tions has found the sensational lecturit without losing my temper."

A police justice of this city is reported to have rebuked a burglar in the following manner: "If you wanted to rob a house why didn't you select Vanderbilt's or Gould's or some other rich man's, and not break into the house of a poor woman and steal all she had! This is a very queer way of rebuking crime. - N. Y. Ind.

Says the Boston Congregationalist: Michigan has the richest copper mine in the world. The annual yield of the Calumet and Heckla mine, of which Prof. Alexander Agassiz is a large owner, is \$2,000,000. It is pleasant to know that Mrs. Agassiz can support her twenty-five or more kindergarten schools in Boston, and still have some thin for other graveful uses."

member when the Methodists were til now, to enforce legislation of this poor each member bore his own cress; kind.

come rich, and they have stuck their cross on the top of the church.

When parents carry their children to Church, and the minister talks learnedly (1) of the "subjective" and "objective," those parents are not much surprised on the next Sabbath. when they start to church, to find their children objective. The fact is, if our pastors would preach more to the little children, the grown children would understand, and appreciate, and be more benefited by what they say .- Raleigh Adv.

It has been well said that there are four grand divisions in the Church. First, the destroyers; second, the obstructors; third, the idlers; fourth, the workers. Reader, in which of these divisions are you enrolled? You cerhis pastor a certain appropriation in tainly belong to one of them, Deposition The day of judgment will certainly decide it, and then the privilege of choice will have been withdrawn from vol

This is what the world needs-the positive force of the men of health. To find a man with a calm, steady faith when the many are halting in unbelief; when they are doubting of immortality to mark one who sees it and lives in it; to feel this sound, full heart beating up against their own fluttering, feeble hearts; to see this calm victor showing that victory is possible though they have been beaten —that is the world's need.—Iowa Methodist.

The Rev. Charles Loyson, known generally as Pere Hyacinthe, arrived in this city last Sunday from Paris. He is expected to deliver lectures in this country. The Rev. Dr. Beard, of the Paris American Chapel, writes to us, what was well known before, that the work of Pere Hyacinthe has been a total failure, a disappointment to himself and to his friends. He holds ast to many of the worst doctrines of of no aid to evangelical truth.—N. Y. Observer.

In our circuit work a specialist is always more or less of an injustice to those who come after him. Threefourths to one-half of his work is left in four hundred feet of a school-house. go down, and some successor has to fetch them up again; if the business of the circuit is neglected, it makes an easy time for a sluggard, but his successor has to suffer for it; if a minister is always visiting, and never in his study, he, by his mistaken zeal, makes his successor unpopular. To be a good all around man is the right aim of every Methodist minister. - London

Could there be a more vivid illustration of the influence of one's "environments,' than to find in the pastoral letter of the late Protestant Episcopal Convention, written by Bistan, only just now a Congregational Unitarian, a son of the free atmosphere of New England, but for later years a member of the Protestant the sea Episcopal organization—such an appellation of the churches of the other denominations as "a Concordat of Evangelical Volunteers," in contrast with "the Church"-one of the smaller bodies in our American Israel? Such is the effect of "environment.

-Zion's Herald. The individual who, under the name of ex-Monk Widdows, lectured in Canada a few years ago has at last met with a merciless exposure. It is not now Roman Catholics who denounce him. A zealous Protestant, to whom he came with recommendaer to be an unmitigated fraud. It is people are so ready to open their hurches and their homes to designing tramps of the Widdows type. What is more wonderful still is that many will be inclined to welcome the next adventurer that comes along, provided he is an adept in the popular arts of

humbug. - Canada Presbyterian. The Providence Press makes a strong plea in favor of compulsory education and trus cy laws. "Their effect," it says, 'has ben uniformly salutary. Of course it is not claimed that they have entirely done away with immorality and crime, nor that they are likey to do so. But it is claimed, and abundant facts support the assertion, that the operation of these laws has directly resulted in a large and gratifying increase in school attendance, tain locanty which is adorned with a and a consequent decrease in illiteracy, large cross on its steeple, drew from immorality and crime. And it is true beyond question that Rhode Island's it, the remark: "Do you see that big present alarming proportion of illitercross on that church? Well, I re- acy is directly due to her neglect, un-

MATION.

The light that gleamed in Erfurt's cloister, as once before Damascus, falling on a conscience smitten with deadly fear, evoked the cry, "My sin, my sin, my sin,"—the light that ren are praying for us:"-Rev. Dr. then began to shine softer and clearer until the words in the old confession, "I believe in the forgiveness of sins," became again legible—the light that in Holy Scripture, drawn from the dust, and, so to speak, re discovered, illumined the righteousness that comes by faith—this light of his the Lord did not put under a bushel, but on a candlestick! The candlestick was Lu. ther's inner and outer calling to be a teacher of Holy Writ, the fact "that the young doctor, newly come from the forge, was hot and eager for Holy Scripture, and bound to it by sacred oath." And the candlestick was Wittenberg's new seminary, the pious studious league with Melancthon, with Bugenhagen, and the rest, a noble Elector's trusty protection; the can destick was the preparing of hearts in anxious longing for the saving of souls, was the German nature and the German position in Europe, was the previous progress of the Western Church through yea and nav ! At the oral discussion of the Theses not one but a whole nation appeared as assenting parties. Higher and higher the candlestick was raised by the hand of the Lord, further and further streamed the light-through the protest in Worms before Emperor and Diet, through the weapon-forging of the Wart burg, through preaching and writing, through Bible translation and princes and cities in Augsburg, through Switzerland, England, the gle of its two best boats, had strip-Netherlands following suit. On all who sat in the house of indulgences, of Bible-interdicts, of cup-withdrawal, goods and lives from so many other of work-righteousness, of trouble of def enseless crews of shipwrecked vesconscience, of the shadow of death, it | sels, had a few years afterward travwas to shine unto peace, joy, freedom, forgiveness, life and blessedness, and by this light how many have found the way through suffering and death to the glory of the children of God, through the wilderness from Cape and how many schools, states, arts, Polycarp to Good Success Bay, and sciences, and degrees of culture have | had supported them till they could be thriven by the blessed rays of this taken away by a passing ship. The light-a new world ! And although mission station occupies a most beauingratitude, cunning, hostility would tiful situation on the Washaga. A have brought back the old bushel to high and snow-capped mountain cover the light just won. God's eye

heart question. He, the man of prayer, who prayed back his Melanccording to the testimony of Veit Der- of the English missionaries in Terra bers of the firm that he had no bread thon from the jaws of death, who actrich, his fellow traveller, prayed three del Fuego has doubtless wrought a for his family. "I am ready to go of his own life, prayed the vessel of nel. So mighty is the progress, so there, and commenced work at the he goes to a revival meeting; he the Reformation through the break- great are the sacrifices which the good bottom of the ladder. You may be comes away a totally changed person, ers, who, in his simple boldness, missionaries have imposed upon themof no use in these matters. I come now be said of Pallalaja [a native with to day who, having been lukewarm humiliating to think that Christian to Wittenberg under far higher protection than your Electoral grace. Nay. I believe I can keep you better than you me. The man of strongest faith what would be say were he to find us dent. dumb with despair instead of praying, so often tighting with brethren instead of praying with them, boasting to the old. The Amen of the children Verner, of the Interior Mission in and their labors rewarded.—Confertle and Mr. and Mrs. M Granahan. keeps the church together. When France.

with its thousands lights, our house

but now," he added, "they have be- LUTHER AND THE REFOR- Luther, full of care, once went to a neighboring village, he heard a peasant-woman in her house teaching her children before going to bed to pray for Doctor Luther and his cause. He called Melancthon to the window. " Philip, be of good heart, the child-

> A GOSPEL TRIUMPH. Lieutenant Bere, of the late unfort unate Italian Antarctic Expedition, received important services from the missionaries of the South American Missionary Society, at their station. Umshunaja, Terra del Fuego, on the north side of the Beagle Channel, for which he has made grateful acknowledgment in the Bulletin of the Italian Geographical Society. The Missionary Society has also been presented by the King of Italy as a testimonial. with a gold medal, bearing on one side his portrait, and on the other side a commemorative inscription. Lieutenant Bove remarks of the mission that its beneficent influence "has made itself felt in the remotest corner of Terra del Fuego; and since the word of Christ has been preached in those regions, one may be astonished to observe how the savages, among whom vengeance had been regarded as an imprescriptible duty, forget their injuries and make peace offerings to their enemies. The ides of founding a mission in this country seemed ludicrous in his time to Darwin, who openly and privately deprecated the expenditure of means on such a philanthropic enterprise. But Fuegians, who had robbed the 'Beaped poor Matthew and threatened him with death, and had taken their eled a hundred miles to get help from Umshunaja for nine shipwrecked men, and on another occasion had conducted a whole crew over mountains and range, over which tower the two peaks.

watched, and God's hand guarded, so Olivio and Robinson, protects it from

THE WORD OF GOD ONLY.

Instances are not unknown in hea-

" He found a very interesting nucleus of Christians, all Romanists by birth, and who were led to accept the evangelical faith, without the help of any pastor, evangelist, colporteur. About four years ago a planter was returning from Algiers. In passing through Marseilles a pocket New Testament was given to him by a woman. This poor man, who could not read, carried the book into the mountains of Isere. His daughter, who was harvesting for a proprietor, spoke to her master about her father's book, and brought it to him. He was delighted to have found a treasure incomparably richer than his mass book. He read it with the closest attention. There appeared to him an abyss wide and deep between the teaching of Christ

and that of the Romish Church. " However, he continued to attend the Catholic services; but the preaching so disgusted him that he returned home, and, feeling an irresistible need, he knelt down and besought God to show him a better religion than that which he knew. Suddenly he was enlightened by the Holy Spirit, and on opening his New Testament a new light shone upon it. He found peace with God, gave up the Mass, and gathered his friends and neighbors around the Word of God, and prayed with

"Having discovered a complete Bible, he began to study the Old Testament and compare it with the New. He spent whole days and nights in reading the Holy Scriptures. He lost no opportunity in bearing witness to the Truth. The parish priest used every effort to lead him back within every effort to lead him back within blessing. The relation of incidents himself was convinced of his ignorance, and said : 'This man frightens me: he could make the devil tremble.' To which our friend replied that a true Christian, who abides in Christ, might truly make the devil remble.

"There is now a little Church of fifteen converted persons, who are essentially Bible Christians."

DO ANYTHING FOR CHRIST.

There is an immense amount of power that is never developed in some people, simply from the fact that they have selfishly chosen to conceal their talent in a napkin. God cannot approve such Christians. It is by use that our power is to be improved and that up to this festal hour, bright the north and westward winds, and developed. One reason why there the long peninsula separating the Um- are so many undeveloped Christians has preserved its light, nay, has been shunaja and Umshunaiski Bays from in the Church to day is that they permitted to spread it to lands beyond each other affords good pasturage for scorn to do the menial acts common a few hundred cows. About two hun- to every day Christian life. They are dred of these belong to the mission too proud to stoop. One of the question to put to your 'heart, a real and the rest to the ten or twelve bet- wealthiest men in Wall-ztreet broke ter families among the Fuegians, who down in business some years ago. He have obtained them from the mission- went into an office where he was well aries in pay for work. The presence acquainted, and informed the memchange in the morals of a large por messages for you or perform any other

writes to the Elector, "The sword is selves, that in my opinion what can There are too many in the Church whom Bove became personally ac- and inefficient in the work of their quainted] will within a few years be Master, are unwilling to make necesapplicable to all the Fuegians. He sary preparation for renewed activity upon eagle's wings.

A man in Boston who had been thrown out of work at a handsome Protestant pulpit at such work. salary, at once took a cotton hook and There is all the more need, how ing like children? The light on the then lands where the reading of God's went to work among the cotton bales ever, for earnest, faithful, and united candlestick, prayer in the home! else Holy Word, with no help from preachthe Reformation will depart from us. er or teacher, has been attended by son began to rise, and was finally Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, to take and go to others who pray better, and the Holy Spirit, and made the power promoted to a higher position. Let up Christ's words and proclaim them our children will then no more cele- of God unto salvation. Remarkable | Christians everywhere be willing to do | throughout | the | land - " Except brate the Reformation-feast. Teach facts are on record to illustrate this anything for Christ and they will find a man be bern again he cannot see the children to pray, so that the light truth. And now we meet with a very that their power will be greatly de. the Kingdem of God." At the closthe children to pray, so that the light truth. And now we meet with a very that view power will be greatly use interesting result, as stated by Mr. veloped, their usefulness increased, service was rendered by Major Whitehall 12 Major Whitehall 12 Major Whitehall 12 Major Whitehall 13 Major Whiteha

MOODY AT CORK.

Mr. Moody opened a ten days' Mission in Cork, on the 16th, in the Assembly Rooms, South Mall. In order to make provision for the large numbers who were expected to attend, the committee had spared neither trouble nor expense. A large gallery was erected, so that seating accomodation was provided altogether for about two thousand persons, but events showed that the accommodation was very far short of providing for the vast numbers who desired to hear the evange-

At the first meeting on Tuesday afternoon fully eighteen hundred were present. Mr. Moody spoke with power on repentance, and Mr. Sankey, although suffering from cold, sang with all his old sweetness. We have not space for even an outline of Mr. Moody's addresses. Our readers who have heard him preach and have afterwards read a report of the sermon, know that there is a charm and power about his mode of putting truth that cannot be communicated by the cold leaden type or the most facile Let us remark, however in passing that, according to our mole of thinking, Mr. Moody seems more orthodox on the subject of repentance than when he visited our shores some years ago. In the evening he followed up the afternoon discourse with a most earnest and telling address on " Believe the Gospel." The early morning prayer-meetings, at which Mr. Moody gave a short address were attended by about six hundred persons daily, and were seasons of great affected carnestness, rarely fail to im-

The afternoon services, at which every seat was occupied and every foot of standing room availed of, were memorable meetings. No one who heard Mr. Moody when he spoke on the "Promises of God" or the "Love of God," is likely to forget what he heard. At the close of the afternoon meetings a half-hour's prayer-meeting was held each day, when it was truly refreshing to hear the ministers of the various churches leading the vast audience in earnest pleading. The attendance at the inquiry meetings was very large, and no one will ever be a ble to estimate the good accomplished by Mesers. Moody and Sankey's ten days' mission. The press has, on the whole, been favorable.

Many of the clergy of the Episcopal Church were hostile to the movement, notably Dr. Webster, who enlightened his congregation weekly for some time on "Revivalism." Here is one of his pictures, taken from the report supplied to the daily papers-" You see a young person humbly endeavoring to serve God-humbly going to the lawful place of worship, and attending the Holy Communion. By the best hours for study, who, careless tion of the dwellers of Beagle Chan-service," he said. He bung his coat and by he is drawn out of his path, ever did or said or thought about religion is wrong. He comes away, too, filled to the very brim with the spirit of lying, meanness, and treachery. He comes home to insult, perhaps, was one of the most contentious, in God's service. Take off your coats his father and mother, to insult his meanest, and most superstitious of all of self righteousness and ease, and lawful pastor, to charge him with to-Luther, who calls prayer the Chris. the natives; but now is living under commence at once the work of hamiliant ignorance of the Gospel," &c., the shadow of the cross, and is a mod ation, repentance, and faith the but &c. We wonder where the doctor have the Amen sounded forth aloud,— | el of virtue and industry."—Indepen- tom of the ladder of Christianity— | got his ideas about Revivalism. No and applanded by many, but it is very saddening to find any one occupying a