

NEGLECTED CHILDHOOD.

The neglect of children in our large cities is fearful. The Rev. Mr. Dewey, says :—According to the presentment of a grand jury in New York this year, four-fifths of the complaints have been against minors! —and full two-thirds of all the complaints for *crime* acted on, during a law term, have been against persons between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one ! There is not a plea on earth so piteous and touching as that cry of neglected childhood—saying, “Take care of us, watch over us, keep and guard us from the evils that *we* know not of, but that *ye* know ; save us from the dark and sorrowful years, teach us betimes what is good ; teach us obedience, teach us truth and wisdom : lead us in the way in which we should go.” Oh ! the hopes of coming years ; shall they all be crushed down in the mire of city vice and vileness ? While all other youth are bright and fair, shall *this*, the youth of man alone, be marred and ruined ? This poor, crushed childhood ; shall it experience a life-time of misery, ere it blossoms into life ?

LUTHER'S DESCRIPTION OF A GOOD PREACHER.

1. He should preach orderly.
2. He should have a ready wit.
3. He should be eloquent.
4. He should have a good vein.
5. A good memory.
6. He should know when to make an end.
7. He should be sure of what he advances.
8. He should venture and engage body and blood, wealth and honor, for the world.
9. He should suffer himself to be buffeted and mocked by every one.

A PREACHER TO PLEASE THE WORLD.

1. He must be learned.
2. He must have a fine delivery.
3. He must have neat and quaint words.
4. He must be a proper person whom the women may fancy.
5. He must not take, but give money.
6. He must preach such things as people willingly hear.

I would not have preachers, says Luther, torment their hearers with long and tedious preaching. When I am in the pulpit, I regard neither doctors nor magistrates, of whom above forty are here in the church ; but I have an eye to the multitudes of young people, children and servants, of whom there are above two thousand.

Christ taught by parables, that all could understand, and this is the