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PRESENT-DAY DANGERS.

We have now no intention of dwellove and loving service are quickened ling at length upon the theme which by a recollection of that "horrible pit" has been uppermost in religious cirinto which rebellion against Divine cles in this city during the past fortlaw had brought them. The memory night. For having spoken plainly upof the terrible future which loomed up on it we indeed make no apology. before them as the result of death The preaching of the heresies inqueswhile unpardoned, would in their view tion must have its effect upon other check instantly aught of trifling sections of the Church than that whose remark in relation to hell and eternal pulpits have been used for the declapunishment. Should not the pulpit ration of "another Gospel." Silence and the religious teacher of youth reunder such circumstances would be member Paul's 'motive; "Knowing treason on the part of preacher or therefore the terrors of the Lord, we editor. Happily, the test afforded by persuade men." The man who has the visit of the "Missioners" has seen his danger will love all the better shown that there are men in the minhis deliverer : the Christian who has istry of the Episcopal Church who cried, "Save, Lord, or I perish," will can speak and speak boldly for "the never be found among the "silly women faith once delivered to the saints." or weak minded men" who seek even when its opponents are among priestly absolution. That "He their chief shepherds. This fact to a saved me" will be to them great extent relieves the ministers of fact above all other facts, and one other branches of the Church from that will effectually exclude all fanthe adoption of a course which might seem to savor of interference, and leaves them at liberty to defeat heresy by the simple method of establish-Of the address of Dean Baldwin ing the truth. A few years since Lord on our first page, the Montreal Wit-Shaftesbury called upon a number of ness of the 17th inst. says : "Such leading English Nonconformist minisexpressions of broad Christian symters to use all possible effort against pathy as that of Dean Baldwin in his the Romanizing influences which magnificent speech at the Wesleyan threatened the Church of England. College vesterday afternoon is all the Should a similar call reach the minismore cheering when we consider the try of any of the other sections of the speaker's position. With the prospect Church in this quarter it needs not be of being in a few days at the head of a said that an instant response would be great diocese, the Dean evidently took forthcoming. We speak, let it be pains to be more explicit in his declarunderstood, in no spirit of assumed ation of the "first article in his superiority. That the recent breeze creed ;" to sympathize with and has blown away dust which was gathstrengthen all who are engaged in the ering over the old doctrine of justifigreat work of exalting Christ before cation by faith elsewhere than in the their fellow-men."' The consecra-Episcopal Church can scarcely be detion of Dean Baldwin as Bishop of nied. If henceforth, this grand old Huron takes place to day. We retruth, not of Reformers merely, but joice that a minister of pronounced of Jesus and his apostles, be held up evangelical views has been placed in everywhere more clearly we too shall that position. Just before his deparbe gainers through the recent attack ture from Montreal he was entertained up nit, at a public breakfast by the ministers and laity of various Protestant denom-In watching, as we have done with inations. Hon. Senator Ferrier presome interest, the tone of public utsided, and the Bishop of Montreal and terances upon the preaching of certain all the resident Protestant ministers "fathers," it has become apparent were present except Rev. Dr. Potts, that defences may need strengthening who was too ill with fever to attend. at other points. It is only too evident that many have yet to learn that One hundred years ago last Monday a man may be earnest and at the same the final act in the American Revolutime in error ; sincere and yet widely astray. "Having azeal for God, but not tion took place. On November 25th, according to knowledge," is an ex- 1783, the last British troops took perience not limited to those days of their departure from New York, the ignorance at which God is said to have American flag took the place of the winked. "There is something to be British colours, and the curtain fell said in his favor, and that is that he upon one of the most momentous is earnest," was said of Satan by a dramas of the world's history. No good woman who had the happy fac. | illustration in Harper's Monthly durulty of seeing the best in all beings. ing the year has impressed us so deeply as that in the November number And yet that earnestness is but one of the qualities which prepares the entitled, "The last boat-load of the arch fiend to "deceive, if it were pos-British leaving New York." Perhaps sible, even the very elect." The esthe impression was the more deep betablishment of the single test of "the cause the writer had heard so much of word and the testimony," in reference the subsequent hardships endured by to each messenger and his message. the lovalists who came from New York to Neva Scotia at the beginning can alone save men from serious danger. Against men teaching false docof that winter of 1783 4. Some of trine, even the beloved John felt it them lived all through that season in necessary to "warn the elect lady and tents below Shelburne, some remainher childr in," lest her woman's heart ed all winter in their crowded quarters might lead her through sympathy to in vessels in that beautiful harbor. It become a partaker in their responsi- is well that, as one generation goeth Again and again, in this and another cometh, we can forget bility. day of free and easy doctrine, past conflicts and bitternesses.

Have you paid for your paper? If not, please attend at once to that duty apostle's caution, "Beloved, believe The sum is a trifle to you, but the not every spirit, but try the spirits non-payment of a number of such whether they are of God, because sums may greatly perplex a publisher. many false prophets are gone out into the world." In such "trial" of the

spirits neither the prayer book, nor We look with no small satisfaction the favorite theologian, nor the teachupon the samples of Periodicals and ing of the ancient "Fathers" should Sunday-school papers now on our taever be substituted for the Divine ble from our Publishing House at Toronto. Dr. Withrow as editor, and

One marks also in letters which have ed rare success. These papers are appeared upon this subject a disposiwelcomed in our largest schools, and tion to treat with lightness the penare found by those who have to meet alties which Jehovah has attached to the bills as among the cheapest as the transgression of His own law. Flippant treatment of topics which should make men tremble is a habit easy to be acquired, and most dangerous in tendency. The Old Testament lesson, "Because there is wrath, beware lest He take thee away with His stroke and then a great ransom cannot deliver thee," is most clearly and solemnly affirmed by Jesus Christ himself and by his apostles. The military

nation." Who will say that this is New York.

the first two members of the Chris-Our city contemporary, the Herald, tian Church in Europe, the gently-led Lydia and the startled and bewildered jailor, have each'a multitude of representatives. In the Church, and among her foremost ranks, are men whose ists, so far as we know, no right to complain. Reference was made to the matter in our columns only because cational office had been the result of tence.' denominational lobbying or something

> of that sort. When we may find it necessary to assert our denominational rights, we hope to do so in such a way as shall not afford our opponents or even ourfriends any undue advantage.

An Arab of the desert-the race to which so many hordes of Mussulmen have looked for a coming leader-has

Parker : "The Methodists, and Bap- THE FERNLEY LECTURE OF tists, and Presbyterians, have done a glorious work, for which thank God ! Had they not done it-we have notthose people would now be savages. I do not think it wise or religious to decry the work of others, when we have so little to show.

A few weeks since reference was made in our columns to the arrival

from Europe of the Rev. Jacob Freshman. and of two young Hebrew Chris-Mr. Briggs as Publisher, have achievtians who were to assist him in his efforts among their Jewish brethren in New York. Services have been commenced in Room 24, Cooper Union. well as the brightest and best. The and a gentleman has offered to pay the increase in their circulation has been | rent of the hall for a year. A third something wonderful. No one interest- young missionary has been appointed, ed in the Sunday-school work should and the work is extending. A large fail to consider with care the state- amount is needed for the Building ments of the Book Steward, made on Fund. Mr. Freshman does not intend our last page. That Methodist schools to solicit subscriptions, but to depend should have Methodist papers no one both for the expenses of the mission can doubt. An exchange says that and his own support solely upon free-"a class of boys who had attended one will offerings of the Lord's people. of our Methodist schools for at least For all sums forwarded due acknow three years could not tell whether the ledgement will be made. His work school was of the Episcopalian, Presby- has the active sympathy of prominent terian, Baptist or Methodist denomi. ministers of several denominations in

Arrangements are being made for the co-operation of the Baptists and reminds us of a certain old lady who Free Christian Baptists in Academic was said to "know everything and education in New Brunswick. The more too." If it means to intimate last census gives the former body that in our recent comments upon the some 50,000 adherents and the latter Christian Visitor's course we were ur. over 33,000, a good constituency for ging the appointment of a Methodist a denominational academy. The Vis Superintendent of Education for New itor evidently hopes that this union Brunswick, it intimates what has no | in educational effort may lead to a foundation. In the course taken by closer relationship. It says on this the Government of that Province to point : "We are satisfied that these fill the office they have given Method- bodies have been growing towards each other for years, and it would afford us singular satisfaction and joy to do anything which might lessen the Visitor had seen fit to intimate the space between two great Christian that previous appointments to the denominations which we think should Bench and an offer of the recent edu- never have had a separate exis-

> The bright new volumes and varied Christmas stock on our Book-room shelves and counters make the editor's passage to his sanctum a more difficult matter than it used to be. Seldom, if ever, has the manager been so well prepared to meet the wishes

> > practice.

of all classes of customers. The families of our ministers and of our subcribers generally should take advan-

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The Fernley Lecture of 1883 has recently been published at our English Book-room. Numbers will welcome its appearance, and rejoice that "the Difference between Physical and Moral Law" has been treated by so

able a pen as that of William Arthur. With rare sophistry certain teachers have simed to confound man with the physical universe and then to place that universe under the rule of inexorable law. In grappling with this great error of the day-a philosophy which would exclude all prayer and adoration from life, and relieve man of all responsibility, -- Mr. Arthur has done a service to the cause of truth which will be recognised by many beyond the limits of Methodism. In problems which came before him he

bleuds, in a style which reminds a critic of John Ruskin, patient analysis with rich eloquence, to carefulness of the technical he adds the gleam of the poetic, while he varies the simple austere statement with varied parable and dramatic climax. Throughout lecture, too, he shows his mastery of his subject by a certain playfulness of treatment. In some hands such treat-

ment would be rashness, but the reader of this lecture will feel that the writer of it had earned the right to speak in a tone of apparent contempt. As an illustration of his style: after having indicated the ability of man to recognize law, his freedom of selfdetermination, his power to violate law, and the eternal consequences of such violation, he thus writes:

"Acording to Comte you are greatly to respect yourself. But you yourself are only an individual-that is, an ab straction. You are greatly to respect vourself: but if I secretly murder you there is no Father that respects you, or makes inquisition. For the Christian motive of high birth and Divine parentage, you are reduced to no parentage at all, except that of unconscious force. For the Christian motive of infinite individual worth, you are reduced to individual vaporisation.

And you are to look to humanity as your Providence, and to respect yourself and others. The self-respect due to the offspring of God, and to a soul that outweighs a world, is to be replaced by the self-respect due to an infinitesimal particle of the continuous sum-total of convergent beings, and to a soul that has no future life, except as others remember you. Elsewhere he finely says, in estab-

lishing the distinction between "will"

SUNDAY THEMES.

On Sun day last the topics discussed in several of our city pulpits were closely connected with the engrossing subject of the previous week-the teachings of certain Episcopal miniaters recently brought here by the Bishop of the Diocese. Extended sketches of the discourses by the Rev. Dr. Hill at St. Paul's, Rev. Dr. Burna at Fort Massey, and Rev. B. C. Borden, B. A., at Brunswick Street, have appeared in the local journals. Mr. Borden, who preached from 2nd Kings, 5; 13, "My Father, if the the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it," etc., said :

From a study of the narrative we may find lessons to guide us in our anproaches to "the fountain open for his management of the perplexing sin and uncleanness." Leprosy in its insidious growth, its loathsome appearance and fatal effects, is a type of sin. As the disease of leprosy is in many cases hereditary, so these "roots of bitterness" in men are intensified by the uncurbed passions of ancestors. When we see children brought into the world cursed in body, mind and morals by the sins of parents, we have not the heart to blame them. When we see these helpless waifs launched upon the high tide of sin, bereft of powers of resistance, driven through the hell of untold temptations, we thank God that a Being of infinite wisdom and compassion has to judge such mortals. The Christian Church needs more patience and forbearance with such ransgressors. More of the spirit of Him who said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do. The fact that our natures are diseased through sin claums the most emphatic recognition. This inherent consciousness of guilt is seen in all ages, and in all forms of worship, impelling to all kinds of penances and self-immolations. It is seen in the Hindu mother casting her helpless child into the Ganges, and in the misguided mortals who, like Luther in the days of his bondage, climb the Pilate's staircase

of Papal observances. Thank God for the simplicity and directness of the divine methods to satisfy all such felt. need. He points to the purifying blood, saying, "Wash and be clean. We must also notice that humi lity is an essential condition of approach. Any man who comes as Naaman did. with his six thousand pieces of gold expecting to purchase salvation, will assuredly go away disappointed. This

is also the way of faith and obedience. Notice that one essential condition of a saving faith is obedience. The gross ignorance of those who are train. ed to the doctrines of Confession and Absolution upon such an essential natter of saving faith is well ed by a question asked recently in a letter attacking Luther and the doc-We have spoken of a captain and trine of justification by faith. The his ship. Think of the captain and his. question is asked, " If faith alone is all that is absolutely necessary for salvation, why are not the devils saved who believe and tremble ?" There is an utter failure to disfinguish between a faith which is only an assent of the understanding and a personal trust which involves obedience. In fact, those who have watched most the will of one ordinary man called a closely the teaching of the last few weeks have noticed a lack of that one captain. Often seas fit to crush us all essential element-a faith that impels were running, and winds blowing

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struck a blow in the East which re verberates throughout the known world. Arabi, a member of the same race, was watched with interest, but he espoused only the cause of Egypt, not that of Islam, and his revolt was easily suppressed. Should the El Mahdi attempt to lead a holy warand his present pretensions give reasen to fear that he will-he will prove a far more formidable leader than his predecessor. He has room for the exercise of mischief. It is a relief to know that the British garrisons at Cairo and Alexandria are not to be withdrawn. It was with the consent of Europe that the British went to Egypt and they have the same consent to stay there till their work is done. How serious that work may be does not yet appear.

The visitor to Greenwood Cemetery s shown a monument which filial regard is said to have raised to a sea-going father, supposed to have been swallowed up in the deep. After years of absence the father returned and found one of his greatest pleasures in lingering near the stone erected to his memory. A somewhat similar experience is likely to be that of Dr. John B. McFerrin, Book Agent at

Nashville, Tenn., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The telegraph having brought intelligence of his death, the General Missionary Committee, then in session at New York, passed resolutions in accordance, and the N. Y. Advocate and the Christian Guardian and other Methodist papers paid pleasant tributes to his memory. We are glad to learn that Dr. McFerrin, after a very danrecover.

Indies and Southern States frequently forget that when their predecessors were doing nothing for the slaves the ministers of other churches were enduring contempt and even risking life in their behalf. Bishop Wilmer. of Alabama, was treating the work of these brave men in a trifling spirit at the recent Protestant Episcopal Convention, when Dr. Parker, another delegate, rose to protest against his 'sweeping allegations." Said Dr. tian burial

and " caprice":tage of this fact. The young ladies behind the counters will, if you give them some description of your needed

crew and passengers. The Comtists supplies in the way of cards, books. wrangle against "will" as if it always meant "caprice," and other undesiretc., fill orders quite as well as you able things, and as if all our hope decould do on the spot. We are happy pended on being sheltered by blind to say that they are getting good laws from any of its interferences. Many hundreds of times in my life have I been in circumstances wherein my days and those of many were at

At a recent gathering in the chapel of Union Theological Seminary, at which a number of prominent persons which none of us could still, and joints were present, President Hitchcock said to the students who nearly filled the chapel : "I have called you to attend a Symposiac on Martin Luther. The term seems to have occasioned some remark. But if you will look into the Imperial Dictionary you will find that a symposium-a word much in use by the reviews-is a drinking party, while a symposiac is a conversation. It is, I think, high time to

Bro. Hickey writes from Parrsboro :-

use the better word in this sense."

The brethren who have been stationed on this circuit will regret to learn that our dear brother, Charles Smith, of Greville, has been passing through deep waters. He has lost his only son by diphtheria-a beauti. ful boy of six years. All the rest of the family have been down with the same disease, Mrs. Smith's life having for several days been despaired of They are now fortunately recovering. Bro. Smith is wonderfully sustained, although this is the fourth son he has laid in the grave. --- On the 13th inst. the brig. Zebenia, anchored off Fox River and on board of which were four young men, parted her cables during the terrific gale of that morning and went ashore. Three of the four were drowned, one (a son of Bro. Reuben Hatfield) narrowly gerous illness, is now in a fair way to escaping to land. The names of the unfortunaces are Otis F. Hatfield. aged 19, son of James Edward Hatfield, of Greville ; George Langille, Our Episcopal brethren in the West aged 22, son of David Langille. River John, Pictou Co., and Frederick Downey, son of Capt. Downey of Parrsboro. The body of the last has not yet been found. The two former

turn us upward and say: Nothing so steadfast, nothing so pliant, nothing so tender, nothing so strong, nothing were buried last Sabbath in our so wise, nothing so good as Thy will, churchyard, at Greville, in the pre-O Lord, God Almighty! Where that sence of a large and sorrowing conwill prevails there prevails good relagregation. The Rev. J. W. Howie, tions, perfect order, perfect peace. of Advocate Harbor, being present assisted in the solemn service. The parents of poor Langille have the satis-The aim of the WESLEYAN is to

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in a great and strong ocean, we shall

faction of knowing that the remains help you in your he me, your business, of their son were tenderly cared for by your church work. Help it and it our people, and received decent Chriswill help you-and others.

We have heard with gladness of groaning; and, amid the struggle. engines revolving, about whose government most of us knew nothing glaring sins being rebuked, and of the life of Christ being beautifully por-Once in a transatlantic steamer I was trayed. But men want more than a one of eleven hundred who thus were model-they want to be brought into heaved up into the wind, thrust down vital saving relationship with an atoninto the hollow, and tossed backwards er ; not a definition of health, but a and forwards, and all the while a sinphysician. When once the Church gle false step on the part of one man loses its grasp of a living personal might have turned storm into destrucfaith in Christ the flood gates are tion. Did we sigh to be saved from opened to the introduction of all kinds his will, and from its interferences of such substitutes as the Confessionwith the "laws of nature?" Did the al. The world to-day wants the persilliest girl there do so? Did the most sonal faith that lifted Saul of Tarsus ignorant peasant-emigrant confound from the ground on the road to Dathat will-set there on purpose to inmascus, and sent him forward a terfere with the operation of the laws changed man, with the question of of nature, to set them in motion, and obedience upon his lips, "Lord, control their motion-with "caprice?" what wouldst thou have me to do?" Did he confound the doing of things -the faith that lifted Luther from which his grandfather would have prohis knees upon Pilate's staircase and nounced contrary to nature, and to all broke forever the shackles of ceremothe laws of nature, with violation of nial observance-the faith that filled the laws of nature? No; our human the soul of John Wesley with a stay was in a single will, and its power "strange warmth" and sent him forth to hold on a sublime conflict amid con- to shake England from her spiritual tending laws of nature, aimed, as that slumbers. These men, the world's will was, at the safety of the lives on three greatest apostles of justification board, just as steadily as the needle by faith, got the inspiration that made was aimed at its pole. Had the will them giants in their day from a living ceased to interfere, and left us to the faith in a life-giving Saviour. This 'iaws of nature"- as well it might faith is the bulwark of our Proteshave been ready to do, had there been tantism, and one of the foundation no such thing as responsibility-where principles of our blessed Christianity. had we been? We knew that will will-And when the Church is living in the ed to bear us through, and for us the enjoyment of conscious acceptance best of earthly things was that the with God, she sheds off her ritualism as naturally as the saint would drop So, whenever the currents of crossthe rags of his self-righteousness ing laws meet, and eddy, and rage, when, like the king's daughter, he is. and we ill know how to extrisate the made "all glorious within.

bark that bears our all, instead of One fact that, perhaps more than whimpering out childish fears of "capany other, has impressed the popular rice" in One to whom this world, with mind is the apparent earnestness and all its passengers, is but as one ship sincerity of the Missioners. Perhaps. no aogma is more generally received than that "it makes no difference what you believe so long as you are There never was a greater sincere." fallacy. Would it make no difference to the farmer, suppose he sincerely believed that sowing tares would produce as good results as sowing wheat ?" Would it have made no difference with Naaman if he had acted upon his conviction that Abana and Phar-1 ar were better than Jordan ? Would it make no difference to you, however sintere, if your vision of Christwere

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