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PRESENT-DAY DANGERS.

We have now no intention of dwelling at length upon the theme which has been uppermost in religious circles in this city during the past fortnight. For having spoken plainly upon it we indeed make no apology.

In watching, as we have done with some interest, the tone of public utterances upon the preaching of certain "fathers," it has become apparent that defences may need strengthening at other points.

should every faithful pastor keep his flock in remembrance of the same apostle's caution, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

One mark also in letters which have appeared upon this subject a disposition to treat with lightness the penalties which Jehovah has attached to the transgression of His own law.

Of the address of Dean Baldwin on our first page, the Montreal Witness of the 17th inst. says: "Such expressions of broad Christian sympathy as that of Dean Baldwin in his magnificent speech at the Wesleyan College yesterday afternoon is all the more cheering when we consider the speaker's position."

One hundred years ago last Monday the final act in the American Revolution took place. On November 25th, 1783, the last British troops took their departure from New York.

Have you paid for your paper? If not, please attend at once to that duty. The sum is a trifle to you, but the non-payment of a number of such sums may greatly perplex a publisher.

We look with no small satisfaction upon the samples of Periodicals and Sunday-school papers now on our table from our Publishing House at Toronto.

Our city contemporary, the Herald, reminds us of a certain old lady who was said to "know everything and more too."

An Arab of the desert—the race to which so many hordes of Mussulmen have looked for a coming leader—has struck a blow in the East which reverberates throughout the known world.

The visitor to Greenwood Cemetery is 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.

Our Episcopal brethren in the West 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.

Parker: "The Methodists, and Baptists, and Presbyterians, have done a glorious work, for which thank God! Had they not done it—we have not—those people would now be savages."

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 Christians who were to assist him in his efforts among their Jewish brethren in New York.

Arrangements are being made for the co-operation of the Baptists and Free Christian Baptists in Academic education in New Brunswick.

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.

At a recent gathering in the chapel of Union Theological Seminary, at which a number of prominent persons were present, President Hitchcock said to the students who nearly filled the chapel: "I have called you to attend a Symposium on Martin Luther."

Bro. Hickey writes from Parrboro: "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."

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THE FERNLEY LECTURE OF 1883.

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.

"According to Comte you are greatly to respect yourself. But you yourself are only an individual—that is, an abstraction. You are greatly to respect yourself; but if I secretly murder you, there is no Father that respects you, or makes inquisition."

Elsewhere he finely says, in establishing the distinction between "will" and "caprice":

We have spoken of a captain and his ship. Think of the captain and his crew and passengers. The Comtists wrangle against "will" as if it always meant "caprice," and other undesirable things, and as if all our hope depended on being sheltered by blind laws from any of its interferences.

So, whenever the currents of crossing laws meet, and eddy, and rage, and we will know how to extricate the bark that bears our all, instead of whimpering out childish fears of "caprice" in one to whom this world, with all its passengers, is but as one ship in a great and strong ocean.

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SUNDAY THEMES.

On Sunday last the topics discussed in several of our city pulpits were closely connected with the engraving subject of the previous week—the teachings of certain Episcopal ministers recently brought here by the Bishop of the Diocese.

From a study of the narrative we may find lessons to guide us in our approach to "the fountain open for sin and uncleanness." Leprosy in its insidious growth, its loathsome appearance and fatal effects, is a type of sin.

We must also notice that humility 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.

We have heard with gladness of glaring sins being rebuked, and of the life of Christ being beautifully portrayed. But men want more than a model—they want to be brought into vital saving relationship with an atoner; not a definition of health, but a physician.

One fact that, perhaps more than any other, has impressed the popular mind is the apparent earnestness and sincerity of the Missionaries.

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To the Editor: My Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your issue of the 23rd inst. containing the article on "Country of Favorable Conditions."

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