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wouldn't attempt. My tenets of religion are to be honest, honorable, to pay my debts, to be truthful, help a brother in distress, to consider womankind sacred and pure, and to help in the endeavor to raise a fallen sister or brother, never letting them know, particularly the sister, that I think she is less worthy of my help. These are the the fundamental principles of the religious training I received, and, without being egotistical, I think I have carried them out fairly well. I dance, and find a deal of the purest pleasure in it. I take a lady into the dance with the same feeling as I expect other men to take my sisters. They all dance, and have danced for several seasons, and I can vouch for their pure-mindedness and wholly unalloyed pleasure and innocence of wrong in the dance. There is a terrible retribution awaiting the man who attempts to spoil that innocence, and I should expect similar treatment were I to forget myself. But no gentleman does.

I do not know whether or not I have ever done anything to bring down upon my head the wrath of the hackmen and drivers of vehicles generally in this city. One thing is certain, that there seems to be a conspiracy among these people to maim, or perhaps kill me. On three separate and distinct occasions this week attempts have been made to run over me, and nightly in my sleep I see visions of mad hackmen, incapable drivers of Assyrian steeds, rushing headlong, dashing to the earth in their path weak women, helpless children, and men of mature years like myself, who do not feel it just dignified to run foot-races at every crossing. I ask for information, has the pedestrian the right of way?

PERE GRINATOR.

## MISS STEPHEN'S RESIGNATION

Miss Stephen, the accomplished or- Dock House, Billiter St., London, Eng. ganist of the First Presbyterian Church, has resigned her position, after the lengthy service of 11 years. In these days of changes and squabbles with choirs in the churches, it is refreshing to hear of an organist having held a position for such a length of time. Miss Stephen has filled the position with credit to herself and to the church. and while a great deal of praise is due 1667 NOTRE DAME STREET. the choir-master of the First Presbyte-

rian Church for the excellency of the musical service, it must not be forgotten that much of it could not have been accomplished but from the able seconding received from Miss Stephen. As a musician, Miss Stephen holds a place in the front rank in this city. Her ability as an organist is excelled as a In addition, Miss Stephen pianist. has a splendid contralto voice, although seldom heard in concerts. The First Presbyter an Church hardly realizes the extent of the loss, and they will find it hard to get another player to suit.

We understand several applications for the position of organist at the First Presbyteriar Church have been received by the managing board, but nothing definite has yet been done toward the appointment.

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