

Prominent People.

DR. JOSEPH PARKER, characterizing his Wesleyan friend, the late Rev. Charles Garrett, said, "He whispered his doubt but thundered his faith."

SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN, the musical composer, died very suddenly on the 22nd at his home in London. He wrote a considerable number of anthems and a large quantity of excellent church music, but is best known as the writer of a number of operas, very popular in their day, but most of them even now forgotten.

LORD WOLSELEY shows great decision of character in small matters. Although an inveterate smoker for many years, he gave it up at a moment's notice, feeling that the appetite for it was getting a mastery over him. One morning during the Egyptian campaign of 1885 he resolved to smoke no more, and he has rigidly adhered to his determination ever since.

It is announced that a Denver newspaper has offered to give Mr. Bryan \$10,000 a year to accept the chief place on its staff, and that he has declined. The offer, if made, probably originated in the desire to produce a sensational effect. Mr. Bryan acted wisely in refusing it. Editing a newspaper is a trade, as much so as making brick or running a railroad engine. No man can do it well, let his native gifts be what they may, that has not served an apprenticeship at it. Later reports indicate that Mr. Bryan is to try his hand on a weekly newspaper of his own.

A LIST of "preaching peers"—English lords who also preach—given in *The Temple Magazine*, includes Lord Kinneard, who, besides being an acknowledged authority on football, is "no less earnest and resolute as a lay preacher," and whose name is often prominent in connection with public religious meetings; Lord Overton, who preaches frequently sermons having a "practical solid vein running through them"; the Marquis of Normandy, the Earls of Stamford, Stratford, and Devon, and Canon Scarsdale, all duly ordained priests of the Established Church.

Christian Endeavor Notes.

REV. DR. CLARK suggests that one good work for the twentieth century will be to strengthen and unify all local unions.

THERE are boxers in Hornellsville, N.Y., who help the missionaries instead of killing them, by boxing up good literature and sending it to them, prepaid.

THE officers of the Ontario Provincial Christian Endeavor Union have taken time by the forelock, and already announce their next annual convention, to be held in Brockville, Oct. 1-3, 1900.

INDIA'S fourth National Christian Endeavor Convention was held recently at Bangalore, South India. There were two hundred delegates, representing eight or more districts.

THE mammoth State Christian Endeavor Convention recently held in Philadelphia had a registration of over 17,000. Eighty street and shop meetings were held, thus bringing the total number reached up to thirty-seven thousand.

FOUR thousand or five thousand people were crowded into the simultaneous Christian-citizenship meetings of the Maryland Christian Endeavor Convention in Baltimore, to hear Messrs. Wooley and Sheldon, and it is estimated that enough more stood in solid line between the two churches to make eight thousand in all.

THE Christian Endeavor Society will be twenty years old on February 2nd. It is the intention of the United Society to celebrate the occasion by holding their semi-annual meeting at Portland, Maine, the birthplace of the organization, when a memorial tablet will be unveiled.

A \$50 church pew is hired by the First Congregational Endevors of Milford, Mass. They use this pew to seat strangers, especially young people and members of the society that have no regular seats. Besides the contribution thus made to the church treasury, the Endevors are enabled in this way to do some personal work.

TEN years ago Rev. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, expressed the following opinion: "It is clear that the mission of the Christian Endeavor Societies is yet but partially accomplished. It will yet infuse its enthusiasm, fidelity and allegiance to the Church of Christ into all departments of home and foreign Christian work. No human power can stop it. It is of God." Mr. Conwell now has fifteen Christian Endeavor Societies in his great church, which is evidence that he has not changed his opinion of the movement.

Pertinent Paragraphs.

"Our chapter is 'holding its own.'" We are sorry to hear it. An organization that is not moving is in a bad way.—*Epworth Herald*.

DON'T forsake your church prayer meetings; and don't sit in the back seat and look solemn, and then go out and say, "What a dull meeting we had!"

A NEW YORK worker in young people's societies says: "If the young people of our land once learn to 'keep books with the Lord,' the active, practical Christianity of the twentieth century will know no financial problem."

SENATOR Albert J. Beveridge gives four important rules of advice to young men: "Be total abstainers;" "Cultivate reserve in speech;" "Seek the wholesome influence of pure women;" "Foster confidence in humanity."

If you are a servant, make your employer feel that you are the most reliable person about the place. Joseph in jail was as reliable as when governor of Egypt. Cream rises to the top even if it is in a washhand basin.—*Chambers*.

DYING, Horace Greely exclaimed, "Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, those who cheer to-day will curse to-morrow,—only one thing endures, character!" These weighty words bid all remember that life's one task is the making of manhood.—*Hillis*.

Temperance Notes.

Drunkennes does not travel in single harness. It yokes itself up with other sins.—*Rev. G. F. Pentecost, D. D.*

REFERRING to the matter of taking the pledge, John B. Gough once said, "If the pledge had been offered me when I was a boy in Sabbath-school, I should have been spared those seven dreadful years."

"TO POSTMEN and others: If you would like a glass of oatmeal and water, please ring the bell." This notice, which is a bit of practical temperance work, is posted on the front door of a clergyman's house near Cambridge, England.

NO boy who smokes cigarettes will be employed hereafter in the Chicago post office. The rule has been heretofore that boys could not smoke during working hours. Postmaster Gordon has decided that all cigarette-smoking by the boys in the office must cease, and no boys who have ever been addicted to the habit will be given positions in the future.

THE National W.C.T.U. of the United States reported at its convention in Washington this year the largest gain in membership that has been made for years. This increase will show nearly 15,000 more paid up members than last year when the treasurer's books close.

THE English exporters of whiskey are groaning over the length of the South African war. Writes one of them: "The dreary length to which the war is being drawn out is proving very irritating to those houses that are ready to make shipments there at the earliest opportunity."

THE story is told of Sir Charles Trevelyan, brother-in-law of Lord Macaulay, and father of the present Sir G. O. Trevelyan, biographer of the historian, that on returning from India to England, with an ample fortune, he became convinced that the drinking of alcoholic stimulants was a national evil, against which every citizen should contend. He was true to his convictions. Possessing a valuable wine-cellar, he gave orders that the contents should be poured out into the neighboring stream, and the order was ruthlessly carried out.

Interesting Facts.

THE clock which is being placed in the tower of the new Toronto City Hall will be the largest in Canada. It will have four 20-foot dials—ten inches less in diameter than the clock on the parliament building in London, England.

A remarkable invention which is now attracting wide attention is a photograph that, according to *The London Daily Mail*, shouts so loudly that every word can be heard at a distance of ten miles. A shorthand writer ten miles away can take down the message as easily as if you were dictating to him in a small room.

PARIS is said to be the cleanest city in the world. Every morning two thousand male and six hundred female scavengers, divided into 149 brigades, turn out to perform the toilet of the capital. The men work from four in the morning to four in the evening, less two hours for meals, or ten hours a day. The women are engaged in the morning only.

THE Salt Trust of the United States has increased the price of a good quality of table salt nearly 130 per cent.—from \$1.10 a hundred pounds to \$2.50. The trust controls directly 95 per cent. of the salt output of the country, and is said to be able, indirectly, to dominate the remaining five per cent. of the production. Its principal mines are in Michigan.

THE latest on the market is a sanitary Testament for use in the administration of oaths. It is bound with celluloid instead of leather, and can be washed and disinfected from time to time. Those who have seen some of the books in use in notarial offices and court rooms do not much blame witnesses who kiss their thumb instead of the cover of the book.

A WELL-KNOWN authority on bacteriology says that all kinds of diseases may be traced to the eating of unwashed fruit, and particularly unwashed grapes. After washing some grapes which had stood for a long time in a basket on a fruit stand, the man of science found that the water contained tubercle bacilli in sufficient quantities to kill a guinea pig in two days. Two other guinea pigs which were inoculated with the germ-infected water died within six weeks.