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FROM THE PAPERS.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church will pay the expenses of its twelve delegates to the Ecumenical Conference, proposing to give each \$400.

The Athenem compliments the American Committee recommendations in the Revision, and thinks several of them "might have been adopted with

The St. Louis Advocate has a friend, the president of a college, who must have passed on his way through an editor's office He says, "My opinion is that an obituary is a notice of death and not the history of a family.' Dr. Armitage, of New York, meets a

company of children each week for prayer and conversation. About forty have professed conversion. He has given them work to do while he is in Europe. \_Zion's Herald. The pastor of the Baptist church in

Berlin has been fined by the police court for offering prayer at a funeral in one of the cemeteries, which is church property, as that service is only permitted to clergymen of churches recognized by the State.

The Michigan Supreme Court has struck an effective blow at "rings" and 'corners" in that State, by a late decision that money advanced to enable any combination to artificially affect the egally recovered.

The American Hebrew, an able and Y. Independent. earnest periodical, says that orthodox Jews have not abandoned the doctrine and the aim of the re-establishment of a grand future. Mr. Oliphant's project of colonization is evidently regard

The revised version of the New Testament cannot, it is said, be permanentchurch until it has received the sanction of the Synod. Dr. Donald Fraser, however, has favorably reviewed it from the pulpit, and Dr. Thain Davidson read one of the lessons from it a few Sundays thirteenth century.

Bishop Carman, of the Canada Methedist Episcopal Church, says that memhers enough to form a Conference, and preachers enough to supply them, have moved to the north-western part of the United States. The Guardian hopes the Bishop is mistaken, and seems somewhat alarmed for Episcopal Methodism

It is stated that during the first four months of the year, upwards of 20,000 persons were arrested in Paris for being drunk; and yet we are sometimes told that owing to the general use of light wines on the Continent drunkenness is comparatively rare. The light wine advocates will do well to study the facts a little more closely.

The Boston Journal says : George I. Seney's contributions to educational and other institutions have amounted to an average of \$1000 a day for two years and a half. Mr. Seney's wealth has been increasing rapidly from the good judgment with which he invested his capitala few years ago in cheap Western milroads, which were being sold under the hammer. These have become fine

The remains of a young Scotch gillie, 23 years of age, named Philip, who died recently at Windsor Castle, were removed to Scotland for interment. Previous to its conveyance to the Great-Western Railway-station Her Majesty and Lady-in-Waiting attended a short service, held in the presence of Philip's father and brother and the Queen's servants, by the Rev. T. Orr, Congregationalist minister at Windsor.

Speaking at the opening of a diocesan conference at Rochester, the Bishop of Rochester referred to the Salvation Army, and said that if it adopted methods which offended the tastes, and eccentricities which distressed the soberness of some, yet it aimed at results and reached classes which at present the Church could only pray for. No one who knew how difficult it was to get at the lowest tratum of the London poor would rashforbid or severely condemn any who, hough imperfectly, still sincerely, were reaching them with the message of

The trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York have passed a resolution that no young man hereafter ordained connection with that institution as a student. The object is to prevent the student from dividing his time between study and preaching, believing that while in the Seminary his whole attention should be given to its duties. -N.

Emigration is constantly and rapidly pouring into Colorado. Thriving towns are springing up as by magic. Methodism is doing her best to keep apace with these advances. Wherever the pick and shovel and rocker go there may be it is very valuable-though some thirtyfound the Bible and Methodist Hymnbook. One of our preachers when told by the Congregational superintendent of missions that he was going, replied : "Well, when you get there you will find me there."—Central Adv.

At the recent meeting of the Dioces: an Synod "the Bishop explained that the Queen by Letters Patent had conferred on him the title of 'Lord Bishop of Fredericton,' but that the Legislature had no power to confer such a title, therefore in the sections his successors were known simply as the 'Bishop of Fredericton.' This, however, did not interfere with the right of Churchmen to give by courtesy any title which they That settles the matter that the title of 'My Lord,' a relic of the connexion of Church and State, is simply a title of courtesy and not of right." lypse. Church Guardian.

The Lord Mayor of London is a Methodist, and it greatly annoys the Church Times to have the dignitaries of the Church attend his receptions. It considers it "little less than disgraceful that the bishop and other representatives of the S. P. G." should have active New Testament. cepted an invitation to dine at the Mansion House with the officials of Dissenting Missionary Societies. "Still more disgraceful was it for the 'Friends of the price of any necessity of life, can not be to preside at their anniversary." It is a pity these dreadful Dissenters should come into positions of prominence. -N.

Two Italian girl students, the Signorina Carolina Magistrelli, of Mantua, their nation in the Holy Land, and only and the Signorina Evangelina Bottero, wait its rescue from the Turks to expect of Acqui, who had previously passed a grand future. Mr. Oliphant's pro- with great distinction examinations in Greek, Latin and Italian literature in doctor's degrees in natural sciences. Each having obtained the maximum number of votes became therefore enly used in an English Presbyterian titled to have her theses printed. The Opinione of Rome says that as far as it knows no woman has until now taken a degree in the Roman University since its foundation by Innocent IV. in the

Bishop Stearnes, of Pennsylvania. having been asked by some of the clergy of his diocese whether they might not make use of the New Revision in the public services of the church has issued a pastoral letter in which he states that inasmuch as the General Convention of 1823 adopted King James's version of the Bible, and incorporated their action into a canon, no clergyman ir at liberty to use any other version in his public ministrations. Since this has een the law of the Church for over fifty years, no clergyman will lightly violate he canon to which he has promised bedience. - Christian Union.

The Springfield Republican speaks of an egotistic collection of 'Sayings of by Dr. Joseph Parker, of Lon-Wishing to give even Dr. Joseph Parker his due, we may observe that the full title of the work in question is, These Sayings of Mine," which any person pretending to any acquaintance at all with the Bible will understand to mean not "Sayings" of Joseph Parker. but the utilization of words of our Lord, and that the title probably covers a volume of sermons on certain sayings of Jesus Christ. We commend to the Republican a more thorough study of Holy Scripture, especially of the New Testament, before it throws stones so far. -The Congregationalist.

A novel but impressive service was recently held in the Mildmay-park Weslevan Chapel (kindly lent for the occasion), when the Rev. John Wilkinson received by baptism into the Church of Christ, six more members of the house of Israel. Mr. Wilkinson read in Hebrew and expounded the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, and gave words of counsel to the candidates. Charles Wesley's incomparable hymn on the Jewish subject, beginning, "Almighty God of love," was sung at the com-mencement; "Free from the law," just before baptism; and "Ring the bells of heaven," just after. Mr. Victor, of Clevedon, Mr. Field, Mr. Mathieson and Mr. Adler offered prayer for Divine blessing on the converts, and for liverance was granted. increased interest in Israel amongst Christians. Thus the efforts of the Societies for the Conversion of the Jews are not wholly in vain.

NEW TESTAMENT MANU-SCRIPTS.

Of the oldest and most valuable of a deacon or a priest shall continue his MSS, there are only five; and these

> a. The Alexandrine MS. or Codexso called because it was obtained in Alexandria, by the Bishop of Constantinople, who sent it as a present to Charles I. of England. It is now in the British Museum -kept as an invaluable treasure. It is believed to be about 1400 years old; though nothing is known of its origin. As an authority four chapters in all are missing from it.

b. The next MS. in order is the Vatiwhen it was in Paris, whither Napoleon I. caused it to be removed—it has been kept in Rome for 400 years. Until very recently the Papal Power has refused to publish a copy of this MS.; but in 1868 a very perfect fac simile of it was issued, to the unspeakable delight of all Bible students.

drine, and is also more nearly perfect---

tury, and contains about two-thirds of child died."-John Corderov, in Metho-

d. Next there is the Codex Bezaformerly belonging to the great reformer of that name, and by him presented Clergy, Corporation to ask his Lordship to the University of Cambridge. It is the least valuable of the MSS, we have named, contains only the Gospels and the Acts in Greek and Latin; and is assigned to the sixth century.

e. Next in order is the Codex Sinaiticus-which is, probably, older than Testament complete. It is supposed to the Roman University, have just taken be one of the MSS. prepared by order of the Emperor Constantine for his capital-Constantinople.

The account of its discovery in the Convent of St. Catherine, on Mt. Sinai. by the great German critic Tischendorf, is of intense interest to all Bible students; though we cannot enter into it now. In 1844 he got hold of a few old vellum leaves-which proved to be leaves of the Old Testament-about to be used for lighting a fire in the stove; but it was not until 1859 that he obtainpermission from the Monks to copy the whole work. He did so, the original MS being presented to the Emperor of Russia; and it is now in the Imperi-Library of St. Petersburg, and a splendid edition of the work was published in 1862.

Now, none of these great MSS. was known to those who prepared the various English versions, from Wycliffe to the revisers under James I. Even Erasmus had seen only the Codex Beza: having failed, with all his influence at the Court of Rome, to obtain access to the Codex Vatican. And it is these great MSS. -as well as the large numberto which we have referred -that constituted the sources of authority from which the revisers of the present translation were able to draw. - Episcopal

## PROVIDENCE.

" I have sometimes thought that ministers in the present day do not sufficiently mark for the instruction and the inestimable doctrine of God's gracious providence as seen in the world and found in the experience of Chris-

'Some years since, when in company with some good Christian workers in and a common-sense self-cure under hy-Lambeth, I ventured to make a remark gienic principles.

that I did not believe that any Chris- Oh, let us give the enemy no advan- my poor hands are too feeble. I long tian could be found who could not in tages! Let us meet his untiring vigi- sometimes for an alabaster box of prethe course of his life refer to some es- lance with an equally tireless watchful- cious ointment, and some Lazarus to pecial instance of God's gracious provi- ness. The renewed, uplifting inspira- anoint for his beggar's burial, that so dence being exerted on his behalf. tions of the Holy Spirit will carry us may serve my blessed Lord." Was not This led to conversation on the topic, through heat and physical lassitude, and this a true religion? It had a great world and to the recital on the part of several not only make "December as pleasant of sweeping emotion in it. It seems to of their experience of the truth stated. as May," but July as bearable as Jan- shake the simple sentences as with the One brother, a man with a large family uary. Keep the churches open, hold breath of the Holy Ghost. And it had and a limited income as clerk in a bank- the Sabbath-school sessions regularly, hands to work, furnished with hard ing house in the city, and who found it preach as earnestly as your spirit-touch- tasks, which the glad heart made beara constant struggle to meet family ed lips can preach, arouse Christians to a tiful by her love. Such a devotion will claims, gave the following instance of hunger for perfect love, and cry out the not be apt to spend itself in words. It help afforded to him in the time of warnings to sinners; don't be afraid of is too genuinely hearty to be content to need. He said: Some time ago one repetitions; repetitions red-hot are nov- talk about itself; its healthy impulse is of my children, a little girl about five elties; and then Satan will be grieved, to do Christ's work. And do we fancy or six years of age, was very poorly, and and long for closed churches and mod-that loveless hearts can render himse one morning she said to me, - 'Father, ern vacations, but Christ will be honor- full measure of service? We might can—so called because of its being kept I wish you would stay at home to-day.' ed, and the sound of his successful go- learn from all other forms of fealty and in that palace. Except the short time The request, not appearing to him as ings will be heard in the tops of the devotion that it is the full, loyal, rest urgent, made little impression. She, mulberry trees. Let the pastor seek less heart that inspires the best and however, reiterated her wish, till his his brief rest, not by surrendering all the largest work. Happy are they who wife said to him. - Well, my dear, as religious activities, but by a change of love much the Master whose work is at she so much wishes it, perhaps you had scene and of work, yet with the un- ways waiting for loving hands. -N. Y. better gratify her by remaining at quenchable fires of his life consecration Methodist. home.' The good brother, therefore, burning like a furnace. Then shall his addressed a letter to his employers, the feet always be beautiful upon the mounbankers, apologizing for absence on the tains and by the quiet streams, for he This MS. is older than the Alexan score of family affliction. In the even shall ever be the holy bearer of good tiding of the same day he received a note | ngs and the publisher of peace. -- Chrishaving lost only the Epistle to Philem- from one of the firm, expressing their tian Home Journal. on, the Pastoral Epistle and the Apoca- sympathy, and enclosing for his acceptance a £40 note. We may easily imagc. The next MS. in order is the Cod- ine with what grateful feelings this good ex Ephraem; which is preserved in the brother would retire to rest that night. people fail to understand faith by reas-National Library of Paris. It was and how in the morning he would be brought by Catherine de Medici into further instructed in God's dealings France, and is assigned to the fifth cen- with his people, for in the morning the

THE CHURCH IN SUMMER.

There is no good cause for Church languishment in the summer. If physical conditions of body and weather prevent the assiduous devotion to study and the Vatican MS., and contains the New leading men to Christ are all compatible babes, whose hearts are susceptible and furnish scholars competent to revise the every physical condition. Some years ago we were advised that our campmeetings were injurious physically, and that our annual rest should be away from all religious excitements. We became conscious that in this as in any other department of thought or activity we could overwork, but after careful tests, we are satisfied that a camp-meeting or two. with preaching once on the Sabbath for the brother in whose vicinity we are resting, and a regular attendance upon the prayer-meeting, and the reading of a few books of the Old and New Testament through, bring us back to our work restful and happy. "It takes me some time to get into the preaching spirit again," said a good brother, on his return from a long vacation. Think of Paul introducing his theme at Troas or Corinth by saying, "Brethren. I have not had much to do with these matters for five or six weeks, having been on a vacation, but I shall get a going again after a little." What a dead fly it would have been in the Gospel ointment, if when Jesus and his disciples had returned from that needed retirement "apart into a desert place to rest awhile," they had announced that all religious activities, except perhaps a short prayer morning and evening, had been abandoned, that their rest might be more complete.

During the heated term, neither those that go nor those that stay can be expected to be kept under full pressure. but it is a fearful letting down, or shameful surrender to Satan, for churches to be closed, and religion's offensive comfort of their hearers illustrations of weapons to be hung up for cooler weather. And no amount of earnest effort in the nine months of the year can condone for the wrongs done to God's tians. How many a downcast soul cause by three months of religious apawould be cheered to learn that one in thy. Friends of God, all the sought similar or in worse circumstances than sources of rest combined, country air. himself had found in the time of great fishing, swinging and sleeping under need the faithfulness of God's merciful trees, &c., are not better as recreation promises—that in darkness light had than a holy conscience, an abiding dawned, in distress relief was found, trust that excludes all worrying, an honand that in danger and in difficulty de- est, generous frankness that makes chafing and jealousy impossible, with a systematic arrangement of study and labor,

SAVING FAITH

Paradoxical as it may appear, many

into heaven, or descend into the deep, He is sorry to have to answer that he while, "the word is nigh them, the never has made the text of the New word of faith which we preach." To them it seems impossible that so great a salvation can be wrought by means so high value and importance, viewed as a simple; and in consequence they insist on finding, in that plain term, a deeper sense, a hidden meaning, a profound mystery capable of being unfolded only by much learning. How mistaken is this view every devout child of God well to allow him to do so." meetings which the cooler season pro- knows. Faith is never patent to reason. motes, faith, holy living, reverence for The things of God, hidden from the letter. What probability is there that the Sabbath, reading of the Bible, and wise and prudent, are revealed unto the Roman Catholics of England can ble with any weather, and with almost whose minds are open to reflection. The Rheims New Testament, even if they b truth comes to them freshly, and upon driven to admit the necessity of having their tender consciences leaves an indel- that version revised? Their great perible impress. The child is the exemplar of the true disciple. In him the instinct of faith is not deadened. "Suppose a child has a journey to perform through an extensive wilderness," says Rev. Asa Shinn, "where it would be exposed to pits. snares, wild beasts, and every hateful thing. If left to its own resources. its courage would fail, and it would decline the performance of the journey. But while deliberating on the subject. the father of the child offers his services as a guide. The child is convinced that no force can overcome the father's power, and that no craft can defeat his wisdom. With this understanding, it places its entire trust in the father, and makes the entire journey successfully. So the erring child of man, who would pass safely through this world to a heavenly home, sees temptation and every obstruction that the enemy can present in the way, and, if left to its own resources, would decline the performance of the journey, but while considering the subject, the Gospel presents our heavenly Father in Christ to him as a guide. The sinner is convinced that no force can overcome his power, for in him is the power of God, and that no craft can defeat his wisdom, for in him is the wisdom of God; and placing his entire trust in Christ, he is conducted safely through this world to a home in

> So simple is saving faith. It is takng God at his word. We put our hand in his and confidently march onward to our heavenly home. Do not forget how simple is the way of faith, nor how way be neglected. -N. E. Methodist.

## TRUE LOVE.

A precious saint wrote in the secret pages of her diary: "My religion took. on one happy day, the character of a genuine passion. I knew it to be such. for I had loved intensely. And from that hour I had Christ for a daily companion and bosom friend. But I have enough for Christ. The day is too short; demy of Arts.

## CARDINAL NEWMAN AND THE NEW TESTAMENT.

It seems there was an unsuspected reason for Cardinal Newman's declining to be a member of the New Testament Revision committee. We quote from Public Opinion a letter dated Birming ham, May 13, 1881 :- "Cardinal Newman begs to thank the revision editor of on of its very simplicity. They gaze up | Public Opinion for his courteous letter. Testament his special study, and, feeling sure that the revision will be of whole, he would not venture to attempt any lengthened criticism upon it. And he is obliged to add that, had he ever so much right to criticise it, his time in not sufficiently at his disposal just now

What a revelation he makes in this vert, who was educated at Oxford; auniversity famous for classical learning. by his own confession, can render them little help. We do not suppose hist-brother of Westminster can do much better. Then what are we to expect from the inferior clergy? Many of themhave been born, and nursed, and educated, so far as they are educated in any sense worthy of a Christian pastor and teacher, under purely Roman Catholics influences. Probably not one in a hupdred of the "pricata" in the threekingdoms has "ever made the text of the New Testament his special study." Such teachers of Christianity! Carmen teach what they have never learned? Can men teach Christianity from any book but the Word of God? Care those who confess they have never striven to be thoroughly familiar with the only authoritative statement of the plan of salvation be men qualified toshow people the way to heaven? Dr. Newman, confused by the study of patristic writings, ambitious to help to put England back into ante-reformation conditions, and not willing to give the New Testament its proper place in his system, might well seek ease in Romauism .- London Methodist.

A speaker at a recent missionary meeting repudiated with just scorn the idea that the missionary was to wait for "openings." Not so, he said, did Havelock, when he thundered at the gates of Lucknow, and rescued the lambs from the tiger's lair. Not so does the engineer when he thrusts his iron way great will be your guilt and ruin if that through the broad mountain, and bridges the mighty chasm. The heroes of missionary enterprise have never waited for "openings." Let us press on. The way will open for us. How many of no are hindering by feeble faith and wretched half heartedness, when God's truth demands prompt action and unselfish devotion. - Evangelical Churchman

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