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President of the newly-formed South

African Conference. Look across to

Fiji.a Christian country to-day, where

not many years ago men cooked and

ate each other. Look at Madagascar.

When I was a boy they had not heard

the name of Jesus, and now they have

a Christian queen, a Christian govern-

ment, and a Christian nation. And

yet we talk of failure. - Chas. Garrett.

RAILROAD WORK.

A correspondent of the Western

Not yet five months since a little

band of workers, assured that they

could "do all things through Christ

which strengtheneth," led by Miss Jen-

nie Smith, the railroad evangelist,

and superintendent of railroad work

of the "Women's National Christian

Temperance Union," left the cars at

Martinsburg, W. Va., and inaugurat-

eda series of daily meetings among the

employes of the Baltimore and Ohio

Railroad. Barriers were one by one

swept away by Him who "was mani-

fested that he might destroy the

works of the devil," until the Word

of God, with the convicting and con-

verting power of the Divine Spirit ran

from heart to heart, and westward from

place to place, until in less than four

months there rejoiced in the consci-

ous knowledge of pardoned sin, and

acceptance by a reconciled God: In

Martinsburg, 275; Keyser, 200

Piedmont, 165; Cumberland, 230

Grafton, 225; and thousands have

been brought under conviction of sin.

It was a happy selection that placed

Miss Jonnie Smith in charge of that

manch of women's work, for certain

it is with her as with Paul, God's

A happy sequel of this glorious work

vas witnessed by your correspondent

on Tuesday, July 20th, at Harper's

Ferry, where train after train of

heavily laden cars arrived from the

East and from the West, and deposit-

ed their precious freight in response

to a call for an excursion and meet-

ing given under the auspices of the

converted employes of the Baltimore

and Ohio Railroad. The following

extract from the circular of the com-

mittee of arrangements explains the

The employes appreciate very

highly the facilities afforded Miss Jen-

nie Smith, the superintendent of rail

road evangelistic work for the Wo-

man's National Christian Temperance

Union, which enabled her to inaugu-

rate and accomplish a work unprece-

dented in the history of the Balti-

more and Ohio or any other railroad

and have taken this substantial me-

thod of expressing to the company

their appreciation thereof, and at the

same time affording those who may

what "great things the Lord hath

done" for them through the instrumen-

tality of the Railroad Branch of the

Woman's National Christian Temper-

ance Union, and there are hundreds

object of this assemblage:

strength is made perfect in

And the end is not yet.

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FROM THE PAPERS.

The Michigan Christian Adorcate, says: "Forty out of three hundred and seventy Congressmen are total abstainers. We have always wondered how the Garfield funeral liquor bill of attending Congressmen could amount to \$7,000. It is now clear.

The Church Guardian seems eblivious to the fact that it is but the organ of one of the sects. When the editor speaks about "Dissenters" he seems to forget that he is no less a Dissenter than the Presbyterian and the Methodist. - Ch'n Messenger.

The Sunday School Journal contends that Christian people can do more than is the custom towards discovering the real merit that is to be found among the young men and the young women of the Church and Sunday School, and encouraging such merits by social recognition.

Since the conversion, in 1874, of Commodore Davidson, of the packet line which runs between St. Louis and St. Paul on the Mississippi River, he has refused a contract which would allow the sale of liquors on the boats, although offered \$14,000 for the privi-

Our college men who are going abroad among our people and advocating the cause of religious education, are not only building up our church schools, but doing an immense good, educating our people up to an appreciation of education.—Holston Metho-

"The longer 1 live," said George Macdonald in a recent address in London, "the more I am assured that the business of life is to understand the Lord Christ. Nothing else is to be called the business of life at all. I am extreme, you may think; but this is liberty and life to me—to know Christ.

An Illinois exchange says: "For every dollar we receive for revenue from the liquor traffic, it costs probably twenty dollars, to say nothing of terrible thing it is for one soul to be wrecked for time and eternity. Does license pay?"

Public prayers should not ordinarily exceed five minutes in length. When they go beyond this, the tendency is to weariness and formalism, at the expense of devotion. God looks at the intensity of desire in our petitions, rather than the number of words employed in presenting them. - Methodist.

If a pastor neglects to do his duty to the Church he is appointed to serve, he should not complain if the Church desires a change of pastors when Conference comes. Churches need pastors that will do the work of the pastorate. This they have a right to claim and expect, and no pastor should think of doing less. Faithful pastors are generally desired by their hearers. - Zion's Herald.

The Banner of Holiness is now intent on having an Ecumenical holiness convention, so little sympathy did it find at Round Lake for its peculiar views. We are in hearty sympathy with such men as Dr. Palmer, Inskip, McDonald, and Lowry; the papers they publish teach holiness as Methodism has always understood it, and we commend their publications to the people. - Central Christian Adv.

Are you going off on a vacation this month or next? See, first, that your home work be taken care of while you are absent. Then, wherever you go, watch for opportunities to be useful. Look into the little Sunday-school among the mountains or by the sea. and lead a hand. Attend the services in the little church and help in the prayer-meeting. Carry not only your religion, but your religious activity with you. - Westminster Teacher.

As a sign of the progress of temperance principles in the Conference, The Christian World says of the election of Mr. Garrett, that "the principles of total abstinence are prominently represented in the Conference. If the leaders of the 'Blue Ribbon Army' were to step into the Conference, they would see their colors worn not only in the chair, but by scores, if not hundreds, of ministers on the floor and in the galleries.'

A correspondent to the Montreal Witness, writing from London and which he attended, says : " And here Mrs. Grattan Guinness, Mrs. Spur-mosquitoes are appalling.—N. Y. Leeds townsman the announcement geon and Mrs. Booth.'

The Religious Herald, of Hartford, has the following paragraph: "A Pittsfield correspondent writes that the divorce business is quite flourishing there, and that the libelants are chiefly young women. The allegation is usually desertion. Inquiry often reveals the fact that the applications are brought in view of another offer of marriage as soon as the six months necessary to make it absolute

It was of no use for the liquor smugglers to pack the Republican primaries to prevent the renomination of Governor St. John. He was renominated in convention by a vote of 287 to96. That means that Kansas intends to inforce liquor prohibition. The first resolution demanded "rigid enforcement of the constitutional provision." and the third favored the admission of women to the privilege of the ballot. Well done, Kansas!—N. Y. Independent.

The sphere of "woman's privileges" is steadily enlarging in the Presbyterian Churches. The Herald and Presbyter informs a correspondent "under the action of the Assemthat bly of 1873, sessions, Presbyteries and Synods may allow women to pray and address meetings under their guidance, and such things are done. though not to any great extent. Such a liberty could be abused, but so far as we know, it has been in our Church.

A paper speaking of simony as practised in England, says: "The Church of England is very largely regarded as a sort of asylum or charitable institution for the maintenance of the younger sons of upper classes. Hence no politician has dared to grapple boldly with this scandal. If he were to do so, he would find that he had put his foot into a wasp's nest, and he would make himself particularly repugnant and unacceptable to the class es which are chiefly interested in the maintenance of this scandal.

The Rev. Dr. Lansing, head of the American U. P. Mission to Egypt, speaking at Liverpool the other day, said it would be impossible for any Europeans to live in safety in Egypt until the power of Arabi Pasha had been broken, and unless the spread of Mohammedan fanaticism was crushed they would have it in Syria, India, Turkey, and the whole Mohammedan world. He believed England did her best day's work when she bombarded the forts of Alexandria.

The Presbyterian notes a happy decision of a New York justice. The town of New Rochelle, N. Y., brought an old man of eighty-two before Justice Gifford's bench, on a warrant to compel him to provide for his son who had become a town pauper on account of his intemperate habits. The motion was denied: the Judge ruling that 'as the town grants the liquor-deal ers licenses to sell liquor, and these paupers, the town should support the

It is an interesting fact, not per-Bible ever printed in this country was one which John Eliot, "the apostle of the Red Indians," had translated into the language of one of the tribes tion that there is now no representative of that tribe, and that there is no one who can read a word of this sealed book of the past. It is only fit for a museum, where its silence may prowho have passed away forever.

One of the arguments mentioned at of a pure and consecrated literature. recent important meeting of the trustees of the Cincinnati Wesleyan the Gospel. Look at this vast congre-College in favor of paying the debts of that unfortunate institution and reopening it to the public in September is its commercial value to Cincinnati | no adornment whatever. Look at tradesmen. The Rev. Dr. Brown, of Mr. Spurgeon. Look at Mr. Moody. Pittsburg, who may become the president of the rejuvenated academy, is reported in a Cincinnati paper as saying that "the outfits for the young ladies and graduates, the floral decorations and other things at the last commencement had been purchased at an expense of \$5,000.

Going to the seaside is becoming ing at the Guildhall, and the Lord dangerous. At Mount Desert the visitor seems in peril of highwaymen: at Long Beach he must face the prospect of coming home married, and that, too, with the ceremony performed at new hymn. Oh, yes, more and more describing various religious meetings midnight; at Bath there is the possibility of being stabbed in the back for let me remark what I heard at the indulging musical proclivities at a meeting which I attended, that the seasonable evening hour. Under these wives of the three leading men in the circumstances many persons will no religious world of London are quite doubt conclude to stay at home and up to their husbands in ability, devot- enjoy safety, even if ocean breezes are edness and personal influence, viz. : lacking and the midsummer heat and

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.

When I hear men in the Christian Church talk about defeat and failure I wonder where their wits are feat! with Christ at their head! the Church to be the mockery of devils who shall say, Aha! ye began to build, but was not able to finish. "I will build," says Christ, and he saw the end from the beginning. He knew every difficulty and all the opposition to be brought against it, and he looked it straight in the face and saw the final triumph and heard in the future the millennial song.

You say the building does not go

oneas rapidly as we should like. But that is often the case with other buildings. There is sometimes a storm. and the workmen cannot go up the ladder, sometimes a fog, and men cannot see to work; sometimes a frost, which interferes with them : and sometimes a strike. And so it is sometimes in building the Church. There are storms of persecution, and men have to die instead of working; there are fogs of errors and mistakes stealing about the wall; there is a frost of unbelief, which begins with the heart, and that gets very cold, and the coldness extends to the hand, and they say we are always having collections; and sometimes it extends to the knees, and they cannot kneel down to pray; and sometimes there is a strike in the Church, and Ephraim envies Judah, and Judah vexes Ephraim, and the devil encourages the strife so long as it does not interfere with him. But the Great Master sees it all. He looks round upon the horizon and the storm subsides, and there is a great calm when He says, "Peace, be still;" and when the ogs come He chases them aw the breath of his mouth, and as the Sun of Righteousness He soon melts all the frost, and warmth of the heart spreads to the hands, and the man now gives so much that it is a wonder to himself and the astonishment of everybody else; and when there is a strike He takes the two sticks into his hand and makes them one, and they strive together only for the faith of the Gospel. And that is a revival! The Lord send it us! (Amen.) He has been looking at the Conference He has heard every word and seen all our arrangements; and He is working it all out. "I will build." It shall be finished. Fling all your fears away. The victory is sure. dealers licensed by the town create | That is not left with you and me. He must reign until all enemies are beneath his feet. Not finish it indeed! Can ye not discern the signs of the haps generally known, that the first times? I cannot understand the groaning ones. They do not see with mv eyes. Defeat! I ask you was Christ ever defeated? What did of New England. It is a sad reflect- Christ ever undertake that he did not desire to do so, an opportunity to tell complete? When he undertook the work of creation He completed it, and so with the work of redemption; and shall He fail in the work of grace? claim the sad fate of the many tribes | Look at England. Is it worse than it was? Look at the immense apread

who not only desire to, but do, eagerful hearts, to the cleansing and keeping power of the Holy Spirit, and Look at the crowds that flock to hear that "old things are passed away behold all things are become new. gation. You have come here to hear Harper's Ferry during the late war a plain Methodist preacher who has was the scene of many conflicts, but never before had its historic soil been invaded by a vast multitude of not Why, we cannot invite him to many less than 7,000 people for the purpose places because we cannot get a buildof enjoying Christian fellowship, singing large enough to contain the asseming the songs of Zion and telling of bling crowds. I was up in London, Savior's love. Would that time and saw a crowd rushing along the street, space would allow to picture the granand I asked what was the matter. deur of the scene as viewed from the Oh, they said, Mr. Aitken is preachsurrounding heights, but suffice it to say, that the object sought by this Mayor is presiding in his robes. If gathering was fully accomplished, and that had been done in the days of it is to be hoped that it is but the John Wesley we should have had a first of others to follow. The friends of sister Jennie Smith and her untiring companion, Adelaide Sherman, with your fears, the victory is sure. will be glad to know that both were But look abroad. But I cannot present on this occasion, and looking trust myself on this part of the submuch better for their short rest. H. ject. Yesterday in this chapel I had

the high honor of conveying to a that he had been appointed the first than he looks for. PROHIBITION.

The Hon. Neal Dow, of Maine, writes to the Christian 'Union :-

In your issue of August 3rd you say about prohibition : "Mr. Dow forgets that this method has been tried in New York and Massachusetts and has confessedly failed in both States No; I did not forget about those States: I remember very well that prohibition was always a success while it lasted, and never in any sense a failure there. Prohibition is now the settled policy in relation to the liquor traffic in many hundreds of localities in other countries as well as the United States, and it has never proved a failure in any one of them. In many of these places it has existed for more than twenty years, and has been a uniform success wherever it has been tried.

Very soon after the enactment of prohibition in New York the judges of the Supreme Court-five to threepronounced the law unconstitutional. It was a curious coincidence that the five were drinking men, while the three were not so. That decision killed the law, but it never had any moral standing or influence in the State. Among all temperance men there was no doubt that it came from the personal predilections of those who made it. While the law was in operation it was a most decided success. The same thing was true of Massachusetts. The testimonies are very numerous and most reliable that prohibition was very effective for good there : it was never at any time or anywhere in the State a failure, but, on the contrary a success. It was not repealed on account of

any lack of ability to accomplish its work, but only because it was effective in diminishing the volume of the liquor traffic and in cutting down the profits of the liquor-sellers. It was repealed as a political dodge, the politicians in Massachusetts, as generally in other States, being, as such, unscrupulous men. Prohibition by constitutional amendment and by statute will in the near future be established in both these States. Will you kindly allow me to put this prediction in your columns? The Christian Union also says: "The latest newspaper advices indicate that Mr. St. John, the prohibition Governor of Kansas, will not receive the Republican renomination." I am glad to be able now to say that the latest news- did not see the glass, and expected paper advices show conclusively that Governor St. John will be renominated and certainly elected. At the same time we learn from many quarters other than Kansas that professional politicians and political bosses are who are abiding in Christ. His prebeing unseated by the people whom they have long ridden to their own profit, but not to the general good. The affinity between rumsellers and visible power that protects us, or else self-seeking politicians is strong and he would not waste his efforts by tryspontaneous. The people will correct | ing to get us. He must be like the

The Union says, "Whether prohibily testify, with tearful eyes and joy- tory legislation is the best method of carrying out that moral sentiment (whatever that may mean) "and shutting up the liquor shops is vet to be solved." It seems to me to be as reasonable to say that whether ocean | him. steam navigation and ocean telegraphy will prove to be a success is a problem yet to be solved. The proofs of the lister having preached a sermon on the success of prohibition are as numerous and as conclusive as of the success of the great enterprises I have named, and there is no fact in the history of | said, "I hope you do not deny actual the former which can cast the smallest sin, too " "No," they promptly reshadow of doubt upon its final accom- plied. The minister asked them. plishment of the work it was designed . Did you ever see a tree growing

Depend upon it, in the midst of all the science about the world and its I'll see Thee near whom now afar ways, and all the ignorance of God and his greatness, the man or woman O, touch my hands, that they may who can say, "Thy will be done." with the true heart of giving up, is nearer the secret of things than the Azealous man always finds more geologist or theologian. - George Mc

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST.

When our Lord says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," do His words mean anything, or do they m an nothing ? It must be worth our while to find out. considering who spoke them and when he spoke them. And if they have any meaning, it must be worth while to know what that meaning is, and what we have to do with it. He who spoke those words was a

man—a man who had been made perfect by suffering, who had but forty days before actually died; gone down into the depths of horror and agony, and died, and then risen again. And he was at that very time going to ascend into heaven to be face to face with Almighty God. And those men to whom he spoke were his chosen friends; the men whom he was going, as he said, to send out into the whole world to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Hs said that he had come to do a great work, and fight a great battle, and that he had now connuered and done his work, and menhad only to reap the fruit of it and to trust in him and become new men. And these words were, as it were, him last words—his last will and testament. Was it likely that these last words would have any meaning in them? Likely! Does it not stand to reasons that they would be full of meaning ? Most likely the most important of all his words? Perhaps the summing upand finishing of all his words, his whole message and teaching gathered up into one. He had been saying wonderful and blessed things for many a year. And I think that this last word of his was the most wonderful and blessed of all his sayings, as we

-Charles Kingsberg

WE ARE SAFE.

When I was in England a lady told me a sweet story illustrative of what it is to have Christ between us and everything else. She said she was wakened up by a very strange noise of pecking, or something of the kind, and when she got up she saw a butterfly flying backward and forward inside the window-pane in great fright. and outside a sparrow pecking and trying to get in. The butterfly did not see the glass, and expected every minute to be caught, and the sparrow every minute to catch the butterfly, vet all the while that butterfly was as safe as if it had been three miles away. because of the glass between it and the sparrow. So it is with Christians sence is between them and every danger. I do not believe that Satan understands about this mighty and insparrow-he does not see it; and the Christians are like the butterfly-they do not see it, and so they are frightened, and flutter backward and forward in terror; but all the while Satan cannot touch the soul that has the Lord Jesus Christ between itself and

THE ROOT OF THE TREE. - A mindoctrine of original sin, some persons called on him to state their objections. He heard them patiently, and then without root !"

One touch of Thine upon my eyes, And these dark shadows all shall

I worship, gl rious One, in three

learn Only Thy blessed work to lo; And touch my feet, that they may

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