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"Why," said Clive, when defend- COREA, THE HERMIT NATION. secure his services to edit a Corean are feeling-not stiffly and formally, closses with the following letter from NOTE AND COMMENT.

ing his Indian spoliations, "when I remember my opportunities I stand Fawcett's career of work for almost aghast at my own moderation." any fully endowed and equipped man Perhaps many of the eminent bankwould be wonderful-for a blind man ers and financiers of our time are imhis life was fairly luminous. - N. Y. Any Church that fails to look after

the poor, and even the ungodly, has already begun to decline; decay is at work, which cannot be counteracted by apparent outward prosperity. - ary, New York, are summoned to Presbyterian Banner. A correspondent of the National Baptist asks: "Why is it that people will come to hear the gospel in tents

shall we do about it?" A non-reader is but a half-man or a discuss the Deceased Wife's Sister 12,000,000. half woman. Literature is a necessity Law as remitted by the General Asto full life. There is no complete sembly. Dr. Caven cautiously leads brain-food without books. You can in the direction of toleration. A never be your best self if you do not circumstance that greatly strengthens read - Christian Index.

Mr. Gladstone during his past and present Premiership has disposed of the English Primacy and of sixteen English bishoprics, as well as of eighteen English deancries, besides many canonries and livings.

The Prohibition party is the only political party that joins religion and ubition meetings go well together. their prayers and votes will be in and then asks: "Shall a worldly complete accord - Living Issue.

Chrysostom advised to keep an offering box in the place where one usually prays, and begin every act of souls, but Churches have not?" devotion with a gift. I am sure we should all pray better for it, and I know the Lord will add his blessing it terms it, that the private character to such gifts .- Presbyterian Home of the candidate should have no Missionary.

know three Baptist men, not dead but civil life, so completelely demoraliz alive and at work, who have recently ing to public virtue, has been launchwritten opposite their names \$25,000 ed upon the country since the foundato Baptist causes-they have done it tion of our Government; and the in these hard times while losing tens men and journals that have fathered of thousands by shrinkage of values it have forfeited all claim to moral in stocks and other things

In these days when so much is said about culture as the cure for the sins and sorrows, as well as for the crudities of life, we must not forget that God's Spirit can convert a man in a tional study of the Bible itself, moment. Regeneration is the work of the Lord, and can be accomplished in the twinkling of an eye. - Western

A wag, of whom the Advance tells, in a Connecticut Valley Tobacco Growers' Convention, offered a resolution that the "use of tobacco ought to be encouraged in the public schools! He broke the silence that followed with, "Gentleman, why do you balk? If this is a legitimate business, why not push it ?'

"Woman suffrage in educational matters," says the American Journal of Education, " is now established in twelve States and several Territories, and in two or three others women may hold office on public educational boards. It is not improbable that within a few years every State will give the ballot to women, as far as relates to public school interests."

A thoroughly sensible answer was that given recently by Rev. M. C. Stebbins, when examined for the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Cornwall. President Hamlin asked him if we had the right to fix the before one of those whiskey stores Bible over to suit ourselves. Mr. Stebbins replied: "I am accustomed to look upon the Bible as intended to did not curse the seller, but only the fix us over."-E.c.

The future of Methodism will depend upon what she does with her accumulated wealth. If she retains an offence. Indeed, we little wonder it to increase her personal comforts, at many poor women, driven half to enable her to live at ease and enjoy the offices of the Church with no appreciable burden upon her income. leaving the poor at home and the perishing millions abroad to gather up only the crumbs that fall from her table, her decline may be slow, but it will be certain, and her desolation banes of American society. Men bewill be grievous. - Wesleyan Advocate.

blazing hearth and thus he communed with himself; "Times are awful sible but for the presence of the inhard. I must reduce expenses some- struments of death. And the fact how. What shall I give up? Tobac that men are thus armed and ready co? Coffee? Sugar? Oh no. I for violence is itself a stimulus to must have all of these. Let me see. violent feeling. When a struggle be-I can stop the Advocate; that'll save comes a mere question of physical \$2. And I'll stop the Record; that'll strength men are not so apt to plunge save me 50 cents. And I won't pay madly into it, as when they have at but half my quarterage; that'll save me \$10. And I won't give anything small man may be as agile as the to the Conference collections this year; large man, and may be able to kill his that'll save me \$5. So I can save antagonist, no matter how gigantic. fifteen or twenty dollars any way, When both are armed the giant has bless the Lord. Wife, come in and no sense of shame in attacking the let's have prayers."-Church Record. dwarf. - Western Advocate.

bued with the same regretful retrosspect, rather than with any remorse for appropriated funds. -St. Paul The Christian Union says: "The

students of Union Theological Seminrecitations by a large and beautiful gong which once did service in a Bud dhist temple. Such a summons is both a prean for the past and a prophecy of the future of what has ever and secular halls more readily than been markedly a missionary Seminin churches? And secondly, What ary. The Presbyteries are begining to

this position is the attitude of our sister Churches in the United States. It is half a century since the Presbyterian Church in the United States agreed to tolerate such marriages .-

A writer in the Christian Index points the moral of the support of the superannuated preacher by mentioning that the Baltimore and Ohio lities. Revival meetings and Pro- Railroad puts aside \$25,000 a year of its earnings, as a beneficiary fund for When men are thoroughly converted its disabled and worn out employers; corporation perform this work of just generosity and the Church of Christ neglect it? Shall men hereafter be constrained to say, corporations have ous illustrations upon beautiful paper,

Of the "amazing declaration," as weight in a political canvass, the Journal of Education says: Save the Boston Watchman: "We conceit so absolutely destructive of leadership in American affairs.

The Sunday School Times has this to say about crutches: When the use a devotional book produces disinclination for the devowhen the perusal of a religious biography develops a marked disposition to prefer reading and talking about the work, to the doing of the work itself, when one's pleasure in a favorite preacher leads one to think much of the messenger or of his style, and little of the message—we have an infallible sign that we are depending unwisely upon crutches."

Referring to the late election the Y. Advocate remarks: "Betting has been more prevalent than ever before. The law on the subject is a dead letter. Some estimate that the volume of money liable to change hands on the result amounts to several millions of dollars. One citizen went home and assigned his "bets' to his son that, when challenged, he might swear that he had no bets pending on the election. Gambling and lying are brother and sister, and both are the children of dishonesty.'

It seems that a poor woman in Hamilton, whose son had been led astray and sent to gaol by the whiskey supplied to him in that city, knelt down a few days ago on the pavement and called down the curse of God on the traffic. She protested that she article sold. For this, however, she was fined \$2 and costs, or ten days in gaol. Surely this was a most absurd and excessive punishment for such crazy by the ruin caused to their homes by this liquor traffic, becoming quite as demonstrative as this Hamilton woman seems to have been.

Concealed weapons are one of the come fired with sudden passion, and having deadly weapons at hand they He sat in his easy chair before the appeal to them, and in frenzy do deeds of blood which would be simpos-

To the lengthening list of Asiatic countries-China, India, Burmah, Ceylon, Siam, Japan-whose opening doors attract missionaries from various lands and Churches we must this year add the musical COREA—the 'Land of Morning Calm," no longer the "Hermit Nation." Corea is a peninsula on the eastern coast of Asia. jutting out to the south east, washed on the north by the Japan Sea and on the south by the Yellow Sea. It has a coast line of 1,740 miles with an area of 90,000 square miles-about equal in extent to Great Britain. The population is generally estimated at

of the simplest and most perfect in Corean translation of the New Testa- of them sharp set and low-principled as well as foreigners, and it appears to Japanese learned the art from the haps as yet the white man's face would cations of business—with how much for the purpose of regulating its inthe tweifth century. Metal type is thus be proclaimed and ere long when treat with your fellow-sinners, for a seems to be a question whether, asmentioned as early as 1420. The literary taste and scholarship of the Coreans is shown in their collection of books. In 1866 the French captured part of the King's library. Bishop Ridel wrote of it: "The library is very rich, consisting of 2,000 or 3 000 books printed in Chinese, with numerall well labeled, for the most part in many volumes hooped together with copper bands, the covers being of green or crimson silk."

The original religion of the people was Shamanism, with its superstition and idolatry. Among the objects of worship were the spirits of heaven and caves and even of the tiger. heaven." Confucianism and Buddhism spread from China to Corea and sad fact that Christianity was introduced into Corea by the Roman Catholics. In Corea as in other eastern lands this Church has not hesitated to resort to all manner of strategy and intrigues, weakening its strength and bringing about persecution. Compromising with the bad practices and evil doctrines of heathenism may result in speedy and numerous accessions of converts, but in the end

the result is disastrous. The history of the introduction of Protestantism has yet to be written. The way is opening up grandly. Among the first converts is a young n obleman, Rijutei, an intimate friend of the king, and the leader of the liberal or reform party. In the troubles of 1882, Rijutei saved the life of the queen, and the king offered, as a reward, to give him any rank or honors that he wished. His reply was, "I only asked to be permitted to go to Japan in order that I may study and see the civilization of other lands." On reaching Japan he began study the Bible. "Soon after this," writes Dr. Loomis, agent of the American Bible Society in Japan, "he had a dream that two men, one tall and the other short in stature, came to him with a basketfull of books, and to his inquiry what the books were, they replied, These books are the most important of all books for your country.' He then said, 'What book is it!' And was answered, 'It is the Bible.' This singular dream so impressed his mind that he felt it to be a revelation from heaven which ought to be carefully heeded." He soon asked for baptism and united with the

Presbyterian Church.

His brother came from Corea with not weary of listening to us if we do have had under my consideration, in that America shall take the lead in the you do not know how much better you effect. I have now to state to you elevation of his people. Can we not may do it for just covering your eyes that this matter is not one in which

The Coreans are an intelligent peo- books" is already entering Corea. fellow-men, some of them impracti. Decree of the Government of Berne is ple. Their alphabet it is said is one The Rev. Mr. Ross, who has made a cable and wrong-headed enough, some a general one, affecting Swiss citizens world, modeled, strange to say, after ment. reports the country is now enough some of them provoking and her Majesty's Government that it is the mellifluent Sanskrit. Printing on thoroughly open to colportage. The stunid enough how much better you one which it may well be within the cut blocks was early introduced; the printed page will thus go where per- will keep your temper amid the provo- competency of a Government to make Coreans, and adopted it in Japan in cause dismay. The glad tidings will clearer head and kinder heart you will ternal affairs. And, although there our missionaries enter they will find a word of silent prayer! If you desire cording to the Federal Constitution, people prepared for their coming.

THE INNER WITNESS. The Church was never more profoundly quickened with the indwellexults in sonship. The witness disevery sinister temptation and urgency towards unbelief. There is no parlev or expostulation or quarrel possiearth, the invisible powers of the air, ble with for it is the gift of God, branches of the Wesleyan Foreign of nature, the guardian genii of hills and faith is both substance and eviand rivers, of the soil and grain, of dence. Wherever it pleases the Lord to make Himself known by this inworshipped especially the morning effable gift, there is henceforth neither star and offered sacrifices of exen to debating nor darkness. The faith of "one of these little ones" is more then a match for all the Huxleys and took deep root. It is a significant but Arnolds of the day. And if so, what shall be said of the radiant, glowing, treasured faith of the holy Church throughout the world.

> All along the line believers are sharply warned to quicken the play of thought, to multiply speculations exceedingly, to brighten up the average intelligence as an offset to the controversy; while only here and there, at long intervals, is the voice timidly lifted up which proclaims the Inner Witness as our supreme muniment. Is it forgotten how St. Paul built up the Christian athlete? And yet by "man's wisdom" men are told to help and save themselves from this untoward generation! This is no disparagement to the functions of Christian thought in its legitimate relations, but whenever it overrides its correllative in the garrison work at Gibraltar, and and coequal factor, Christian faith, with its divinely given Inner Witness but the spirit of religious intolerance or wisdom of the heart, there is time for a halt. The perilous weakness of the position is this gradual letting down of Christian life and experience to the plane of mere intellectuality; a falling away from that profound subjective indwelling of Christ in the regenerate and converted heart which alone constitutes spiritual sonship, and makes that life unassailable to all foes of flesh or spirit. It will be a wholesome sign when Christian believers step aside for awhile from this jousting and tilting in the field of controversies, and plead to-

PRAYING EVERYWHERE.

We are not like children, that must The great desire of this talented, morning to spend the working-day 18 Sir J. Pauncefort wrote to Mr. scholarly convert is to give the Bible away from him, and only to come Booth that, as the meetings of the to his people. He at once began a back to him at evening. No; we are Salvation Army had been prohibited China-Corean version, and will also with Him, and He with us, all the day 'in consequence of the tumult theretranslate the blessed book into Corean. through. We never leave his pre- by created, her Majesty's Government He is a most zealous Christian and his sence. He is beside us through all cannot support them in resisting that eminent ability and high rank will our work, our weariness, our perplex measure, which has been found neces-

department in the official newspaper, twice a day at morning and evening- Earl Granville to Mr. Adams : " Forbut he refused to leave his translating. but as often as we please. He will eign office, Sipt. 25, 1884.—Sir,—I money to assist him in returning. not weary of speaking to Him. We communication with the Law Officers The happy Christian said to him, "I need not limit ourselves to morning of the Crown, your despatches of the do not. The money. I have and evening prayer. Twenty times, 27th and 30th ult. respectively, which found something better for me and and far more than that, as you go relate to a Decree issued by the Gorour people than railroads and tele- through your day's work, the eye may ernment of Berne with a view to the graphs, or steamboats." Dr. Loomis look up for a moment, the heart may suppression of 'Salvationists' meetsays, "Rijutei pleads with greatest be lifted up; the brief word may ings in the canton, and to a Circular earnestness for American teachers to carry up to God's ear the story of stated to have been addressed by the go and instruct his people. He does your need and of your trust in Him. same authority to the Prefectures of not want's second-hand civilization, Sitting down at your desk, and taking the canton, explaining the measures but is very decided in his preference up your pen, if that be your work, O, to be adopted for carrying it into for a minute, and asking God's bless- sher Majesty's Government would be "The man with the basketfull of ing in prayer. Or, dealing with your justified in taking any action. The to influence any for good, remember the Decree is within that of the Canhow wisely it has been said that the tonal Government, a question which shortest road to any human heart is is stated to have been raised by an found by God; and explain to your appeal to the Federal Council by ces-Heavenly Father all you wish to tain Swiss citizens, yet her Majesty's do. Every notice pain will be better Government do not think if has her Lord manifested Himself more borne, and every little joy enhanced, foreign Power would be justified under lavishly o His own. The Inner Wit. by a moment's silent mention of their dipomatic representations on the ness, whereby each regenerate heart to God. You can, alone with him, surject. cries Abba Father, is the same Inner speak of a host of little things, which Witness whereby the whole Church really make a great part in your thoughts and in your life, yet which comfits and puts to rout every impiety, are less suitable for speaking of in secking soul is this: "Trust God for united prayer with other people.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.

Missionary Society was held Oct. 15, to him, assume the infallibility of His singing was led by a choir of 700 voices. Mr. W. W. Pocock presided, and Rev. H. H. M'Cullagh read the report. The total income for the year had been £150,160 16s. 5d., (\$750,000) and the expenditure £150, 161 17s., leaving a deficiency in the current account of £55 0s. 7d. There were under the direction of the Weslevan Missionary Committee and the British Conference 365 missionaries and assistant missionaries, and 71,881 full and accredited Church members, being an increase of 1,134 over the previous year. There were also 6,185 on trial for membership, and 82,259 scholars. Encouraging reports had come from France, especially as to the success which was attending the introduction of the distinct methods of old Methodism; the class-meetings were flourishing. In Italy, as a whole, the work prospered, though in Rome there had not been much progress during the year. There had been success in the educational work at Barcelona, still reigned in Portugal. In India the work of education was passing through a critical stage, but in their schools there had been an increase of ble into salvation. But many others, 2,042 pupils. The effects of the poli- after groping in darkness a long time. tical excitement were being felt in China, where schools and preaching rooms had been closed and valuable make up a mass of inert and lifeless lives placed in danger.

THE SALVATION ARMY. A Parliamentary paper has been published containing the correspondence respecting the expulsion from several Swiss cantons of Mr. A. S. gether for the Inner Witness .- Clibborn and Miss Booth, members of the Salvation Army. General Booth wrote to Earl Granville on the subject on August 19, and Mr. Adams, the British Minister at Berne, reported the decree of the Neuchatel Govern. go out from our father's house in the ment to the Foreign-office. On Sept. give him great influence. Last year ity, our worry all the day. And we sary for the maintenance of the public the Japanese Government desired to tell him what we want, and how we tranquility." The correspondence those things that are above.

SUPERFICIAL CONVERSION.

The only advice we dare give to Jesus' sake to do the work, till the Spirit certifies that it is done." Saming faith is a new exercise to the seeking soul, springing out of real repentance of sin. I can not in my advice states and spiritual exercise, and urge him to jump to the conclusion that he really does fulfill the conditions of salvation, and that Jesus does now save him. This is the preregative of the Spirit of adoption. The Divine efficiency comes in at this point, assuring the soul, that he has truly abandoned sin and accepted Christ. and may now grasp the assurance of pardon. Without the Spirit's testmony no one has in the written Word any ground for believing that God has saved or does now save the soul Saving faith is not a leap in the dark. as some teach, but a firm stepping upon God's recorded willingness and ability to grant present deliverance from the guilt of sin till she steps upon the last stone which is the Spirit's testimony- "He doeth it.

Many have been advised to assume that their repentance and fauth are evangelical, and to reckon that Jesus now pardons, when this was not the fact. They have reckoned without their host and have been put into exceedingly embarrassing attitude toward Christ before the world. Some of these, under the Spirit's guidance, despite the bad human advice, stumgive up the struggle and drop buck into sin. But another large class cling to their Christian profession and members found in all our Churches, who have stopped short of satisfactory assurance of sins forgiven, and vainty imagine that they are saved .- Dr. Daniel Steele.

The aeronaut who wishes to some higher throws out his ballast. I observed that every climber who started for "Eagle Point,' divested himself of luggage and superfluous appared. No Unristian can attain to the higher. purer, closer life with Christ, while overladen with the cares of this world. or while he is entangled with besetting sins, or hamstrung with the evil heart of unbelief. There must be a cutting loose before the soul can mount up into the crystal atmosphere of communion with his Saviour. Sin fastens the feet, and unbelief clips the wings; wherefore let us cast off every encumbering weight and the sins that doth so easily enwrap us, and seek