

and C. S. Pedley will entertain the audience. We hope that there will be a full attendance. Take up a collection. Come.

Will those who intend coming send word to the secretary.  
J. W. PEDLEY, Secy.

*Georgetown, March 15, 1887.*

## Literary Notices.

**EVANGELIZATION.** Dr G. F. Pentecost's paper read before the late National Council of Congregational Churches. An earnest plea for evangelistic work on the part of churches, not spasmodic, but constant, faithful, a revival of the early church offices, in which that of the evangelist was distinctly recognized.

**THE WALDENSES.** Willard Tract Depository, Toronto. This is a translation, by Rev. Thomas Fenwick, of some ancient memorials of the Waldensian Church, giving an interesting account of the critical time in 1686. A handy, instructive manual. 25 cents. Paper cover.

## HOW TO ATTRACT A CONGREGATION.

A tremendous noise is one way of attracting a congregation, but whether or not it is one which Jesus and His apostles would have followed I leave to be decided by those best able to judge. The other day we read in an official report "Brass band better than ever; thirteen blowing salvation through their instruments." If this be so, let them blow till all is blue; it is not for us to fail at sounding brass if it has indeed become a channel of salvation. Blow by all means. If any of you judge that this is your high calling, pursue it ardently, and if outraged humanity should pelt you with mud and rotten eggs, do not reckon that a strange thing has happened unto you. If you should also create about twice as much blasphemy as religious feeling, do not be surprised, if your course of action should bring ridicule on all religion, and educate the mob in the art of rioting, which they may use by and by with unexpected results, do not marvel. If you conceive this to be your line of usefulness, listen to no advice, reckon all who differ from you as your enemies; become martyrs, and go forward like good soldiers, so long as leather and brass hold out. Only be prepared for contingencies. Suppose the big drum and tambourine should cease to charm, what next? What else is to be done? Will you stand on your head? Hornpipes have been tried; will you try the tight-rope? I cannot suggest to you a novelty—since we have already heard of Brummagem bruisers, devil-dodgers, converted clog-dancers, etc. No, I cannot continue the list, for it must include several profane titles if it become at all complete; and, above all, and worst of all, it must needs contain those blasphemous insults to the eternal and incommunicable

name which arise out of the desecration of the word "Hallelujah." It only occurs to me to suggest the question, "Might it not be possible to be a little less vulgar, and so to create vivacity without extreme exertion?" It might be a novelty to some people to conduct a meeting in which there should be no slang—let it be attempted. *Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.*

OHIO has so changed her school law as to abolish exclusively coloured schools. Hereafter coloured and white children will be educated in the same public schools, without any discrimination between them. This is as it should be.

FOR the last few days there has been a respite in the matter of warlike rumours. Now that Prince Bismarck has got matters his own way in the Reichstag the talk is all of a pacific description. Emperor William has been assuring De Lesseps that war is abhorrent to his feelings. Even the French are by no means so bellicose as they were a few days ago, and the Czar, since the attempt on his life, is said now to entertain a horror of war. Diplomacy is as busy as ever weaving its web, armaments have assumed a more gigantic scale, and there is no word of their reduction; transport arrangements are being made. Words may or may not indicate peace or war, but deeds are more significant. Peace is desirable, but it is not yet assured.

DR. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR has now been sixteen years pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York. He was immediately adopted with great enthusiasm as an American, and the New York *Independent* remarks, he has honoured the adoption by work which has influenced and helped every Church in the land. In his anniversary sermon last Sabbath, Dr. Taylor mentioned that the total amount contributed to charities in his Church during these sixteen years had not been less than \$425,000. Dr. Taylor seems to take a perfect delight in urging his people to give to benevolent objects. He does not spare them in the least, and they enjoy it. And he has not made it an excuse that there has been on this Church a debt of \$35,000, which was easily enough carried. But, last Sabbath, he asked his people to extinguish the debt, and cards for the purpose of subscription were distributed in the seats. More than the amount necessary was immediately subscribed.

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