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THE TWO AGENCIES

THE subject of Christian perfection cannot the account the no less difficult question of the union of the Divine and human agencies, in the perfection results from growth, as holiness from senctification, the conclusion is inevitable that the Divine agency has much to do with it. The Holy Spirit imparts the life to the soul. including all the graces, and not only starts the process of development, but continues, sus tains, and directs it. In all stages of this experience, from incipiency to full maturity, as well as in the activities of the life of faith, we say truly, " It is God that worketh in us, 1 oth to will and to do, of his good pleasure."

The work of preparation for growth is eminently the work of God. He only can remove the impurities from the soul, and he only can readjust its powers and passions, subordinating the animal to the spiritual, and give such direction to the vital forces as to create the possibility of advancement toward maturity. Hence, every virtue is the product of the Spirit and every step of progress reveals the Spirit's presence. At no period in life do we attain to independence, or reach a point where advancement can be made without the active co-operation of the Divine agency.

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And yet this work is recognized in the Scriptures as our own, and the responsibility for failure in it rest upon ourselves. The great His plan is to work with us and for us for our salvation, but never against us, nor without our consent. As said Jesus himself, so may every disciple say, in this sense, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." We can not tell why this is so, nor can we understand the questionable, and because it is a fact we are required to "work out our salvation with fear and trembling." But, however deep the mystery, we think it clear that the nearer we apter into active co-working with him, the more perfect will be the blending of the two agenfreedem. By making the will of God the supreme law of our life and being, we come into

The most perfect realization of a union of the Divine and human agencies is in the person of Christ. He was God with us. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead, and in him was found every attribute of a perfect manhood; ship in the empire of the mind and passions, without a mental reservation or a disposition to man life. murmur. And unto this height of tellowship

The union or co-working of the Divine and human agencies is not less distinctly manifest in sanctification than in going on unto perfecof Christ and the efficient agency in the application of that blood is the Holy Ghost, so that the work is truly divine; and yet the appropriation of the cleansing power is by faith. The heart is purified by taith, and in obeying the truth, at d active earnest self-denial, and holy living. The same truth stands out plainly on the face of the Scriptures, that God's work does not supersede our agency, but requires submis. sion to his terms and methods, and the consent of all our active powers, to his immediate guidance and control. We must, therefore, cease to do evil, and learn to do well. It we could be sanctified to God, we must, by the exertion of our own powers, quickened and energized by the Holy Spirit, put away from us all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the tear of God. The command is imperative, says, " Every man that bath this hope in him purifies himself even as he is pure." Why. then, is holiness not attained? The lack is not in the cleansing fountain. It is not the fault of the Holy Spirit, whose office it is to make holy. The will of God is not at tault, for this failure, nor does it act tardily when we are selves. We falter through lingering unwilling-

be thoroughly considered without taking into God has not told us all about the mode of his with which births or choice has linked them. reasons he felt an extraordinary interest, at the year, and a general conviction that the Lord is such as before it. Of 35,000 inhabitants, only is but half a minister. Selt absorption is per-

ence of any man the standard or others. The is rendered when it is cultivated.

THE RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.

BY REV. JOHN HALL, D. D.

One must have lived out of America to estimate justly that peculiar American product-a the "Banners," "Trumpets," "Heralds," ern side of America. They are various in size, tians, or comegreligious idea. There are over a hundred of them. The binder-like peace breme law of our life and being, we come into in getting them into order and unity; yet would degradation. To do justice to the truth, to As a worshipper, devotee and listener in the Their prayer was as follows:

catch a view from him, which from this famil- community .- Chris. Intelligencer. jarity had not struck us heretofore.

is the secular world, in which men buy, sell, yet there was neither conflict of wills, nor any get gain, marry-perhaps are divorced-die. suspension of agency. And this is the model, as and are buried. It has its episodes of crime, well as the basis, of our union with God. We pleasure, comedy, farce, success and calamity. cannot intelligently read the Saviour's intercessory prayer without being so impressed. He con- and we have all heard of the good man who templated a perfect union between himself and read the newspaper to see how. But he must his followers, by which they should be made have had much previous training in some other perfect in him, and perfect in their union with sphere. He would be an acute person indeed one another. This consummation is reached who could learn from our secular press any when the faculties of the soul are purified, thing consistent and intelligible on this subwhen the human will asserts its rightful lord- ject. There is a religious world, which is, or claims to be, governed by Him, and to underand when the will of God is freely accepted stand and recognize the true principles of hu-

it will be hard indeed to keep up an intelligent Hoffman, were present. In an eloquent me interest in the religious. For the secular is with us always, or at least six days of every tion. The cleansing efficacy is all in the blood seven; is touching us at many points; and is lows: constantly influencing our being. Yet as Christians we believe that constant vigilance is required to keep us from entire absorption in this world, and we need all proper helps to remind us of that other world in which lie our deepest experience, and through which our permanent character is being shaped. Here is work enough to justify the Christian weekly. II The volume which one buys for three lollars may be admirable of its kind; vet who shall secure its being read? But a good paper enters a home weekly, fresh and crisp, with a new instalment of thought and fact, and a something to interest every member of a Christian family. Father and mother are litted out of their limited ordinary life by discussions of great and far-reaching principles. The old grand mother ever passed. has a day over the news of the churches; and if many a tender memory is awakened, she is and make ourselves clean; and the apostle kept young by the contact with the best of the suppositious snakes and gorillas.

fore its utmost power to cleanse the soul is not want the people to think religion contemptible, case of this honored friend.

of experience there is great variety. Some are strength.—Families that have no grandlathers the purity and heartiness of his devotions. think it right. Tears of joy will fill the eyes of ness. The Lord of glory Himself came not in convicted of sin suddenly, powerfully, and with overwhelming emotional disturbances; others overwhelming emotional disturbances; others overwhelming emotional disturbances; others of the series of t awake to thoughtfulness, and deliberately know it is a help to greatness; and churches exciting alarm and giving distress to his own you a more cordial grasp of the band; they will through the history of the Church. In the think upon the claims of God, until they are without a history—or, which is the same thing, household, he did not speak so much to them pray for you more earnestly. induced to forsake sin as unreasonable and ru- without a known history—have to create, as to some others of his expected departure, Meet with your companions, for prayer, that monk, Luther, stood up alone. After all, the nous, but with little excitement. Some enter which is harder than to perpetuate, an enthusi- but he used to say familiarly to some with you may admonish and encourage one another, Reformation proved a success. In the next asked what had been in my own ministry the the kingdom after violent struggles, and feel asm. This enthusiasm is not a fee, but a whom he was ready to converse upon this sub- and gain strength for the discharge of duty. great Reformation, in England, the poor unseen source of more help and more power unutterable rapture, while others behold the ris- friend, to true catholicity. Love to one's fam- ject: "I love to be studying the Guide Book Pray for the conversion of your impenitent rejected clergymen of the Church of England than anything else, I should say that my mother ing of the Sun of Righteousness as calmly as the ily is so far from being enmity to one's neigh- of the country to which I am going; I wish friends, not as a class merely, but individually, had to preach the Gospel on the commons; gave to me a temperament that enabled to see dawning of the morning. And there may be the bors that the good family-man is likely to be to know more and more about it." A tew and persevere therein till the desired result is now his seed fills the land. Thus in American the unknowable, to same variety in the incidental developments at tending the higher attainments. Scarcely can tending the higher attainments. Scarcely can tending the higher attainments. Scarcely can the good citizen.—There are few Christians days before his decease, in the privacy of his chamber, I spoke to him of the great goodness them about their soul's welfare, and earnestly both Germans, were foundation stones of the two be found whose experience will agree in detail, while all agree in the results. We lic," because without convictions. Here is a so good, so good, "was the quick response "and the means of grace, endeavor to bring them to come to Christ. If they neglect great Methodist Church of the United States. The rain comes out of the means of grace, endeavor to bring them to come to Christ. If they neglect great Methodist Church of the United States. So with the Bible Society, the Tract and Misshould learn from this not to make the experi- field for the religious newspaper: good service the best part of all is yet to come." Spared the sanctuary and to the prayer-meeting. If sionary Societies, and the Sunday-school to night, though it is there, and descends to-

wielded by the religious press? we have been long familiar; and sometimes we ests in the world, the elevation of an entire

SOR MORSE

at Dr. Adams's church, Madison square, of of everlasting life.—New York Advocate. If we read only the daily history of the secu- which Professor Morse was a member. Many lar world, and see only the secular side of life, distinguished persons, including Governor morial address Dr. Adams sketched the moral and religious aspects of the deceased as fol-

> of his success, such was the genuine quality of ver-lined with a glorious faith, quieted our his religious faith, that from first to last he hearts. delighted to regard himselt as the child and agent of Providence. The first message which was flashed through the first public telegraph tation, but the sincere expression of one who dence. I am told by one who can speak advisedly on the subject, that among all the messages which have been sent beneath the sea from nation to nation concerning all things great and small-diplomacy, commerce, marriages, births, deaths, etc.,—it is not known that one unkind, angry, or profane word has

Prot. Morse, at the beginning of his experience, was no stranger to trial and opposition. Those who saw him in an upper room in the living present. Even little Jennie is refined University of New York, where he gave himby the bits of poetry, and Harry gets a taste of self up to midnight thought and study, will something better than preternatural lions, and never forget the patience of his faith and hope impossible feats of skill and courage among amid manifold discouragements. To him was singing it long after she herself has passed allotted, as if he were one of the few noble away. III. The views of events and tendencies men to whom it was safe that it should be so is his will even our sanctification; nor can the given in the world's history are often to say the allotted, the rare privilege of seeing the comfailure be charged to the Divine calling, for least, one-sided. An earnest man is often a plete success and enjoying the full honors and firm, and are found to be all-sufficient for God hath not appointed us to uncleanness, but "bigot" or a "fanatic," to the daily paper. rewards of his great achievements. He strugther upon sick beds, to holiness. The Divine agency makes no Spiritual wisdom is only a little way above folly gled with difficulties and privations, with ridiand beneath the pillow of the dying—the into your ordinary reporters; and when religion cule in high places, with the world's dread spired Word of God, and the simple hymn of failure, nor does it act tardily when we are is joint the simple hymn of ready. The blameworthiness is all in our is important enough to make the "notice" of it laugh, and with subsequent litigation; but he faith—the text to save, and the verse to "pay," too often the touch is so clumsy, or lived to be crowned with more honors, insig-soothe, as text and verse only can in the time ness to part forever with sin, or hesitate to irreverent, that religion gains but little. For nia, and tokens of respect from the different comprehend the process, or to imagine the who wants a comic history of Christendom? governments and crowned heads of the world comprehend the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process, or to imagine the was wanted governments and crowned and the process. The process is the process of th emotional results, or possibly to settle the and many a "daily" is in unwonted force. The citizen of our republic. It has passed into a any other kind of uninspired melody. We nature and degree of testimony to be required. "special correspondent" is on hand; and the proverb that true merit sooner or later rises learn them in childhood and their memory At some point taith staggers. God calls and interviewers—the "creeping things of literary superior to opposition, and draws lustre from at some point ration staggers. God cans and interpretation of superior to opposition, and draws inside from urges, the Spirit strives, the Word of God be- life—are abroad; and if all the readers of reproach, as the clouds which in the morning urges, the Spirit strives, the Word of God bethe Bush-River Vulture do not know what follow the sun and strive to darken and hinder ises, and yet we shrink back in doubt. The knaves and fools religious people are, it is its early career, arrange themselves at the consciousness of every sincere Christian who has tested his own heart on this point, whether he the Vulture must be in most families. It cent array, giving and taking glory from its bas gone up the mountain at the call of God, or contains the news of the other world—the descending rays. There is seldom in the hisstill lingers tremblingly around its base will testily that the failure is all in the human agency. of human things among which the Bush-River that honour me I will honour," says the God The heart's acquiescence in the will of God is people must live. Now, here is the sphere in of the Scriptures. Length of days, peace, not complete. The full efficacy of the blood which the religious newspaper, with its correctnot complete. The full efficacy of the blood which the condition of atonement is not apprehended, and there- ed estimates, is indispensable. We do not Divine wisdom—promises well fulfilled in the Your pastor may be surprised to see you there,

we have often been impressed that we theorise too much on this subject. Not that we perception of the actual facts of religious life of attention to a distinguished representative of all the young Christians in our churches masses.

too far. We want to apprehend the mode and lives of good men, and with some just and in Communion of this church next ensuing, an week, there would be more happy and hopeful early years of German Methodism was induced minister that walks down a whole street and method, as well as the terms and results. But telligent joy in that section of God's Church occasion in which for domestic and personal pastors than this country has seen in many a by a statement of the task, St. Louis Method- sees nobody, who only looks inside of himself, work. He gives but little light on the psycho- IV. For if any one confounds just denom- close of the service he approached me with about to revive his work. Will you take pains 4,000, are Methodists, all told. But we need missable once in a while; but the aptitude to the mode of the Spirit's work in regeneration.

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The necessity of the work in logical aspects of the subject, not does he tell inational feeling with sectarianism, he needs more than usual warmth and pressure of the to be there? The necessity of the work, the provision for it, the mighty dead of one's Church, and of the "O this is something better than standing beand the terms required, are all plain. This illustrious living, of services rendered, of sacri- fore princes!" His piety had the simplicity of speaking there, but it is time you were. It becomes us. therefore, to only by incessant practice and observation; but ought to be satisfactory. In the early stages fices made, is an element of true Church childhood. His household will never forget people may think it strange, but they will also become humble and acknowledge our weak-

one spirit reveals a wonderful variety in ad
V. Why do not more of our young men mities of age, in mind or body. His delicate call upon your pastor that he may give them

The German work of the Church, how upof the invisible realm of the spirit with in which ministration. And just here is the reason why seek education for the ministry at their own taste, his love of the beautiful, his fondness the needed instruction. some fall short of the high calling. They seek according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the attractive sphere of labor, enlisting their symbol according to a standard previously fixed in the according to a standard previously fixed in the according to the first to address the fixed of the according to the first to address the according to a standard previously fixed in the according to the first to address the according to the first to addre mind, which has been determined by the conception gained from the personal testimony of ing their services? Because they know so lit-

use the power in this direction that may be head, sympathizing in all their simple and innohad been instrumental in leading one soul to a little society was organized. Now the numinfication in this direction that may be head, sympathizing in all their simple and innoinned, cent pleasures that give the charms to home. Jesus. Its conductors are the greatest preachers; In particular qualities he had many equals and The greatest privilege you have on earth is ministers organized into five different annual that any man has a right to become a Christheir congregations are enormous; their dissuperiors, but in that rare combination of quathat of seeking the salvation of your fellowthat of seeking the salvation of your fellowthat of seeking the salvation of your fellowtian minister who is not willing and thankful their congregations are enormous; their dissuperiors, but in that rare combination of qua-courses touch every variety of topic, and in lities which, like the harmony of colors in the men. It is a thrice blessed work, and you may results, and who can count the value of these to be the least of all God's servants, and to every variety of way; they are not fettered by finished picture, made him what he was, he every variety of way; they are not fettered by finished picture, made him what he was, he all have a part in it. It is attended by rich priceless souls? German Methodism has exthe fear of seeming personal, nor restrained by seems to have been unrivalled; so that for and eternal rewards, and you may all share ercised, and is still exercising, an influence on regard to a class. They can strike right and these many years he has seemed to me, and them.—Rev. David Peck, in The Advance, left, where, if a minister did the same thing this is the image of him in his life and in his from a pulpit, all eyes would turn to the pew death which I shall always retain, the personi HOW TO HAVE BETTER PREACHING. been vastly improved and revived. of the transgressor. It they do their work well fication of manly beauty, halved with the glory they are great public benefactors. They re- which God gives to the hoary head found in form, quality and quantity, but they are alike quire uncommon tact, energy and patience, and the way of righteousness. It seemed to me school in Albany, alluded to a touching incithey deserve the cordial co-operation of their that religion with him was something more dent in his own ministry. Being at the house brethren. Their responsibility is immense, than the thin varnish over his own pictures, of one of his members, he was present at the and they may well say: "Brethren, pray for designed to bring out light and shade. It was affecting moment when two little boys knelt at makers among the churches—had some trouble us." To sink into mere gossip-mongers is right in the very substance of his soul and life. their mother's feet for their evening devotions. that one could so easily bind together many whom they represent!

the Church, and to the reader, and put the world in such a light that God's hand shall be pathy with the preacher which every pastor bless my dear minister."

"O God, bless my dear father and mother; bless my dear minister." work will be most truly our own when it is wrought in God; and when our thoughts and

This volume sets one to think, and the result seen in it daily, is one of the loftiest functions teels though he cannot describe. Especially

Dr. E. described the emotion of his own wrought in God; and when our thoughts and deeds spring from hearts in fellowship with

> To-day we part forever with all that is morand who has done so much in the cause of I. There are about us two worlds.—There RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE OF PROFES. Christian civilization. Less than one year ago his fellow-citizens, chiefly telegraphic operators. who loved him as children love their Professor S. F. B. Morse's spirit lingered fathers, reared his statue in bronze in the Cenintil Wednesday, when the sorrowful announce- tral Park of this city. That venerable form, nent was despatched from every telegraph that face so saintly in its purity and refine office over every electric line throughout the ment, we shall see no more. How much we world, "Our great founder is dead!" The shall miss him in our homes, our churches, our repetition of the announcement in the National public gatherings, in the streets of the city, ongress, in the several State Legislatures, and in that society which he adorned and nd in the numerous municipal, charitable, and blessed! But his life has been so happy, so eligious associations, was followed by the useful, so complete, that for him nothing nanimous adoption, on the part of those bod- remains to have been wished. He has left to ies, of highly appreciative memorial resolu- his family, his friends, and his country, a spotless name, beloved by all nations, and he died The funeral took place on Friday morning as a Christian, in the bright and blessed hope

> > INFLUENCE OF HYMNS.

How often has that wonderful hymn. "God moves in a mysterious way."

written in the dim twilight of departing reason While the world was filled with the splendor beneath the cloud of approaching insanity, sil-

been dispersed, when prevented from any n their pockets, and if they do not pay when wire, "What has God wrought," was no affect cause from attending public worship, to take it is due, and honour these drafts, they will be always telt his dependence upon Divine Provi- a sweet voice has been hushed since then; but Government are [in our sight, and no better. the memory of those happy times comes back A man had better a thousand-fold be a default-

A well known authoress, whose works have to his God. been translated into several languages, wrote And as this cause comes up before the eves attracted little attention, but which a dear handwriting of Providence they must honor. write that simple hymn than any of her other Bishop James. works, and loves to think how they will go on

of sickness and suffering.

Hymns are a kind of spiritual song, the in comes back to gladden us in old age. We lisp them at a mother's knee, and murmur them on a dying-bed. A hymn is frequently among the last things retained by the fading recollection-the last sound upon the trembling lips like Much Afraid, in the "Pilgrims' Progress may we pass through the river singing.

THE MEETING FOR SOCIAL PRAYER

Attend the prayer-meetings of the Church.

more than eighty years, he saw none of the infir- you find any of them interested, urge them to Small beginnings, grand results.

ome one who has spoken with great zeal and the on the subject. The writer can remember of Christian liberty throughout the world, all Spirit in your own community? Will you not Methodism. The first instrumentality used for power. some one who has spoken with great zeal and truth underlying this mystery is the fact that the Divine agency never supersedes the human agency during probation. In every step of and vancement we are called to activity, to concurrent action, to hearty co-operation with God working within us. We depend on him always and in everything, and yet he awaits our movements as much as if he were dependent on us.

deeds spring from hearts in tellowship with Christ, they will also be more nearly divine Christ, they will also be more nearly divine bold up his hearts in tellowship with telligencer. We allow one from a distance to titude the strengthenine of multal of that man whom we have loved so much, giving the history of these little boys, one of whom is now in heaven, he said to the Sabbath

"Next to your father, mother and brother, pray for your minister. You will love him more, and he will love you more; you will encourage him in his ministry; he will feel the influence of your prayers pervading his inmost soul, and he will preach better to you." On Monday morning a little girl came run-

ning to her mother, saying: "We are going to have better preaching

next Sabbath. " How so?" inquired her mother

"Dr. E. told us yesterday that if we prayed for our minister he would preach better for it, and I prayed for our minister last night."

A beautiful illustration of a confiding spirit of true Christian faith. None but Christ himself could so illustrate the spirit of his own kingdom-the faith of a little child. Well did

Let all Christian hearers learn how to have better preaching."-The Evangelist.

THE Divine Government has a great many were once intimate, but who have long since they have very large deposits of his revenue it by turns to sing some favorite hymn. Many in God's what defaultors in the service of our to us at the sound of the old familiar strains, er in our Government than to be a defaulter

among other things a few simple verses which of our rich men they will see a draft in the printed accordingly in a book which he was must be no trifling with God. We have the erates the American, German, Irish, and the work went on. then engaged in compiling for the suse of the money; it is in the Church, and the love of Chinese citizens, and will unite them all in If, therefore, you feel willing to work for congregation. They often sing it in that quiet | Christ and the conviction of duty must bring | Christ.—Central Advocate. illage church, and the authoress is prouder it forth; we must carry out this work. If we of and more thankful for being permitted to do not do it it is a crime, and nothing short.—

SPEECH OF DR. NAST.

St. Louis was held on Sunday evening, April 7th, at Union Church. The Rev. Dr. Wm. Nast of Cincinnati, having been invited by the President of the ent status of German Methodism, a large audience turned out to hear from the lips being developed, is a prime quality. of the founder of this branch of our beloved Church such information as his position en- tian ministry, is the power of moving men. If

abled him to give. Felton, Dr. Nast remarked.

There certainly is no distinction whatever, nor any cause for separation between Ameriman that has quick sympathy, apprehensivecan Methodism and German Methodism, except that it pleases God in one instance to save eminent qualifications for a minister. Every nothing so congenial. It is the only business American souls by means of the English lan- merchant who is a true merchant, has to know on earth that I know of, excepting the mother's guage, in the other the Germans through their how to deal with his customers. The moment business, that is clean all the way through, bemother tongue; otherwise the means, work, they come into his store he reads them. A cause it is using superior faculties, superior organization are identical, being comprised in good jury lawyer must have the same aptitude. knowledge, not to take advantage of men, but the same General Conference and under supervision of the same bishops. The necessity for ities, the knowledge of men, the power of man- to fashion them, to give them life, that you may separate German annual conferences has aris- aging men. A real master of men, one who present them before God. but it will be a glad surprise. It ought to be en in course of time, in order to keep up the draws near to him, forms a judgment of the

first great Reformation of the Church, the poor we see with the physical eyes; the sense of

ber of German Methodists is 38,860, with 408

950, having paid for most of it themselves. lity, and love, and sympathy, and good sense, and natural aspirations towards God. 210; the orphan asylum there \$20,033; the at Indianapolis between one and two years, seminary at Galena \$6000. All this is deeded and there had been no revival (and I had never

good things finely:

I say, first, the preacher ought to be a man without renown, and are willing to take your The quarterly meeting of the Church who is fruitful in moral ideas, that has a crown hereafter for it, you are called, and there Extension and Sunday-school society of genius for them, as distinguished from every is no doubt about it. But if you want only other kind of ideas. We know what it is to this: To be very eloquent men, and to watch have a genius for arithmetical or mathematical the eloquence of others; or if you want to have ideas, for musical ideas, for for sesthetic or art a church, with a big salary behind it, and if having been invited by the President of the Society to address the meeting on the president. A tendency in the direction of moral that, is your call to the ministry, stay away. ideas, whether developed or susceptible of You may be called, but it was not the Lord that

A second quality fitting a man for the Chrisa man is cold and unsympathetic, perhaps he work will be music. I hear ministers talk Having been introduced by Rev C. E. may be able to make himself over; but if he about their cares and their burdens. There are can not be had better not go into the ministry. cares and burdens, but no more than there are It will be a hard task for such a one. But a fore its utmost power to cleanse the soul is not realized.

Want the people to think religion contemption, all good men mercenary, and all things divine at rade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear at rade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham. We desire for them a clear trade or sham to make the soul is not interacted.

You remember a short time ago he was occur no surprise at all; for have you not solemnly ganize our forces for reaching the German itinerancy, and to more perfectly or sink him, but he can never have enough to sat-

undervalue the truth, but we carry our theories with some honest enthusiasm caught from the of the royal house of Russia. At the Holy should be at the church prayer-meeting next A brief retrospect over the beginning and Then your education has been neglected.)

promising the beginning! The American you are living under the crystalline dome of

the other evangelical denominations among Ger-preach such a sermon as Robert Hall would mans, the spiritual condition of them laving have preached you are not fit to come in at all. It you have a deep sense of the sweetness Another important question arising in the of the service of Christ; if the blood of the estimating properly the German Missionary redemption is really in your heart and in your work is, does it pay financially? The total blood; if you have tasted what gratitude Missionary appropriations by the American means, and what love means, and if heaven is Church for the benefit of the German work, such a reality to you that all that lies between from 1835 till now, amount to \$940,000. This youth and manhood is but a step towards heaamount comprises the total expenditure for ven; it you think that the saving ot a single German Methodism in Germany as well as it soul would be worth the work of your whole America. Now count up the returns : the life, you have a call, and a very loud call. A Germans have now church property, \$1,332,- call to the ministry is along the line of humi-

to the M. E. Church. Aside from this the been in one since I was a boy.) I went out on total Missionary contribution from the Ger- Bro. Jewett's call, from Indianapolis to Terre mans to the general fund is reported at \$250, Haute; and I worked there three weeks in a 287. These various items foot up at \$1,964,- revival, until my heart was on fire; and it 000, as returns for an outlay of \$940,000; giv- rained a stream of prayer all the way home ing to the general church a net profit of \$1,- from Terre Haute to Indianapolis. It was like an Aurora Borealis, I have no doubt, ray upon After devoting some time to local ques- ray, for that whole distance, if angels could tions of the German Methodists of St. have seen it. I was in that feeling all the way Louis, the speaker closed by referring in "Lord, slay me if thou wilt; but I will be slain striking words to the effect of German or will have life and salvation among uty peo-Methodism on American politics a 2 the ple." On Sunday I gave notice that I would preach every night that week. We had a The American people at the present are a dingy lecture-room in my church that would most heterogeneous mass of men. From all hold about two hundred people. I preached climes, from all peoples, from all creeds or no Monday night, and we had a storm; Tuesday creeds, comes a stream of immigrants, to be night it rained again, and when I called molded into one nation (of men of similar lead- upon anyone who were awakened to remain, ing tastes, of similar characteristic ways of no one stayed; and I said, "It makes no he say, "Suffer little children to come unto me, of effecting a perfect union, the Gospel of do." On Wednesday night I preached again, thinking and believing. To solve this problem difference; if the Lord wishes it to be so, I Jesus is the only power. Of the many nation- with more power, and called for inquirers at alities that emigrate, the Germans form the the close; one poor little thin servant girl largest majority, and to any observing mind it stopped. She smelt of the kitchen and looked has already become apparent, that the Germans kitchen all over. When I dismissed the conot Rationalistic, Roman or Infidel ideas and gregation, my first feeling, I know, as I went tendencies, will either influence for evil the toward her, was one of disappointment. I revenue collectors who are Methodists, and future cast of the American nation, or that the said to myself that after so much work it was native Americans must strive with might to influence for good this large class of immigration. the devil shot at me, but which went past. The Regenerate the German by the power of the next minute I had an overwhelming revulsion Gospel of Jesus Christ and he will make a good in my soul, and I said to myself, "If God American citizen, without sacrificing the least pleases, I will work for the poorest of his of his best traits of German character. The creatures. I will work for the heart of a vagabeautiful parable of leaven is applicable to the bond, it I am permitted to do it, and bring him American nation in a peculiar sense. As the to Christ Jesus." I felt it, and I thanked God leaven has the same influence upon all the different kinds of cereals, giving life to each, and the next night, for two of my sweetest children making each useful to man's purposes, so the \_\_not my own, but they were like my own to friend thought would make a useful hymn, and These men must meet their obligations; there Gospel of the Son of God, quickens and regen- me-stepped on the next night, and after that

Christ's sake' for the sake of eternity, for the love that you have for the intrinsic sweetness QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MINISTRY. of the work of the ministry, the molding of On this subject Henry Ward Beecher says upward; if this is itself sweet and pleasant to you; if you are moved to do it in low places, called you; it was the devil.

Don't come from pride. but come from a love for the work, and then, let me tell you your discords in Beethoven's symphonies; and your work will be as sweet and as musical as his