

Christians and friends of all evangelical denominations. Wakefield and Bolton have thus been visited. Nine hundred ministers met at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, and a still larger number met in London, all of which resulted in a large increase of spiritual power. It was agreed that April 25th should be observed as a day of special humiliation and prayer to God, that the nation might be delivered from the curse of intemperance.

A remarkable religious revival has been inaugurated among the river thieves, drunkards and gamblers of the slums in Water Street, New York. An unpretentious building has been converted into a kind of chapel, and prayer meetings are held every afternoon and evening. The ruling spirit of the place is Jerry McCauley, and the good he is doing among the lower class of unregenerated New York, bids fair to surpass the efforts of his more distinguished English brother, Varley, whose advent there has been so widely chronicled. This impromptu chapel was formerly a noted rendezvous for river pirates and dock thieves. It was a worse place than that of the famous John Allen. Over 50 persons came forward for prayers one evening, and there was intense excitement.

#### CHURCH ERECTIONS.

IN these days of church building, the following extracts from a speech delivered by the Rev. J. M. Buckley, Boston, U.S., are worthy of consideration. He said there is a growing habit of putting up hundred thousand dollar edifices, and leaving a debt of sixty thousand dollars upon

them. He referred to several marked instances where the hammer of the auctioneer already threatened these stately follies, and only the most heroic self-sacrifices on the part of the membership, and humbling appeals for aid from others can save them from such a painful ordeal. If the cause of religion did not suffer in these painful pinches, which always follow the attempted union of pride with poverty, we could look with great complacency upon the enforced sale of a few of these ambitious edifices; but who can estimate the effect upon a Church of such an oppressive debt, or the reaction of a final failure? In the struggle for life, incident to such a condition of things, every other interest is absorbed in the one work of paying the interest, if not reducing the debt. The pulpit must administer to this, as its one great office, or it is a failure. No great charity can be pleaded, for the "Greek is at the doors." "I have made up my mind," said an excellent man in our hearing, when the claims of an important Church enterprise were presented to him, "not to subscribe for anything else until our debt is paid." Think of the children and young people of a Church being brought up to give only to the reduction of a debt upon their own house of worship. Think of the whole force and energy of the Church devoted through fairs and festivities, simply to the "paying of the debt." It is the great fault and folly of the hour. Let us repent and reform. Neatness, good taste and commodiousness can be secured at a reasonable price. Spires, turrets and towers, simply add to the expense, but not the comfort.

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## CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

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THIS is a design for a comfortable parsonage, having on the ground floor a parlor 14 by 18, dining-room

14 by 17, library 14 by 12, and kitchen 14 by 14 feet, with convenient pantry, back staircase, &c.,