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FROM THE PAPERS.

The London Lancet advocates medipert testimony.

"O for enough of real vital godliness," says the Christian Standard. "to involve the liability of being denonced as 'fools for Christ's sake.'

The Universalist Convention of Maine met at Augusta and passed resalutions urging active effort to stop the alarming increase of divorce.

Good! The Scottish Church Assembly banished this year spirituous liquors from its refreshment bar and progress in right temperance principles was evident in the Free and United Assemblies. - N. Y. Independent.

We may trust God if we cannot wholly trust ourselves; and we may have faith to believe that all the redemptive forces of earth and Heaven will help the soul that is trying to take astep toward God. - Christian Register.

Rev. Felix Adler withdraws from the Free Religious Association, of which he was President, on the ground that it does not show the spirit of religion by works of benevolence and humanity.

The Texas Advocate well says: "Long prayers are not always popular with the congregation. Brethren who are addicted to long prayers have one way out of the difficulty—a good way: they can pray them 'in their closets.'

When a Methodist who never reads his Church paper is invited to address a Sunday school mass-meeting, it ought not to be a disappointment if he displays an ignorance of denominational affairs that makes every child blush for him. - Richmond Adv.

It is a comment on so-called "Liberalism" that in the town of Liberal, on the borders of Missouri, lots are sold to only such persons as renounce the doctrines of Christianity. This does not seem to provide for the exerhe very largest liberty of

The pastor who exhibits most practical wisdom in winning and holding the young people of his flock, and in meeting the specific wants and securing the hearty co-operation of all ages, from five to twenty-five, is in the highest and best sense a successful pastor. -Pittsburgh Advocate.

It was the strange fortune of the most renowned of the Russian Generals of this generation, Michael Dimitrievitch Skobeleff, to have faced death recklessly on fourscore battle-fields in Turkey and Turkestan, and to have escaped unmaimed—to die by a sudden stroke of disease in his own land.

Those timid souls who are worried over the prospect of this country becoming Romanized may take comfort from a recent admission of the New York Tablet, to the effect that the Catholic Church " puts five hundred daily into the grave for one it wins over to its communion."

The young people of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, N.Y., have made their annual contribution, amounting to \$800, for sending sick children to country homes for two weeks each. Their example, it is to be heped, will be followed by the young people of other churches.

The Times also discusses the fortunes of the Salvation Army in its leading columns. The Army is a huge fact. Is it not a great hammer with which God is going to break in pieces the sacerdotalism and spiritual despotism by which He is not willing to allow England to be drawn under the power of Romish superstition? - Meth-

Some time ago it was noted that a majority of the French Cabinet were Catholics. It is now asserted, with much confidence, that in the city of Mexico more of the officials are Protestant than Catholic. Thus slowly, quietly, but surely, the Protestant faith is working in upon the ranks of its foes, and taking possession of posts once exclusively and securely held by

The good old degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts seem in these days to have lost their former dignity. The great rush is now for the LL.D. Nothing less will satisfy the aspirations of average men. But when that degree has thus been thrown around promiscuously for a few years longer, what will our universities have planations followed. - Christian Union. at command for men of transcendent ability and eminent in legal attainments - Western Adv.

The Southern Christian Advocate, referring to religion and morals at ever satisfied the hierarchy may be

cal tribunals to take the place of ex- it because there are no Christian men nt for this high office I The samples we have had of church members make us more willing to try them again—for a change.'

> A Des Moines, Iowa, correspondent of the Inter-Ocean writes that "This city, containing one of the largest distilleries in the world; and five mammoth breweries, and nearly 100 saloons, gave over 1200 majority for the amendment, for the reason that the leading temperance ladies were nearly all at the polls, and not only worked faithfully themselves, but saw that their coadjutors were faithful to the

> The Rev. D. Brough, of Hoosick Falls, N.Y., recently preached a sermon on Church Extension, urging large gifts, and to his astonishment and that of his whole congregation the result was \$500, against \$10 last year. One sermon bristling with facts may mean two or three good churches upon the frontiers or in the South, with newly organized congregations and Sabbath schools, and many redeemed souls.

A correspondent of the London Echo says: "It was most comical to hear speaker after speaker at the Lord Mayor's dinner, on Saturday last, denounce London smoke and London fogs, whilst almost everyone present was blowing a cloud of tobacco smoke and in a badly ventilated room; and the most comical thing of all was to see Mr Lowell, the American Minister, who condemned London smoke and London fog the most, blow the largest cloud."

A story is told about a Methodist minister who wears the Roman stock, a very long coat, and other things to match. He was accosted in the street by a boy who instantly found out his mistake, and said he had thought he was Father So-and-So, maming the Roman Catholic priest of the neighborhood. Why will Methodist preachers persist in wearing costume that can lead to such a mistake? The better extreme would be to abandon everything distinctively clerical. -

A fine sort of contagion is that when one man's munificent gift to a grand cause touches another man's generosity and leads him to duplicate that of the former. Mr. Seney, of New York, gave \$100,000 to President Haygood's Emory College, Georgia. Then Mr. Slater, of Norwich, Conn., gives a round \$1,000,000 to help on the education of the coloured people of the South. And now comes Mr. Paul Tulane, of Princeton, N.J., with the gift outright of property valued at \$2,000,000 for the founding and endowment of a college in New Orleans.

At the meeting last week of the Pennsylvania teachers was heard the ever encouraging demand for more thorough teaching in the primary schools. One speaker earnestly protested against the practice of putting mere girls in charge of these schools while another declared that the best teaching does not always mean that given by the most learned persons, but that which best gathers up in its meaning punctuality, energy, enthusiasm, tact, love and whatever gives efficiency in the school-room. -N. Y. Tribune.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, by its system of keeping and reporting records, has the advantage of most other Churches. This is done by pastors continually changing, each of whom scrutinizes the list of members, and many of whom check off as not to be counted every name of a person that cannot readily be found. An investigation of all the facts would bear out the claim that our Church does not report as on its record one half the percentage of names of members not to be found that other leading denominations do. -N. Y. Advocate.

It was a very embarrassing mistake made by the telegraph operator who sent the congratulatory message from the Connecticut General Association in response to the message from the message sent was, "The Lord bless and keep thee. The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee"-Numbers vi., 24, 25, but the Maine Association received, "And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went

M.A., contains the following : " How-Washington, says:—"We claim to be with deceptive appearances, and how-

a Christian nation, yet only two Pre- ever tolerant of the deadly poison sidents, while in office, have been which is corrupting the vitality of the members of any church—George Establishment, no one can look on the Washington and Jas. A. Garfield. Is portentous aspect of the political world without being impressed that great changes are imminent, and that the question of Disestablishment is not far distant-nay, all the nearer-when men become very familiar with the thought."—The Liberator

> The Episcopal Methodists have their Theological Institution at Frankfurt. Bishop Harris was present at the close of the session in the middle of June, and addressed the students. One of the students is an Armenian. He built churches came from the neighborhood of Tiflis and, after being trained, is to return to mission work as an evangelist in his own country. A number of true believers, it appears, have separated from the Gregorian Church, and taken the style of "Bible Christians." Two other Armenian youths are applicants for admission to the Institution; and it is thought to prove a sincere interest in the spread Christ's kingdom that our American brethren seem disposed, in these days of straitened means, to undertake the training of three men for service outside the borders of Methodism .-Evangelist.

MR. MOODY'S. PLANS.

Mr. Moody has just held a conference in London with representatives of that city and all the chief centres of population in England concerning his future movements, and plans have been adopted which, if carried out, will require two or three years of hard work. Mr. Moody spoke of the very successful work in Glasgow, especially of the demonstration of reformed drunkards at which a thousand converts of this class were present, and said, in view of the increasing number of inquirers, it seemed a pity to leave Glasgow at present. The number of inquirers the previous He would not have consented to leave it were it not that arrangements were made to continue the work.

His plan, he said, was to go through Scotland now with a corps of workers from Glasgow, holding meetings of a few days' duration in the principal towns, some one being left to continue the meetings in places where any extensive revival should break out. After he had thus made the circuit of Scotland, he thought of going to Paris tor a short time. Then he would be ready for a campaign in England. He proposed to visit the leading provincial centres and open meetings as he found opportunity. It would, however, be more difficult than it was in Scotland. There all the churches were open to use; but in England the Anglican churches would, of course, be closed to such meetings. If the meetings were held in Nonconformist places only then he would be cut off from the helpful co-operation of the Anglican clergymen who had been among his most efficient and active helpera in his former campaign.

A representative from Leeds said the Christians of that city were unanimous in their desire to have the Evangelists hold meetings among them, and a large building was in course of erection, which would accommodate 4,000 persons. A delegate from Dublin earnestly desired the presence of the Evangelists at the October convention, at which ministers from all parts of Ireland would attend. In Brighton and Southampton and Cambridge and Liverpool and many other places, as it appeared from remarks of representatives, there are proper places of meetand evangelistic committees General Association of Maine. The anxious for the coming of the Evan-

Some of the delegates from Bristol, referring to the difficulty mentioned by Mr. Moody, said it would be better to work in Bristol from some church his way"-Numbers xxiv., 25. Ex- centre. Others opposed this, on the

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leading influence over the judgment. pronounced the blessing. An illustration of this remark is found in the life of Dr. Fisk, who was one day invited to preach in a Congregacional church to a people whose preudices against Methodism were very marked. Unaware that Dr. Fisk was a Methodist, they heard him with unconcealed delight. One old lady, who had regarded Methodist doctrines as dreadful heresies. was unstinted in her praise of the Doctor's sermon. Her son, who knew Fisk to be a Methodist, replied, Well, mother, you have heard a Methodist preacher at last, and you presumption to doubt it. We do not, have lived through it." The old we dare not, call that humility that lady, hearing this, was like one thun- will say to our fellow-men, "I do derstruck. A gentleman, who was not believe what you tell me." caught in the same way, responded. Well, well, well, if that be Methodism, I wish we had more of it." yet-strange inconsistency-God Men of his faith have since seen his speaks to us, tells us he loves us, and wish gratified, inasmuch as the doctrines of Methodism have driven the do but accept his finished salvation: Calvinistic creed out of most Congre- and yet, I say, the heart of man gational pulpits. It is not an inference from prejudice, but from curent facts, that those doctrines will at no distant day constitute the "one faith" which will be the bond of truth, uniting all evangelical churches into a holy brotherhood. When love thus reigns, sectarian prejudices will on the Christian's humble confidence! be cremated in its heaven-begotten Hames. - Zion's Herald.

CHRISTIAN LAWYERS.

In London, at an interesting meeting of the Lawyers' Prayer Union, an association of those members of the legal profession who desire to unite occasion, when he had been prevented ground that it would shut out the An-supplied by the late Lord Justice Lush. Society, by the Rev. J. P. Fleming, legally open their pulpits to accredit- lic servant, and a humble Christian. comforts? ed evangelists. Another said he had He then referred to the late Mr., Jus- "With me" is God's own word. God, and the fierceness of human pas-

they believe the Bible? There must in Christ. The invitations were so numerous be no uncertainty about this. If they and so pressing and there was so did, then came the question-What much evidence of unanimity that Mr. the Bible taught, -"God so loved Moody said there was a life-time's the world that he gave his only bework laid out before him. He and gotten Son, that whosoever believeth Mr. Sankey could not visit all the in him should not perish but have places. They felt that they must re- everlasting life,"—and his Lordship turn to America, where they had pressed the importance of the truth much work to do. He spoke of a contained in this and some other paspetition from Chicago, signed by 1,- sages with solemnity upon the meet-500 persons, some of whom were ing. The second subject to which he Roman Catholics, asking them to would refer was that of prayer. He come thither. If he devoted some thought it specially important that in months now to the principal towns of the legal profession men should be Scotland, then gave twelve months to able to turn aside from its conflicts England, with a visit to Paris and and daily work to the refreshment Ireland, and after that spent a year which prayer afforded. His life had in London, he felt that he should been one of work, as were the lives of have finished his mission in Great his hearers, and he had found, as no Britain. If the friends who were doubt they had done, that there was present could arrange for a week or happiness in work itself. In trying fortnight of meetings at each place, to picture to himself the future state having the ground well prepared and of happiness he thought that it must being ready to follow up the work be a state of work for God; and it was when Mr. Sankey and he had passed hardly possible to conceive that on elsewhere, they would be able to work should be carried on without cover more ground than in some constant reference to and intercourse here as elsewhere almost openly atheother way. He said the plan which with Christ, to seek his guidance and had been adopted in Glasgow, of approval in every step. Why should having competent evangelists to break it not be so now? He believed that every struggle. In Italy, Romanism fresh ground in different parts of the Adam before the fall was in constant has made conspicuous gains in twenty towns, had met, for the last four and familiar intercourse with his God, years, solely because it represents, in months, with great success. There and it was sin that had set up a barri- however evil a form, the religious con er between us and Him. That barrishould they not now enjoy within otism and hero-worship but even such their daily life close and familiar intercourse with Him? Earl Cairns then Prejudice has a wonderfully mis-

APPROPRIATION.

"He hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure." "With me!" What individual appropriation of the covenant is here? There is no holding back from a false sense of humility. No: but honor put upon God's blessed word. If God has said it, it is the very essence of humility to believe his word, and the very height of call it shameful. We brand it as a reflection on their character. And has died for us, and left us nothing to secretly whispers, "I cannot believe it: it is presumption for me to believe it!" We offer to God the insult we dare not offer to man. What serious inconsistency! Would that men reflected on this when they so readily throw back the taunt of presumption Would that they could see how he honors his Saviour, while they, in the ignorance and pride of their natural hearts, insult him and throw dishonor on his word!

"With me," reader. Clasp the precious truth to your heart. Never rest satisfied till you can say, "My Lord, my God." "He loved me, and in prayer for the Divine blessing upon | gave himself for me." "My beloved all connected with it, Lord Cairns said: is mine, and I am his." "He hath He was reminded that on the last made with me an everlasting covenant. ordered in all things and sure." Cold. from presiding, his place had been worthless religion, if I cannot use such language. What good has it A paper in the Rock, June 2, on the glican clergy. One speaker was of whom he described as an honourable done me if I may not appropriate its work of the Prayer-book Revision the opinion that the clergy could man, an upright judge, a devoted pub- blessings and promises, its joys and

the steps of the chancel. Mr. Moody the Union, expressing the great inter- brings. "With me" is the heritage of discountenanced this suggestion. He est with which he had listened to the the weakest believer in Christ, "With had not, he said, come to England to words which had just fallen from his "" must be the language of the soul reform the Church, but to preach the son, giving an account of the deep if there is to be peace and comfort in Gospel. Such a course as was recom- prayerful spirit in which his father life, or calmness and confidence in the mended would surely give rise to con- carried out all the duties of his high hour of death. Rest not, then, till troversy. This subject was there- office. The subject of scepticism had you can use David's language. It is upon dropped. Something was said been alluded to by a previous speaker. the very essence of all true religion. about movable structures, when Mr. He gave some practical advice to It is this which distinguishes it as di-Moody said he preferred circuses, Christians for their guidance in argu- vine from every other which is human. where they could be had. Those who ing with sceptics. First, they should Believe what God says, and rest asbuilt circuses had a better idea of be clear as to what lawyers call the sured you have never fully honored reaching an audience than those who "issues." The first point was did his word until you do. - Light and Life

THE GOSPEL NEEDED.

Dr. Wheeler writes from Paris The death of Garibaldi has elicited a more general expression of admiration than could have been expected; but the Catholic press has not failed to expose one of the weak points in the Liberal demonstrations around the corpse of the great hero—the irreligiousness of most of the expressions and displays. During this short journev. my impressions respecting the central weakness of European Liberalism have grown deeper. That weakness is Atheism and irreligion-it is not easy to distinguish between them. for irreligion is practical Atheism, and usually has a species of Atheism at its root. It is useless to fight Romanism with Atheism, for the solid part of every population is religious. That is the reason why the priesthood musters so large a party—and so formidable a social force—in France. Liberalism is istic. That it has no faith in religion is on the surface and weakens it in viction of Italians. Over the dead er was removed in the case of all who Garibaldi, the extreme Liberal press had believed in Christ; and why is chattering about a religion of patri-Liberals know that these sentiments are weak because they lack the sense closed the meeting with prayer, and of Divine Government and the awe of eternity. - N. Y. Methodist.

WESLEY'S TRACK.

The Rev. Wendell Prime, one of the editors of the New York Observer, writes from Cornwall as follows:

"We passed through the villages of elant, White Cross, and others, whose names I have forvotten : but I do not think that one of them is without a Wesleyan chapel, built of stone, with school adjoining. Every parish has n established Church, with its beautiful tower, but every little village has its Wesleyan chapel. To-morrow week, a few miles from here, there will be an anniversary at one of John Wesley's preaching places, which will be attended by from ten to fifteen thousand. Near Gurnard's Head is the home where John Wesley slept when he made his annual visit to this region. It is occupied by the descendants of the family who were his hosts. His sea-side place of preaching was on the beach, near Penzance, within a few rods of the house in which I am staying. More than half of all the persons you meet in Cornwall are Wesleyans. His preaching was a nower, which, so far from diminishing, when his voice ceased to echo among these hills. has multiplied with every generation. This last year has witnessed the ingathering of hundreds of souls to this communion, in all parts of the kingdom, and especially of great numbers here in Cornwall. To a stranger it seems as if every hill and vale, every city, town, and hamlet in Cornwall, has some memorial of Wesley, a believing heart, or a house of worship, or some story associated with his marvellous ministry.

When Bishop Soule said: "I fear not time: I fear not the providence of God, but I do fear haste and the pas sun of men." he knew the goodness of

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