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the announcement of the death of the

venerable and highly esteemed Rev. Dr.

Cairns, of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Wysey, the London liberal preach-

of his own in which this petition occurs:

"That it may please Thee to help all

literary persons and editors of the public

press, that they may use all their pow-

ers in the cause of truth and righteous-

ness, and rise above the praise or blame

of men." A good prayer, which we

The Standard calls attention to the

brevity of the pastorates in the Baptist

The Churchman of New York says:-

we think the case is without any preced-

to the wisdom of the innovation, opin-

ions will vary, but it will generally be

Brethren in Christ, though not a dis-

tinctively Methodist body, intends sending six delegates to the Methodist Ec-

umenical Conference. The determina-

tion is quite recent, and grows out of a

feeling on the part of some of its lead-

ers that they do not want their Church

to be regarded as so anomalous as not

to admit of classification, and they be-

lieve that its proper place is in a coun-

The Congregationalist tell this story, in

which it is easy to find a moral. Some

of the students of Colorado College

wanted to have a dancing party in the

new college building, and President

Tenney compromised the matter by in-

viting them to his parlors. There was

a little dancing, the President closing

the exercises with prayer. Soon after.

in publicly announcing a prayer-meet-

ing at the same place, he said he should

deem it an insult if those who used his

house with their heels for dancing did

During the last illness of the late Ma-

not also use it on their knees for prayer.

some resemblance to the Jewish institu-

tion of the scapegoat. A man was

found willing, for a consideration (10,-

brought into the royal presence, and

after the Brahmins had performed cer-

tain ceremonies over him the sick man

tenderly embraced him. He was then

to the Tinnevelly district, with a charge

The Shrewsbury Chronicle savs : On

Sunday week an announcement which

caused some amusement to the congre-

gation, was made in a church which is

situated in the north-westerly suburb,

new hymn-book at the Easter services-

hence the grotesque blunder.

hope may have a constant answer.

inquires after causes.

heard of with surprise.'

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FROM THE PAPERS.

church is now 5,284

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dressmaking.

of her native country.

The membership of Mr. Spurgeon's

Rev. W. H. Murray is carrying on

Rabbi Misrachi, a native of Persia.

is collecting money among the Hebrews

of New York, with which to repair the

The sum of \$19,000,000 has been

Lord Beaconsfield's kindness to

young men was remarkable. He never

lost an opportunity of giving what as-

sistance he could to rising merit where-

Nineteen per cent. of the students of

Lasell Female Seminary, at Auburndale,

Mass., are taking a regular course in

cooking, and ten per cent. a course in

Madame Tarnowski, a Russian lady,

has just been unanimously elected an

active member of the Society of Phy-

sicians in charge of the lunatic asylums

Bishop Keane, of Virginia, has done a

noble and praiseworthy work in securing

the closing on the Lord's-day of the

liquor shops owned or controlled by Roman Catholics in Richmond, Va.

A new grievance is reported by the

Christian at Work, a minister that visits

the poor too much and neglects the rich.

This case needs treatment without

in 1780 to 4.630,780." The number of

adherents may therefore with safety be

The 382,920 Congregationalists in the

United States gave, last year, for their

religious work, \$3,692,922,25, or an

Mr. Joseph Cook has decided to re-

main abroad for another season and will

then return to America by way of India

and Japan. He has had exceedingly

large audiences at his lectures through-

out Great Britain. He is about to

give another series of lectures in Lon-

Particles sometimes grow to huge

dimensions. It is estimated that the

careless omission of the word "and" in

the appropriation providing for a new

pension building and site will cost the

U. S. government \$74,000 additional

When the candidates for ordination

were brought before the bishop recently

at the Philadelphia M. E. Conference,

some members desired that the class be

pledged not to read their sermons. Af-

ter long discussion the vote resulted in

seventy-seven yeas to seventy-seven

In England the Blue Ribbon move-

ment is creating a great deal of interest

and curiosity. At first it was suppos-

ed by persons unacquainted with the

significance of the badge, that the wearer

had won it in a race on the turf or the

Thames. The first two weeks in March,

over 15,000 persons put on the blue

What is a more pitiable spectacle than

to see a young man, or young woman,

who has been elevated to a position of

respectability by the industry and thrift

of a plain, but honest father, and an un-

pretending, but godly mother, leaving

the Methodist Church and joining

species of mendicancy. It involves a

of native title to respectability. -South-

were made concerning the recent finan-

cial lapses. By the resignation on the

part of the Clerical Secretary of all pre-

ferments and offices in the diocese, fur-

ther steps were deemed to be rendered

unnecessary. The recent troubles have

resulted in the loss to the diocese of a

sum amounting to about \$13,000, nearly

equally divided between capital and in-

terest. All expectations of the recovery

of this amount were abandoned.

tacit confession of the humiliating want

another to get into "society!"

ern Christian Advocate.

rent, thus rendered necessary. - N. W.

average of nearly \$10 per member.

calculated at 18.000.000.

given by private individuals in the

United States toward the cause of edu-

cation within the past fifteen months.

tomb of Mordecai and Esther.

a small farm in San Antonio, Texas. His wife is in Germany for her health.

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JAPAN.

The years 1832-3 were years of similar public loss in the removal of prominent The following letter from our Canadiministers by death to the two through an Missionary—Rev. C. S. Eby, B.A., which we have just passed. Richard dated 4 Tsukiji, Tokio, Feby. 26th, Watson, Dr. Adam Clarke, John James and other less known but valuable men 1881, is copied from the Missionary tion and vice. I now begin this new his God all day in his store or at his were removed by death. In consequence of the losses various public engagements had to be supplied.—Methodist

"We reached here just a week ago, and although still very unsettled, I am loth to allow the mail to go without a Carl Schurz says that the recent elecline from me with regard to our work in tions-meaning those in certain large Western cities-indicate that party ties Kofu. The winter's work has been are very weak just now. We believe steady and earnest, and I believe not in this is true, and that never before were vain, although the results, in increase there so many voters as now who are deof membership and financial income, are termined to subordinate party interests to the cause of good local government. by no means as marked as I could wish. They do not love their party less, but In October I began a series of everyday meetings-' protracted meetings' in fact-and continued them without in-The last mails from Australia bring terruption for seven weeks. We had crowded houses, hundreds heard the Gospel, but the only result that can be The last sermon which he wrote (and tabulated is the conversion of a very which he was to deliver on the day before he died) was on "Abraham, my fine young man who I hope will yet be a Friend," and the last words he wrote in useful preacher of the Gospel. Early the sermon were those of Charles Wesin December I visited Shidzuoka and ley-"Come, let us join our friends Numadzu, was cheered by the steady work and hopeful condition of these societies, and endured the physical harder, who now ministers to a congregaship of a weary march over mountain tion in a hall, has devised a liturgy passes on my way home, glad to do this

> work for the Master. We held a regular watch-night service in our little chapel. Had a nice turn out of the members and the presence of the Master was felt as we solemnly dedicated ourselves to God for the new year, in the use of the excellent service in our 'Discipline' for the renewal of the covenant.

Church. In Wisconsin, out of one hundred and eighty churches only three The month of January was one of pehave retained their pastors for more culiarly intense cold and severe storms, than ten years, while nearly all the so that little outside work was done. others have experienced changes within But our social means of grace were well the pastoral relation every one, two, attended, and the members seemed to three or four years. The editor sees serious evils in this state of things and grow perceptibly in spiritual things.

It was not without a good deal of pain that I began our preparations for mov-"In Trinity Church, Pawtucket, R. I., ing at the beginning of February. The at the recent Easter Monday election, little church seemed to come nearer our three women were made members of hearts every day, and the many tokens The N. Y. Independent, says: "In the vestry. Probably the canons in of their affection touched us deeply. one hundred years the Methodists have that diocese may authorize the act, but Our last Quarterly-meeting was a seaent in the history of this country. As son long to be remembered, and even excluding the many personal references, and thankful expressions of the great benefit to them of our stay in Yamanas-The American Church of the United hi Ken, the meeting was one of great spiritual power. A few days before we left, the members borrowed the use of our house, and came in force bringing provisions with them for an entertainment. After refreshments they spent some time in making kind and touching reference to our influence for good on their hearts and homes, and on the

whole of Yamanashi Ken. The last Sunday we spent with them was almost the culmination of the bliss flowing from the communion of saints on earth As far as I can see the church is in a very good spiritual condition, and although they feel orphaned at our departure, I hope and believe that they will place their confidence more in God than in any human instrumentality, and that they will still prosper. We had to hire a small and somewhat inconvenient house for their chapel. There should be a church built in Kofu at once—but the midst of the waves, its beacon-blaze where are the funds?

harajah of Travancore a most touching ceremony was performed, which bears Providentially we were favored with good weather for our journey, and for four days we travelled in almost every 000 rupees), to bear the responsibilities Japanese style of conveyance, and at of the Maharajah's sins. He was last, weary but well, all arrived safely in Tokio. Here we were kindly welcomed by our brethen, who in order to give us a resting place and save Missionled out of the country of Travancore in- ary funds, have kindly shared with us their already too limited accommodation. Our living room is the Tsukiji chapel, we cook on a charcoal brazier in a shed, my wife and children have a bedroom flame on a candle-wick; and this germ at Bro. Meacham's, while I occupy Dr. of light grows into a clear full blaze. McDonald's study as study and bed- The beginning of true religion is in the

and outside the boundary of the borough. The clergyman had just given out ng occasion for our Tokio churches, amongst other announcements, that in At the diocese of Ontario committee the afternoon a christening service and was to me a time of rare refreshing. to de right and serve the Lord. God's meetings, at Kingston, full statements would be held, and that parents desir-The weather and roads were very bad, grace is the original source of light that ing to have their children christened but we had a large attendance, and in makes any man a luminary in society must bring them to the church before the love-feast the beaming faces, stream- and when a man has been once kindled three p.m., when the clerk, who is ing eyes and broken utterance of aged at the cross of Christ, he is bound to slightly deaf, solemnly added that those who had not got them could be supplied veterans, hopeful youths and strong shine. And in order to do this, he with them in the vestry after the service men, reminded me of the heart-stirring need not be conspicuous in society for at sixpence each. It transpired that scenes connected with the last love- talents, wealth, or intellectual culture. the clerk thought the clergyman had announced that he intended to adopt a

whom God has permitted to be the in- the tower of a City Hall. struments in planting such little Eden A humble saint, who begins his day spots in this vast wilderness of supersti- with household devotions, and serves chapter in my experience of work in Ja- work-bench, is as truly a light-holder pan with a great deal of heart and hope. as if he flamed from a popular preacher's

WHAT A MINISTER CAN'T DO. He can't always preach eloquent sermons. There are few eloquent writers, and still fewer eloquent speakers. It is, on the whole, a great blessing to the Church that it is so; for divine truth appears best in a simple garb, and the most useful pastors have been those, generally, whose names have never attained to anything like notoriety. But with the power to be eloquent, or using the term in the popular acceptation, his sense of duty would oblige him to sacrifice popularity to usefulness. Comparing himself with himself-that is intellectually—the minister is not able to be alike interesting in his sermons. Some sermons must be doctrinal, and by a certain class of hearers they will be called dry others must be expository, and by another class—those who go to church more for amusement than for instruction -these will be considered tedious.

Again, he cannot always feel equally nterested in the delivery of his sermon. There are subtle causes at work to deaden feeling, and what he has prepared with great study may be delivered in a heartless manner. Is this under his own control? Every minister will say nay. Hence sermons that cost but little study, delivered under a state of excitement, will often be more admired and talked of than those which cost vastly more effort but which, unhappily, have been pronounced with less feeling. Then his congregation is thin when he expected to see it full, or those are absent for whose edification especially the discourse was prepared; and are not these circumstances calculated to depress the mind? How, then, can it be expected that ministers should always preach interesting and eloquent ser-

Another thing which ministers can' do is to visit as much as the people expect. This will always be a standing charge against them. Until they can get a power of ubiquity I see not how this expectation can be met. If six months, or even three, sometimes elapse they are saluted with the exclamation, Why what a stranger you are; we thought you had forgotten us." Now, I maintain, that if a minister, especially in a large city congregation attends to all the sick, the bereaved and the serious inquirers with great punctuality and faithfulness the rest of the congregaion should accept a visit when it can be conveniently made. -Puritan Record-

LIGHT-HOLDERS.

Every voyager through the British Channel will remember the famous light-house that stands near the gates of the Atlantic. It rises from a rock in streaming far out over the mid-night

Christians are Christ's light-holders to their fellow-men. The lantern of a light-house is not self-luminous. It has to be kindled by a hand from ... hou itself. Conversion by the Holy Spirit is a spiritual illumination of the soul God's grace lights up the dark heart. Sometimes suddenly, as in the case of Paul. Sometimes, as in the case of Newton, there is at first a feeble germ of light, like the little blue point of first act of true faith-the first breath-Last Sunday was the Quarterly-meet- ings of earnest prayer—the first hungerings after God-the first honest attempt feast of a victorious camp-meeting at The modest candle by which a house whelmed with spiritual joy and light in Jesus That is the great question.

And glorious it is for the hearts of those as does the great lantern that burns in Jesus Christ. My soul was cast into

pulpit or illuminated a theological class from a professor's chair. To shine means something more than a mere possession of piety, or the enjoyment of piety; it is the reflection of Gospel religion that makes the burner.

I know of certain households in which I fear the lamp is out. That lad would not be seen so often on his way to the theatre or drinking saloon if father and mother held up the torch of loving warning. That giddy daughter, who was once thoughtful about her soul, might now be a Christian if there had been a light-holder near at hand to the house but it did not shine. The oil was out. Love of the world had extinguished it. That dark lantern left the house in mid-

Thank God, some lights never go out Death cannot quench them. They shine forever. Pastors, parents, teachers may be called home to heaven; but, like the good mother of the story, they "set a light in the window" to guide souls to the mansions of glory. - Word and Work.

THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Dr. Philip Schaff says of the New Testament: "The changes are so many that scarcely a verse in the New Testament remains unaltered. In many instances, however, the alterations concern punctuation and minor-words. Of course any alteration will arouse criticism, but I think we can hold our own and we are prepared to do battle for what we have done and sanctioned. We have worked between two fires-the radicals wanting far more sweeping changes than we would sanction, and the other party rolling their eyes in horror when a comma was transposed or a small letter replaced by a capital. The controversy will probably go on for a few years. At the end five years at the latest. I expect to see the new version accepted by all but the most narrow-minded persons. An interesting and exhaustive work now in preparation in England, will give an account of the debates of the committee and the arguments which were put forward in favor of and agair st the different changes adopted, as well as information concerning changes suggested by different revisers and not adopted. The New Testament will be sold in England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia and the United States on the 20th of May. The stories that large numbers of books are now in this country, under lock and key, are false, the revisers only having received copies. Only subscribers will receive copies first, and the price to the public will be \$10.

WHERE IS YOUR REST?

Nothing more impressive can be found in the recently re-published life of Laura Bridgman, the blind and deaf mute who was also defective in the senses of smell and taste, than the utter inadequacy of the ordinary Unitarian or merely moral "culture" to satisfy the spiritual hunger of soul. Four of the five entrances to her soul were shut. Through the extraordinary delicacy and sensitiveness of her touch, her hand conveyed to her mind whatever idea of the outward world it received. Her conscience was carefully cultivated. The example of Christ was held up for imitation. Prof. Park, in his preface, concedes that she had no original or innate ideas of God. She became an accurate scholar in the advanced English studies and was for years a delighted reader of the Bible as it is printed for the use of the blind. When she came to maturity at the age of thirty-one, the rebellion excited in her heart by a sad bereavement occasioned conviction of sin. She kept bitterness in her soul and avoided religious conversation for months. Then came the "change." Jesus Christ appeared to he, in a new way. She professed faith in him and united with a Baptist Church in 1863. She writes, "He put His nature on me. My soul was overhome. Oh, it was glorious to be there. wife threads her needle shines as truly he presence of God and His blest Son,

the hands of my Saviour by faith. How merciful and loving he was to me? Laura is now over fifty, but the peace of God which comes to a heart only by experience reigns within her through Christ Jesus. Her teachers, including the good Dr. Howe, now departed, must rejoice, not so much in their work, which was wonderful, as in God's work, which is always gracious. Grace is made per fect in weakness.

Reader, there is no other rest. B not satisfied till your heart quietly peacefully, wholly, trusts in your Savious -God. -The Advance.

DO YOU KNOW JESUS.

I was walking hastily along a crowded street when my steps were suddenly arrested by a voice behind me uttering the words, "Sir, do you know Jesus! For the time and place it was a strange question. It was high noon, and many were hastening to the Exchange near by. It was in the centre of a busy thorough-fare through which hundreds were pressing, each intent upon his own particular errand. In the midst of the temples of Mammon and of the throngs of his worshippers I heard the strange thrilling question, "Sir, do you know

Stranger still, when I turned to see the person who uttered these words, I could not fix upon any one of the numbers behind me as the speaker. I did not see either to whom it had been spoken. If it had fallen from the clear sky above me it could not have had less of personality about it. The air had borne it to my ear, but from whence I could not discern, and the words, so unusual in that place and at that time. seemed to have become doubly strange, that their speaker had so quietly van-

I turned away and passed up the treet, pondering over the question which I had so mysteriously heard. I thought of the declaration of Jesus, that "to know." Him is "life eternal." and then I forgot the strangeness of the query in the sense of its overwhelming importance. I questioned my own soul, Dost thou know Jesus," the Eternal Life? I applied it mentally to those who passed me so hurriedly, eager in their pursuit of present good. One I recognized as a shrewd and practical financier. He knew something of the secrets of the banking-house. He un derstood the vast system of exchanges which spread over our country like a net-work. He could discuss fluently upon the crisis and its causes. Did he know Jesus? If not he had missed the highest knowledge. He knew not Him in whom infinite treasures of wisdom and grace are found.

I passed on further, and I saw a well known merchant ascending the steps of the Custom-house. He was an adept in his business, thoroughly versed in all the departments of trade. He knew the value of commodities at a glance. and could predict the turn of markets, and speculate wisely upon the changes n commerce made by the manifold changes of the times. He was an oracle in the counting-house and on 'Change. But did he know Jesus? was my thought. In his calculations has he ever computed the worth of his soul, or the value of Christ's sacrifice offered for redemption? Did he know Jesus as his Saviour and heartily receive Him as his sacrifice before God ! If not, what was his acquired knowledge but a guide for a few years, to be utterly useless when God should call him from earth.

Further on I met another familian face. It was pale, and an air of abstraction spread over it. The man of science was conning some new problem, or pondering over some novel facts. He had much and various knowledge. He knew the laws by which the stars move and the waters flow. He had analyzed and combined until he understood many things in their elements, and the processes by which these elements were united in many different forms. He knew the history of the past, and could tell where the mountains had been built up and seas spread out. Did he also know

Reader, do you know Jesus?