

ply by the momentum of his godliness. He follows Jesus so steadily and vigorously that he moves others by his sheer momentum. Not a great man, he yet does great things "through Christ who strengtheneth him." Here was Paul's secret. Happy are we if we have found it out. Happy is that church which has learned the secret of the Lord; it is with them that fear Him.

### ROME UNDER THE TEMPORAL SOVEREIGNTY.

Great changes have taken place in Rome since fifteen years ago. It has become a noble, wealthy and prosperous city. The old squalor has disappeared, magnificent houses have been built in every direction, and the people have a contented, well-to-do appearance, as if they had plenty to live upon. Very different from what things were in the days of the old Pope sovereignty. The Pope still keeps to the Vatican very closely, and chooses to speak of himself as a prisoner; but his revenues have largely increased, and it is evident that as a spiritual ruler his power may become greater than it was when he was an indifferent Temporal Prince. Nothing has been done amid the great changes in Rome to harm the relics of the old Roman empire; these have been everywhere carefully preserved. The forum has been further excavated, and one can form now a better idea than ever of that mighty centre of Roman life. A new temple of Vesta has been discovered and laid bare to view. Statues in marble of the famous vestal virgins—grand looking women they were—stand around its walls, and give one an intensely realistic impression of this ancient temple. It looks as if they had come back to visit the scene of their labors, and to look for their vanished altars.—*The Scottish Church.*

### SIX PALL-BEARERS.

Henry Mueller, a pious German who died two hundred years ago, used to say:—"When I look upon the youth of our day I see six grave-diggers. The first is called 'Drunkness.' How many kill themselves by excessive drink! The seed must spoil when there is too much water. Therefore, young men, if you wish to live give up drinking.

"The second is called 'Lust.' How many have thereby hastened death! By

unbridled appetite the body is weakened and loses its strength. Is it not true that all that is exposed to fire is ultimately consumed?

"The third is called 'Wrath.' Sirach says:—'Jealousy and anger shorten life,' and Paul in the book to the Galatians places next to each other wrath, strife and murder. Wrath brings on strife; strife is often the cause of murder."

"The fourth is called 'Disobedience to our Parents.' We know what a blessing the Fifth Commandment proclaims. Who does not keep it will feel its curse. Dry wood which cannot bend must break.

"The fifth one is called 'Bad Company.' How many who thereby have lost life and soul eternally! Tie a corpse to a living body, and although the living being cannot bring the dead body to life, yet the odor of the decaying corpse will ultimately kill the living.

"The sixth and last is called 'Idleness.' It kills man though he seems alive. Is an idle man more use than a dead body! When a tree will not bear any more fruit it is cut down and thrown in the fire. Young people who have a desire to live, think of this, and leave these grave-diggers and pall-bearers alone."—*Sci.*

### A STRANGE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

How well Thomas Nast and other have employed the irony of pictorial sketches in driving villany or indecency out of the land is well known. A brief sketch in the *Church Missionary Intelligencer* for September shows that the same agency was employed years ago in shaming the British government and the East India Company out of their base patronage to Indian idolatry.

Sir Peregrine Maitland had accepted from the East India Company the office of commander-in-chief of the Madras army, and a seat in the council, an office worth £50,000 a year, but had done so only on the condition that he should not be required to have an official connection with the idolatry of the country. He well knew how grossly the East India Company had catered to the heathen ceremonies of India, even making large grants for their support.

Only a few days after his arrival in Madras he received from the company's office in London a document sanctioning