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FROM THE PAPERS.

"I like the itinerant system, but the longer I live the more I am convinced that it takes religion to run it."-Cor. Nashville Advocate.

The Irish Evangelist states that Bishop Simpson's address at the Christian Convention in Dublin kindled an unmistakable enthusiasm which the chairman could hardly repress.

A Philadelphia debating club having decided the question, "Do surprise parties surprise?" in the negative, will begin next week on the question, "Do donation parties donate? When a clause forbidding Americans

to engage in the opium traffic in the Chinese Empire was put in the lately formed treaty, a Chinese official of high rank said 'that clause is according to the religion of Jesus.'

The operation of the Sunday Closing Act in Wales brings a number of people to places of worship new who used to spend most of the sacred day in the public-house, on one side of the counter or the other.

The English Liberation Society has issued a circular for a new campaign, in which the opinion is expressed that the present is a favorable time to press the question of Dis-establishment, with a view of inciting Parliament to action.

Superintendent Luckey, of Pittsburg, has judiciously recommended that each alternate Friday should be designated as "Author's Day," in the public schools, the afternoon to be spent by the pupils in reading and reciting from the writings of some standard author.

It is a significant fact that the tide of emigration is to Protestant countries. There is not a heathen or Catholic country in the world that is drawing to it population from other lands. Even Mexico and Brazil, the two richest countries on the globe, are not attracting any immigration.

Bishop Barclay, of Jerusalem, has passed away, after a short time in the episcopate. He was appointed by Eng-The nomination of his successor falls to the Emperor of Germany, which unites with England in supporting the bishopric. Bishop Gobat, the predecessor of Bishop Barclay, was appointed by the Emperor.

to be connected with South Australia, writes to the London Times respecting the rumor that the Queen was about to confer hereditary honors on the wealthy colonists, that any attempt to create in the colonies an hereditary aristocracy would be strongly disapproved by the great body of colonists.

A Church reports to a Baptist Association that it has no Sunday-school and no prayer-meeting-which greatly pains us. It also reports a constant loss of members, which somewhat relieves our pain, as it affords ground to hope that the Church will die out by and by, and give place for a better one. - Christian

It is the American Baptist Flag which prints the following editorially without a word of disayowal of the mean spirit of proselytism which it breathes: " Methodists are pioneers for the Baptists. It is safe to conclude that, with proper treatment, more than half the Metho dists could be won over to the Baptists." N. Y. Independent.

An Indian correspondent of the London Record laments that Ritualism and sacerdotalism are sapping the very life of the English Church in India. He points out that hundreds of Churchmen Calcutta, at the recent census, enrolled themselves as "Protestants," in solemn protest against the errors which are driving them out of the Church of

A case of "Boycotting" is attracting some attention in Somersetshire. A Dissenter residing at Wells hired a house in a country parish, through an agent. A few days later he was informed that the landlord declined to ratify the bargain, as "it is the wish of the vicar that should not let the house to a Dissenter, he not liking to have dissenters living I would not let it to any Dissenter."-Leeds Mercury.

The Interior, of Chicago, says, in

speaking of the two independent churches in that city—that of Prof. Swing and of Dr. Thomas-"that Dr. Thomas will scarcely be able to sustain his enterprise. His sermons are too much in regulation pattern to stimulate and sustain popular curiosity and interest; but Professor Swing manages to turn off an elegant essay each week on some topic which is of present interest, or which the originality of his treatment and the beauty of his rhetoric render interesting.

At a meeting of the Evangelical Alliance at Wesleyan Hall, June 27, 1881, Father Gavazzi asked for a communion service from the clergy of Boston. In response to this appeal a handsome tankard, cups and plates have been purchased by subscriptions from ministers of different denominations. The inscription is—"Free Church of Italy, worshiping at Rome. From the Evangelical Pastors of Boston and Vicinity, 1881. The set will be forwarded at once to its destination. - Zion's Herald.

The Bishop of Truro, speaking at the Cornwall Diocesan Conference on the lack of mutual confidence in the Church, said confidence had been shaken, whether justinable or not; it was no use denying that disquietude existed. Never, he supposed, since England possessed a judicial system had there been such a perpetual murmuring against decisions and sentences, such a rustle of petitions, and ring of pretests to every authority which can be protested to or petitioned against.

A Northern editor of a Church journal is sniveling about a certain instrument-"a terror to evil-doers"-carried in our satchel to the Rocky Mountains. When years ago certain hysterical spinsters, male and female, lifted their hands in horror at Bishop Pierce girt with a revolver, and taking the overland route, the wise traveler asked them to tell how he or the gospel would be benefited by an Apache rudely removing the fore hair from his apostolic cranium. The Bishop put on fresh Rev. Dr. Stuart. caps and moved on.—Richmond Adv.

Lord Carlingford, in recently disdidates in the Oxford local examinations, advanced very revolutionary opinions in regard to the maintenance of caste in the British schools. He thought that different classes might very well send their children to the same schools provided the schools were good. He saw no reason why children up to a certain age should not sit together on the benches of the same elementary school. This is enough to make the British lion roar amain.—N. Y. Tribune.

In the Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N.Y., small boxes with a slit in the top and glass in the sides, are H. B. T. Strangeways, understood fastened to the backs of the pews. Before the sermon the pastor steps to the desk, and after repeating 1 Cor. xvi. 2. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come," says, "Let us further worship God by contributing to his service." Then is heard all over the house the dropping of the

A Hong Kong despatch of Oct. 15th says :- A Woman's Hospital was opened at Tientsin, on the 8th instant, in the presence of Chinese officials. Angell, the United States Minister, delivered an address. Miss (Dr.) Howard, an American Missionary, who was instrumental in the cure of the wife of the Viceroy when her life was despaired of by all Chinese medical attendants, is in charge of the hospital. This, and another in Pekin, are solely due to the influence of Miss Howard. Foreign

suppers and strawberry-festivals for the purpose of raising money for church work is to produce Christian selfishness if such a term may be used. The ted, who formerly, when non-commispeople purchase pleasure, all love for giving to the Lord is lost, and charity cut up by the roots. Let all the mem bers of our churches be trained even from childhood, to give to the Lord from the love of it, and they will receive a rich blessing on their own souls; and the church, all the money needed to carry on her legitimate work.-Baltimore Presbyterian.

The Churchman is in agony because the Methodists of the world have had the presumption to hold an ecumenical council. hysterics a suggestion that all Christians near him, and I have promised him that are necessary to a real ecumenical. Well, the Methodists are ready for one. Will the small body which The Church-

Ingersoll Commencement orator, but the in a corner beside the organ? We sad-Faculty declares he shall not speak at ly fear that The Churchman's people the University, and the students threat- would insist on occupying ten seats en to hire a hall. Moral: Stand by apiece and keeping all the rest of us who heretofore had never spoken a word your own Christian schools.—Nashville out-of-doors.—N. Y. Methodist.

The death is announced of the Rev. his eighty-second year. He was eminent as a scholar, author, divine, orator and polemic, and in later years he acquired fame as a dramatist. He believed that death has no place in the present dispensation if people would only have faith, and he often declared that he should never die. With all his faith, physical vigour, and material buoyancy of spirit, the kind hearted and scholarly man has passed into a higher and happier condition of being. - Methodist.

The Civilta Evangelica of September 28th contains the following account by Signor Luigi Capellini, Minister of the Military Church in Rome, and colleague of Mr. Piggott and Signor Sciarelli, in which Capellini relates his operations this year among the camps and quarters of the Italian army, assembled for autumn manœuvres on the scene of one of the most famous victories of Hanni-

Ever since last March, says Signor Capellini, I was aware of the Intention of the War Office to conduct great manœuvres on the plain by Lake Trasimene, near to the city of Perugia. I spoke to certain ladies, benefactrices of the work among the soldiers, and wrote to others, telling them of a plan I had formed for the summer. The ladies, pleased with the design, encouraged me by their language, and provided me with all I wanted for my expedition. I was thus enabled to procure two thousand New Testaments, two thousand portions of Scripture, one hundred Bibles, and four thousand religious books, of which a great part consisted of the works of Desanctis, received from the

On reaching Rieti I found the regiments belonging to the garrison of tributing prizes to some successful can- Rome, and it would be needless to tell how old acquaintances, friends and brethren acted on seeing me. After a long and fatiguing field-day, all the troops were now resting to recover their exhausted strength; and as my vehicle had to drive through the midst of them I was soon recognized, and was greeted with long-continued cheers, which lasted till I had to stop. When I had opened my trunk, and made the carriage go at a slow pace, I began distributing Testaments and portions, books and tracts, right and left, along more than a

mile and a quarter of road. camp at Spoleto some favored the dis- he buried them. The men were greatly tribution and helped it on, while others. yexed and thought of resisting, but the hindered it with all their might. Some- menacing shadow of military discipline times when I came to the corner of a deterred them. And they, like Reuben, camping-ground-where there was al- when he pondered how to save Joseph change into the boxes. It requires but ready huxters, fruit-sellers, and so from the pit, tried to devise a way to forth-my presence would be treated as save the buried Bibles. But that was suspicious, but when once a few Testa- almost impossible; for, once marched ments, tracts or books had got among to their camp, the distance was so great the ranks of the soldiers, and the name as to forbid a return to that spot. of the giver was circulated among the Meanwhile we, having finished our optents, there came a crowd which in- erations in another quarter, were makcreased and importuned around me. ing for our carriage. But a certain feeltribution of the Word.

sioned officers, had been quartered in Rome, and had there attended our evening schools and evangelical meetings, seeing my name remembered me with interest, and, showing me the greatest attention, certified me with flattering words to their superiors, who all gave me permission to distribute, to speak, and even to ask the soldiers to enter into correspondence with me, after my return to Rome. The hand of the Lord We faintly detect in its did help me, and I heard His voice say ing to me: 'I will never leave thee: I will never forsake thee,'

the officers and me became animated. me. - W. M. Magazine. After a long time one of their number, and who had declined to accept a Bible, all at once said: 'But these are Tresham D. Gregg, D.D., of Dublin, in heretical books.' 'On the contrary.' I replied, 'they are Christian books. The officer, hereupon, looking somewhat embarrassed, added, 'But what may your opinions be? 'We,' I replied, believe that we can be saved only by the merits of Jesus Christ. We do not believe in the Romish priesthood, be cause Christ is for ever the only true and eternal Priest. We believe that there is one only mediator between God and, man-the man Christ Jesus. We seek METHODIST WORK IN ITALY. a salvation which is freely given, and not one which is sold for ready-money. We believe that we are redeemed, regenerated and saved by the blood of Christ shed upon the cross, the true labarum, or banner of redemption and liberty. We believe only in one Teacher, one Master, one sole Infallible, and He is Jesus Christ.'

The officer, hearing this and more from me, appeared serious and impressed: and, after a moment or two, reached out his hand, and taking a Bible, said to me: 'Have you more of these books? Have you given any of them to my company?' I promised him soon to return with books, so that his men might also have the precious volume to read. Any one may guess whether I did not speedity return with the books, and whether I did not make use of the opportunity which the Lord thus offered me to speak of the Gospel in a new

The day following, the troops were

narched for field-exercises, and I, with

the evangelist Carnevali Filippo, hired a

carriage to follow them, but the ground becoming rough, we had to quit the vahiele and follow on foot. When the hour came for repose, I set to work speaking of heavenly things with some of the men, and in the meantime my assistant went to distribute books among the bandsmen of a certain. regi ment. His efforts were not opposed on the contrary, the soldiers, like men hungry or thirsty, closed round him to receive the precious gift, and affectionately pressed the hand of the giver. But afterwards the envious and crafty devil came into the field that had been sown to scatter tares. The bandmaster. seeing the books in the hands of his subordinates, no sooner had assured himself that the person who gave them was out of the way, than, seized by

some scruples, he ordered all the men to give up the books; and causing a In all the various quarters of the deep pit to be dug at the foot of a tree,

The students of the University of man represents come in and take its their tents to read the books they had boldly say. The Lord is my Helper, and life, must not be touched or endangered. Indiana, at Bloomington, elected Bob little place down under the gallery or got, conversation on religion between I will not fear what man shall do unto We think when our kindness is rejected.

HOLINESS OF CHARACTER.

abiding life within, a standing of spiritual maturity, that gives promise of still greater advancement in "whatever things are pure." Habitual strength is its chief characteristic -strength to wait upon God, as well as to perform his assigned tasks. Holiness of character includes purity of heart; but it is more than this. It is the experience of ripeness, "the full corn in the ear." It seldom is found in the earliest periods of discipleship. Time is usually one element of such attainments; here, as in the physical world, harvests of grace require the antecedent conditions of growth. The Holy Spirit produces his perfect fruitage in the soul, "love, joy, peace," etc., while the storms beat around, or the absence of moisture upon the external surface forces the roots to seek a deeper hold upon the hidden sources of supply. How many mistakes are seen just here. The Christian, hitherto weak and worldly-minded, has been brought to see his privilege of the fullness. He claims the meritorious sacrifice by faith, and is brought into a large and wealthy place. His experience of the cleansing blood is genuine; a wonderful uplifting has really transpired; a new vision is his gift: a new power to believe all that God hath speken. He may well rejoice. Many a soul has discovered in such an hour the path of duty, so long obscured from his certain view. Self has been so fully subdued, and Christ has come to be so pre-eminent, that the entire being exults to know and do the divinely-revealed work. We believe that thousands are entering upon this blessed new life in these latter days. Never could we by any word depreciate

that holy baptism of fire. But, now, this is not that holiness of character of which we speak. There is distinction to be made between purity and maturity. The latter always contains the former; but the former is often seen without the latter. "Spirit ual babes" have an experience of cleansing. Let such be encouraged to confess their Lord. In view, however, of the tests that await them, and the possible ripeness of these newly-implanted graces, let that confession be made with becoming modesty. Especially let the soul, thus made pertect in love, be encouraged to submit to God's. method of advancement. Every thing depends upon this. If the impression is received that this experience is not preparatory to something better, but is already perfect, in the sense of a final work, then the soul occupies a position of extreme peril. Pride and self-sufficiency will very probably displace that humility which should become the soul's permanent vesture. Holiness of character, therefore, should be the aim of souls And such is our blessed privilege, that this experience may be more and more

Some officers, seeing this unusual coming prevented me from setting off, and Oh what a picture of devotedness ed away the paper, exclaiming. 'No motion, came up looking at me, exam- indeed made me go backwards to see if does His lowly service present to us! ining me, and putting questions. They the seldiers were reading the books, Look at Him beginning His course, took books and opened them with an with any attention or relish. It was knowing each sorrow that was to befall probably a turning point in the life of air of mystery, hoping to find some- Providence that moved me to this step. Him; forseeing the whole course of re- that man. Death soon came and tore distribution. An idea which God had bandsmen privately came to tell me of pilgrimage; rejected, when He would morning sermon was never forgotten. The tendency of church fairs and given me saved and protected the discribing to me the spot where their books He gave instruction; suffering not mere-sorrow, went forth to do his, work for Indeed, some officers, recently promo- were buried. At the end of a consider- ly at the hands of enemies, but more Christ. 'Bible first, papa,' was ever able march and some effort, we reached acutely from those around Him; to ringing in his ears. It became the the place described. We dug away them alone He said, "How long shall motto of his life. He was exceedingly carefully, and soon began to pull out I suffer you?"—rejected, misunderstood, prosperous in business. Wealth accuthe volumes full of earth, and often with suffering, He goes forward without the mulated; business increased; friends the leaves torn by the tools used in slightest faltering. He never stops for multiplied. But uppermost in that burying them. Then we returned to a moment in His devoted service to all man's heart was the precious word of the camp, where we were awaited by around Him. To the very end of His God. He read and stadied it. As teathe men with feverish anxiety. When course, as at the beginning, He is the cher and Superintendent in the Sabbath they saw us coming back with the books meat of all who need and will accept School, he taught it. He did more than which had been theirs, they raised a Him.

cry of joy. I gave back to each soldier We think when trouble or sorrow his own book, and they, having cleaned comes upon us, that it is time to care well-known locomotive engine builder, and recleaned them from the dirt and for ourselves. Not so Jesus. We think Matthias W. Baldwin, of Philadelphia. earth, put them in their pockets and there must be a limit to our self-sacrifice. Would not the child's cry, "Bible first." set off well pleased. At this sight, I Not so cur blessed Lord. We think that be an excellent motto for every Sunday While the soldiers withdrew into thought of St. Paul's words: 'We may our interests, our credit, or at least our School teacher in the land?—S. S. Times.

we need not repeat it. We think our times of rest and relaxation are our own. Oh, how unlike to us in all was our blessed lowly Master! Ch, how It is not a mere impulse. It is a deep, far above us, in all things! Nothing moved His steadfast heart, or turned Him from doing good. In vain was the stupidity of His disciples, the rage of His enemies, or the craft of Satan. Jesus never wavered nor hesitated: His course of self-surrender was complete.

## NORTHERN EUROPE.

Bishop Peck, who has lately visited the Methodist Conferences in Northern Europe, writes thus of that part of the continent : " But really the strongest bstacle is yet to be named. The people are all taught from infancy that they are made Christians by baptism-Romanists, high Episcopalians, and Lutherans, all teach and thoroughly believe in baptismal regeneration. However wicked or grossly immoral a man may be, he instantly resents the intimation that he is not a Christian! Has he not been baptised? And they have all been confirmed and have gone to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and either in the bread and wine, or with it have partaken, as they verily believe, of the actual body and blood of Christ! And all this repeatedly; and will you dare to intimate that such a man, though a drunkard, or gambler, or libertine, is not a Christian? I tell your this arch heresy that baptism is an indispensable and inevitable saving grace, and that the actual Christian state is to be developed by constant attention to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by a regularly authorized priest, is everywhere in Europe, and excepting Jews, infidels, the Baptists, Methodists, and a few others, pervades all classes, not as a superstition, but as an unquestionable reality. All this must be evercome by true evangelical Christianity. The first form of successful conviction, leading to true conversion, must be doubt as tothe genuineness of sacramental regeneration, and the next a clear anderstand. ing of personal guilt for sim which wild throw away the cherished errors of a life-time to find a Savigue from guilt and hell. A hard thing to undertak e; and yet we and our brethren of other spiritual, Churches must reach this result, through the truth and the mo wer of the Holy Spirit, or fail. Add now only that we are met here and ther e, as Saxony and the Palatinate im Germany, by laws called into requir sition gainst us which absolutely forbid us to preach or pray or sing in any asse mbly, and you will understand what is meant by my saying this is a hard field to con-

## "BIBLE FIRST, PAP A."

"About forty years ago, a Christian man sat at his fireside in Phil adelphia Near by him, playing on the floor, was his only child, a beautiful little boy. rich, as we proceed along the King's It was early in the morning. The day's work had not yet begun; and waiting for his breakfast, it may be, the father CHRIST'S SERVICE AND OURS. took up the daily paper to read. The boy at once climbed into his lap, snatchno, papa! Bible first-Bible first, papa! That lesson taught by a little child, was medicines in China are now in great thing to warrant them in stopping the No sooner was I recognized than some jection, and the shameful end of His away the sweet little preacher. but his this—he practised its precepts."

The gentleman referred to was the