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FROM THE PAPERS.

The preacher who gets a good religious newspaper into a family where it is read makes that family an indirect pas-toral visit each week."—Nashville Adv.

A shrewd observer of European affairs has made the remark : "If six men in Europe could heartily agree, one third of its military could be taken off."

Farmer Dickens, a nephew of the novelist, Charles Dickens, has been elected a deacon of the Methodist Church by the Rock River Conference in Sycamore, Ill.

The Philadelphia Record says that of the fifty-six thousand primary scholars in that city rarely fifty per cent. go into the secondary schools. Forty-two percent. of those who do go from the primary into the secondary schools never get any further.

"Men who are anxious to transfer for the sake of souls, and for the glory of God, always go to the new Conferences on the frontier. They never lounge around the fat appointments of the old Conferences. That is a bad sign, and yet I know of several who are hungering and thirsting after the righteousness of some wealthy city appointments in Virginia."

—Cor. Richmond Advocate.

Mr. Herbert Spencer has swung completely over to Atheism, and has become a passionate partisen of his advanced beliefs. At his best, Mr. Spencer reasons very badly, his most pronounced vice being that of arguing in a circle; but when he becomes excited and adopts a militant style, he seems to forget all the cautions of the scientist, and to adopt all the methods of the partisan. - N. Y. Methodist.

There is a parish in London which consists for the greater part of thirteen The income is nearly \$5,500 a year. The rector has never done duty for the last three or four years, but lives at St. Leonara's. Meanwhile he pays a curate \$600 a year, out of which that gentleman has to pay for gas, for the organist and other expenses of conducting divine

Henry Ward Beecher summarily condemns the Methodist Church for expelling Dr. Thomas, and airily affirms that John Blackford, who, some years since, she "is not fit to live and be called a Christian church." It depends wonderfully as to who uses such language with his death on that occasion, and has Beilby with a message of reply. which whether the subject of it is harmed or needs defense. In this instance no response is required, for nobody is injured by it, save, possibly, the person in whose behalf it is uttered. - Zion's Herald.

It seems, according to a Milanese ournal, that the prefect of one of the irst cities of Italy, who is a rich landowner, has, in this civilized age, resorted to a feudal custom, obliging his field laborers to wear an iron muzzle during the grape harvest to prevent them from tasting a few bunches of grapes! The act was noticed last year, and yet the sud prefect still represents the Government. - Daily News.

Mr. Ingersoll reads the "beatitudes," and says "good" to every one of them. Then he takes the virtues of meckness, mercifulness, humility, brought out into distinctness by Christ, to prove that the man needs no Redeemer. "I projust man will join in the protest—"I protest againgst any man building his argument with Christian stones, and Liverpool for themselves. then calling the edifice a Free-Thinker's

Hon. John Evans, Ex-Governor of Colorado, has given \$40,000 toward the buildings of the Colorado Seminary and University of Denver since the begining of the enterprise. The Governor is a most liberal friend of Christian education, and never wearies in his help. He was converted in Indiana when a young man under Bishop Simpson's early ministry, and has shown his fidelity to Methodism in the founding already of two great institutions of learning under

"We have fallen upon trying times. tery of San Francisco has had a trial son to manage the erratic convert. - N asting seven days, with eighteen ses- Y. Advocate.

sions." The Bible-class teacher is willing to teach the savings of Christ to her large Sunday school class, but rejects the Old Testament in its miraculous revealing the need of female doctors in part s The Presbytery sustain the elder that country. The Maharanee of Punna

Cardinal Manning with the Architernal disease. Social custom precludbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Simpson, ed her from seeing a medical man All articles to be inserted in the paper and and others on the same platform! Is not this astonishing! We remember to T. WATSON SMITH. that when the great theater disaster oc-SUBSCRIPTIONS may be made to any Min- cured in Brooklyn the Roman Catholic brother. The Maharajah sent for Miss bishop could not appear on the same platform with Protestants at a public meeting called to inaugurate measures of relief. The lord mayor of London brought three distinguished divines together in the Mansion House, for a noble object—the suppression of the opium trade.—New York Independent.

We see not a few comments disparaging to the churches, based on the assumed fact that Oscar Baldwin, the great Newark detaulter, is a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church, of that city. | would have great difficulty in obtaining Such is not the fact. He was an attendant and a vestryman of the parish, but not a communicant of the church. There was in his life and character no apparent reason why he should not be connected with the church; but he uniformly declined positively but decidedly to be confirmed. The reason is now clear, and the fact is so much to

Sir Garnet Wolseley contributes his testimony to the current tide of temperance arguments and appeals, to the effect that ninety per cent of the crime in the British army is due directly to intemperance; that when the men are removed from the temptation of strong drink crime is practically unknown among worse. If you will only tell our Queen them; and that when he was in South Africa his escort had very hard work to do, but did it without grumbling, and behaved better than any other set of

The Churchman has very curious ideas of "courtesy" when it publishes the willingness of its ministers to take what they will not give : to go into other men's houses when they will not ask the return of the favor. Is this doing to others as you would that others till you see our great Queen and give it should do unto you ? Is this the spirit of Christianity? Is the instinct of the gentleman apparent in this proposition byterian pulpit in New York" while at ed to no one of the whole number? The least said about "courtesy until it ceases to be like the handle of a pitcher, all on one side. - N. Y. Ob- her and hear all for herself, and accord-

An interesting but melancholy discovery was made at the foot of Mount Blanc. A block of ice, separated from the mass of the mountain by the thaw, rolled down into the valley. Upon closer inspection it was found to contain | something must be done for these poor enclosed the remains of the American, attempted an ascent, and has never since been heard of. He evidently met since lain in his cold crystalline coffin. which has preserved his body and cloth ing admirably. When found, his features were unchanged, as if he might have breathed his last only half an hour one with whom she spoke on the sub-

An American who recently arrived at known that we sympathise with every Liverpool on an Atlantic steamship complained bitterly because he and his fellow-passengers were kept waiting on board while the steam tug took to shore two members of the English nobility who had crossed in the steamer. The Manchester Examiner comments upon the occurrence and complaint as follows: "This American gentleman will probably understand us better by the time he leaves Great Britain. He will to the funds of the Zenana Mission. It have learnt that the passengers from New-York ought, so far from grumbling at the preference shown to the nobility in the matter of the tug, to have felt | ing and healing. We wish that many honored at having these noblemen on of our missionaries were doctors. It test," says Joseph Parker, and every board with them at all, and to have appreciated their condescension in no taking a steamer from New-York to

It is difficult to keep up to Father M'Namara. We were introduced to him by James F. L. Taylor in Raleigh, N.C., in August, 1869. He was then a Roman Catholic priest, and we heard him preach the next morning. Next we heard him as an Independent Catholic; now he turns up a Baptist. This is a free country. Success to Mr M'Namara, who is soon to be ordained as an evangelist, which will make his fourth ordination. Speaking more seriously. we highly respect the Baptist Church The issue it makes is clearly joined. It thoughtful minister or member of any other Church, after thorough investiga The Episcopal Church has had its Cowley tion adopts its views, we commend his trial, and has it yet. The Baptists have course in seeking admission to it. But had their Kalloch, and served him right. this is a peculiar case, and we fear that The Methodists have deposed their Dr. it will take the vigilant pertinacity of Thomas, as he deserved. The Presby- Dr. Fulton and the strength of Dr. Sam-

A TOUCHING STORY. A touching story comes from India. in Bundeland, was suffering from an in-The inmate of a Zenana is only allowed to see her father, her husband, and her Beilby, a medical missionary in Lucknow. By the blessing of God on her treatment Miss Beilby cured her distinguished patient. Before she left the palace the Princess had a private intering on every side the pennry and Moody. view with her. She charged Miss Beilby wretchedness of the unfortunate people when she returned to England to tell who lived in them. The only bright the Queen how greatly the women in spots were the public houses, which, the Zenanas suffered when they were brilliantly lighted up, reflected and consick. Miss Beilby intimated that she trasted with the surrounding misery. I hate this magnificence. I look upon it access to the Queen. She stated also with horror. There is no one, unfortuthat it was not in the power of the nately, to denounce this but myself. Queen to make lady doctors. But the knew it but too well. As each case of Maharanee persisted. "Did you not crime and violence comes before me, the tell me our Queen was good and gracisame wretched story is told-the drink ous, that she never heard of sorrow or demon is as necessary a part of every suffering without sending a message to case as the police or myself. I tell you say how sorry she was, and trying to after five years experience, I am conhelp! Did you not show me the picture vinced it is the drink system that has of a train falling into the sea, where s produced this dreadful state of things bridge broke, and did you not tell me that prevails in the city." how grieved our Queen was? Well, it was very sad those people should have WHERE ARE YOUR SINS? been killed, but our condition is far When the Holy Ghost stirs up a heart what we Indian women suffer when we to feel unessy, it is very solemn because it is His doing. Satan will do his best are sick, I am sure she will feel for us and try to help us." Miss Beilby felt to say, ! Peace, peace," when there is men he ever was assisted by, for the reason, he believes, that every man in the company was a total abstainer. no peace. It is very solemn, because it results either in grieving that loving Spirit by stifling His secret call, or in at once (giving her pen, ink, and paper), pasting from death unto life the one lest she should forget it, and added, or the other, I know of no other alter-'Write it small, Doctor Miss Sahiba, native. Which shall it be ? Don't linger for I want to put it in a locket, and you just outside the gate of the city of refare to wear this locket round your neck uge; just outside in danger, perhaps destruction, you are not safe for one instant until you are baide. And oh! her yourself. You are not to send it through another." On Miss Beilby's have you never thought that it is not return to England, the Queen having merely negative, not merely not safe, been told by some of the ladies of her, but unless your sins now are on Jesus, the same time the courtesy will be offer- Court of Miss Beilby's work and her they are now on you, and God's wrath message, determined, in spite of all difficial upon them and so on you. It is a culties and many engagements, to see your sins?" on you, or on Jesus? Oh ingly sent for her. Her Majesty listenthat He may now send His own faithful ed with great interest, asking many word about it with power to your soul questions and showing the deepest sym-The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of pathy. Turning to her ladies, she said, us all. Accept that, believe His word. "We had no idea it was as bad as this; venture your soul upon it, and "he that believeth hath everlasting life."

> with its message, was given to the are your sins ?"-F. R. Havergal. Queen, and Her Majesty intrusted Miss MR. SANKEYS CONVERSION. At an "Experience Meeting." held during the recent Northfield Confer. titution. If that fails, the tendency is ence, Mr. Sankey thus told the story of to elect him a professor in a theological his conversion : My boyhood's home seminary. Not being able to preach was in Pennsylvania. I remember that himself, he is set to teach others how to there came news of revival meetings preach. In some cases the poorest being held four miles away, and we speaker in the faculty is made professor went over the river in boats to the of elecution. We want men like Alexmeeting. There was a large amount of ander, who could not only tell how to joyful singing, which attracted me. Af- preach, but could go into the pulpit and ter the first night I got my "chores" with thunders of eloquence could show done early, in order to be in time to go how. What would you think of a facto the meeting. My companions and I ulty of unsuccessful merchants to train used to get behind the stove, for we young merchants ! Some of these theolknew the minister would look us up in ogical seminaries take a man and clip the after meeting. He was a venerable him, and square him, and mould him, old man, and one night he reached his and bore him, and twist him, until all hand out to me and said,-" My son, the individuality is gone out of him, won't you be a Christian !" I was of aid and he is only a poor copy of his teach of the boys laughing at me, and I said, er, who was elected because he could some knowledge of medical science. - "No." Three evenings he came to me, not preach. We want less dry wood in and on the third his beautiful kind face the theological seminaries, and more overcame me, and I said, "I'll go." He faming evangelism. At the late Generled me up with those who were seeking al Assembly of the Presbyterian churchthe Saviour. I knelt by a man named es of the United States a clergyman, ac-Thompson, who rose from his knees customed to preach to a congregation of and gave testimony to having found 200 people in a room that would hold peace in Jesus. I thought if I could 1,500, was appointed to preach a sermon only feel as he did I would testify, too. on 'How to reach the masses.' For weeks I was seeking an imitation of Young ministers are told that they his experience, -not seeking Jesus. But must preach Christ and Him crucified. I found out my mistake, and from that Yes; but not as an abstraction. Many time I pressed on, resolved to let the ministers preach it in such a way that a light come when and how it would. I church of God will dwindle down to the determined to be a Christian, and light sexton, who stays only because he is began to break in upon me. The more, paid to lock up. We want Christ and

which originated in public houses. I ly after my conversion I remove I to the nursery, the kitchen, the barn, the tell you I will give you no assistance in Newcastle, Penn., and became a mem- street, the store, the bank, the fac this matter. The drinking system of ber of the Church. My minister was a tory, the Congressional assembly-Dublinis responsible for three sentences wise man, and not only instructed his Christ for every emergence and every of penal servitude and seven heavy sen- people, but set them to work. I went perturbation. tences of imprisonment which I had to into the choir, and took a class in the | Sometimes the real troub'e begins in impose, varying from twelve to twenty. Sunday-school. After this he insisted the home circle as to which is the relief four calendar months. I marked the on my becoming a class-leader, which child who ought to be consecrated to evidence in every single case, and every position I continued to hold for five the ministry. John is a bright boy who one of them began in the public house. years, the class numbering sixty mem is sharp at a bargain; he is a made It is the drink system, and the drink bers. During most of this time I was merchant, George has remarkable cere alone, that leads to all this crime, and also superintendent of the Sunday bral development; make him a lawyer misery and sorrow. Yesterday I went school, and president of the Y. M. C. Henry has a large growth of chest and a through a mile and three quarters of Association of my own town, in which taste for military things; send him to miserable, wretched streets, manifest capacity I for the first time met Mr. | West Point. William is fond of sketch

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AN APT ILLUSTRATION.

I noticed, when once riding on the top of a stage-coach, that the driver, at certain points on the road, gave one of his forward horses a slight touch of his whip, and as the horses were going a fair pace, I asked him why he did it. He habit of starting and sheering at something seen or imagined at those places on the road, and a touch of the whip, just before arriving there, gave him your sons for the Gospel ministry, take something to think of, so that he passed one of the brightest, wide-awake boys. by without noticing what had before There is tremendous work to do to prestartled him.

serious illness, a pecuniary loss, as the the decadence of church attendance. hour of temptation is at hand, is the touch of the whip. It awakens serious thought. It drives the soul to prayer. dims the false brightness of things earthly, and gives fresh vividness and power to things heavenly and eternal; so that, under such spiritual influences, the points of danger are safely passed, and the rest of life's journey is traveled all the more safely, and the prospects of heaven are made all the brighter.

PREACHERS.

Some points are well taken by Mr. Talmage in these remarks :--

"The trouble begins in the theologi-

cal seminaries. It is a shame that some provision is not made for aged ministers worn out in the service of God. But, All hinges on this question, "Where in the lack of such provision, the theol ogical seminaries are turned into hospitals for sick, aged and infirm ministers. When a man begins to go down they give him the title D. D., by way of res-

I saw of Jesus, the more sorry I felt. Him crucified, not as an abstraction. that I had grieved him. Since I set but as an omnipotent sympathy, a my face Zionward, the light has grown Christ who will help us in every domes- lighted. A true Christian discovers his brighter, and I expect it to grow more tic, social, financial, political and naturell tionship to Christ everywhere --even and more unto the perfect day. Short- tional struggle; Christ for the parlor, at a watering place.

ing ships; make him a shipbuilder. But Aleck, who is not very well, who has not a good digestion, who since the last melancholy time has had his spleen en larged; he has a morbid way of look ing at things. He will sit for an hour looking at one figure in the carpet. His language and manner are so mild and soft, so gentle, so effeminate, so heaven replied that that horse had been in the ly, and he cries so easy. Make him as

No, my friends, that is a great mistake. If you want to educate one of pare men for heaven. Ministerial lazi-And is it too much to believe that he ness has cleared out many a church. who is conducting many sons and daugh- | Some ministers run from parler to parters to glory notices all the perilous lor under the plea of pastoral visits, and points they pass, and, when the case re- go gadding about their village or city. quires it, diverts their thoughts and pur- Others becloud their brains with cigarposes from dangerous directions by that smoke them up. Then, on Sungiving them such things to think of as day morning, when they preach Christ will break the force of temptation, and and Him crueined, and it does not bring secure them from wandering? A sad | them a large audience, they write fere bereavement, a bitter disappointment, a miads for the religious newspapers about

THE JEWS.

"The fate of the Jews would seem to have been inevitably to be absorbed in to the mass of the various nations among whom they have been scattered, and whose policy was almost universally such as to crush them into indistinguishable union with themselves. The marvellous result is before us. They are dispersed throughout the world. Wherever com merce is, there are they. But wherever they are, they are unchanged; distinct from the people amongst whom they dwell. Persecution has not destroyed them; toleration, favor, have not melted down the sharp outlines of their character and race. Adversity, prosperity, have passed over them by turns, and alike left them what they were. And should it be in the counsels of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that the predictions of the prophets should be fulfilled literally, and should He summon His ancient people again to inhabit the Holy Land, there are millions who might obey the sum mons from every clime, from India and Asia, Europe and Africa, America and Australia, still a peculiar people, with the same creed, the same observances, the same hopes and fears, the same wellmarked characteristics, with much learnt, perhaps, but nothing lost; who might again raise up a kingdom from Euphrates to the sea, and might again, if God vouchsafed his crowning blessing of belief in the one true Messiah, 'make Jerusalem a praise upon ear.h.' It is a marvelous phenomenon, and, on the ordinary principles of human action, in explicable; but it is but the literal fulfillment of the prophecies uttered by Moses in Horeb more than 3,000 years ago, and echoed by seers of their own in after-ages in words of warning and promise. And they stand before us. this Jewish people, a living demonstra tion that the Divine prescience does predict and perform results which no human foresight could imagine and no human power could accomplish : a testimon; which cannot be gainsaid to 'the sure word of prophecy, whereunto therefore we may, in all its other utterances, the more confidently 'give heed' as to the certain revelations of the God of truth." Sermon by the Bishop of Lindon.

The lamp that does not shine is not

A few such incidents as this would add suggests also the importance of combin-

creatures." The Maharanee's locket,

solemn and earnest accents, "If you forget your promise your God will judge you." She did not say "my God" or "this or that God" but i"vour God." ing in one profession the arts of teachsuggests also what a sphere there is in India for Christian ladies who possess London Methodist.

A RECORDER'S OPINION. When recently considering applications for spirit licenses, the Recorder of Dublin could not conceal his dislike for the duty imposed on him of discriminating between applicants. Long experience in the Criminal Court has made him a thoroughgoing prohibitionist. Where it was possible to do so, he relives up to its principles, and when a fused to grant licenses, and in one case. where the necessities of a publican were

was intended for the Maharanee alone. But the Queen also gave Miss Beilby a message which might be given to everyject :- "We should wish it generally effort made to relieve the suffering state of the women in India." The Maharanee, in parting with Miss Beilby, said in

pleaded, he said :-

"I don't care what his necessities are. I have been for a whole week trying cases such as no Christian judge ought to have to try-cases of outrage and violence in the city, every one of