

Selections.

At a recent session of the Baptist's Ministers Meeting in Denver, Rev. Kerr B. Tupper read a paper on "The Weakness of the Baptists." His first point of weakness was "The Name Baptist," which, he said, is not scriptural. The only name given the church by Christ was the church of God. The third point was limiting the communion to those invited. Christ never did it, said Dr. Tupper, and he contended that "every man should be left to decide for himself as to whether he was fit to partake or not." The fourth point of weakness he believed to be sectarianism, and the fifth, small giving. It is significant that a Baptist Minister of national fame thus in a carefully prepared paper, before a meeting of Baptist ministers, reproves his denomination for their unscriptural church name, their semi-Romish notion that the church is the custodian and dispenser of the communion, and their sectarianism. Dr. Tupper is severely taken to task by D. B. Ray in his American Baptist Flag for these utterances, and invited to leave the denomination, which is very much like the bantam rooster in the stable saying to the horses, "no treading on one another's toes here." There is growth among these Baptists who are not bound by tradition, and the Ray school of Baptists cannot keep them in the old denominational ruts. They will think for themselves. When they do this with open Bibles before them they will be called "Campbellites," but they will keep thinking, nevertheless.—Christian Courier.

Dr. Parkhurst, the Hon. Joseph Larouque, Chairman of the committee of seventy, and the Hon. Frank Moss, Associate counsel with Mr. Goff on the Lexow Committee, addressed a large mass-meeting in the Second Church of the Disciples of Christ, on Thursday evening, Feb. 14th. The rally was held under the auspices of the 29th Assembly District, City Vigilance League. Dr. Parkhurst is at the head of the league, which is pledged to watch all the city departments in order to detect and correct any municipal wrong that may arise. This meeting was held to arouse the public conscience on matters of public corruption. Dr. Parkhurst spoke for an hour, most earnestly pleading for a continuation of the work of reform began at the election last November. He bitterly condemned the bill now pending in the Legislature, looking toward the creation of Police Commission

with a Bi partisan head, and vigorously argued for the right of the people as supreme over the wishes of the legislature. It was quite evident that the large audience which represented the best element in this part of the city was in hearty sympathy with the utterances of the famous preacher. Mr. Joseph Larouque, who followed Dr. Parkhurst, is one of the leading members of the American bar. Besides, he has done a great work for New York City as chairman of the famous Citizens' Committee of Seventy. His address was dispassionate, compact, logical and bristling with telling facts. Mr. Frank Moss is widely known both as the legal counsel for the Society for the Prevention of Crime and as associate counsel of Mr. Goff on the Lexow Committee. He made a pleasing address. Perhaps some one will say, "Politics in the church?" Yes, but moral politics. This meeting was not partisan in any sense. In evidence is the fact that Republicans, Democrats and Prohibitionists on the platform and in the audience heartily concurred in the utterances and resolutions of the meeting. The people of the community feel greatly honored in having such celebrities come into their midst.—S. T. WILLIS, in Christian Evangelist.

If you cannot on the ocean Sail among the swiftest fleet, Rocking on the highest billows, Laughing at the storms you meet. You can stand among the sailors Anchored yet within the bay; You can lend a hand to help them As they launch their boats away.

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46 Jacob sendeth Benjamin. GENESIS, 43. Joseph entertaineth his brethren. CHAPTER XLIII. AND the famine was sore in the land. 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. 3 And Judah spake unto him, saying: 16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring these men home, and make ready; for these men shall dine with me at noon. 17 And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. 18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house:



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