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To THE PROPRIETOR C

OUR PLATFORM.

This term is peculiar and American, but not perhaps the less expressive for both characteristics. "Our platform" simply means a statement of our principles made before the public for the benefit of our friends and those who may see fit to act with us; and last, though not least, for those who, either through ignorance or ill-will, misrepresent our views and sentiments on all matters relating to religion. And we would now, once for all, state as clearly as we can the position which the Church OBSERVER wishes to hold amongst the religious papers of the day.

1st. We claim to be a sound "church" paper. We desire to send into the families which support us, a paper that will not only instruct and amuse, but that will aid materially in extending and propagating unmistakeable "church" principles. We claim to belong to a branch of God's divinely-instituted church. We claim for our three-fold order of ministry divine appointment; and we claim, as the right of our children, distinctive teaching on these important matters'
We have not the slightest intention of casting
stones at those who differ with us on these subjects, while claiming the same privileges for
themselves; but we do claim the right of making the clearest distinction between those doctrines of grace, which to a great extent are
our common property, and those principles of
organization, and government on which it is
plain we cannot possibly agree. As far as the
latter are concerned we desire our children
should be instructed from a Church of England
stand-point, and that in tones so clear, conservative and decisive, as to aid in enabling them
hereafter to fill (with honor to the church) our
places when we are dead and gone.

2nd. We claim to be a sound PROTESTANT
paper. We use the word in the plainest sense.
Protestant as opposed to Popery and its somewhat deformed child "Ritualism." We desire
to extend those views for which our fathers died, distinctive teaching on these important matters.

what deformed child "Ritualism." We desire to extend those views for which our fathers died, and with which we earaestly believe the "truth as it is in Jesus" is so intimately connected, that to allow them to be clouded is to darken that narrow road which leadeth unto life eternal. We do not wish to be personal or needlessly offensive,—neither do we wish to seek out controversy for mere controversy's sake; but we are determined to be plain and outspoken against those who, calling themselves Anglican clergy-men, who eat of the church's bread and drink of those who, calling themselves Anglican clergymen, who eat of the church's bread and drink of the church's cup, yet strive to turn our Anglican churches into Popish mass meetings,—our Protestant laity into enemies of that church in which they were baptized. We make no apology for writing thus plainly, when in our city anricular confession and priestly absolution are boldly preached, and, we suppose, put in practice. When it comes to that, silence would be a sin, and/we will not be silent.

3rd. We claim to be an Evangelical paper. We need not define the term further than by saying that we will maintain and propagate those doctrines which present Christ's personal atonement, once offered as the only source of a sinner's salvatien, and faith in that atonement as the means whereby the sinner must be saved. We take our stand on the articles of our church, and foremost among them the 11th, 12th, 17th, 19th and 3ist.

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Such, in a few words, is "our platform," and we ask all who can honestly endorse these views to ald and assist our effort, either by special donations towards our enterprise, or by subscriptions, or both. We ask our evangelical church elergy in our various dioceses not only to seek to extend the paper in their parishes, but also to aid us with literary contributions, or such items of church news as would prove generally acceptable to church people. We hope to make our paper successful, and a credit and aid to the church with which it is connected.

Montreal, 2nd January, 1868.

MONTREA

O gift of God! a perfect Whereon no man shall Whereon it is enough for Not to be doing, but to

Through every fibre of Through every nerve, t I feel the electric thrill Of life, that seems alm

I hear the wind amo Playing celestial sym I see the branches do

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20.00 Its craggy summits

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Towering o'er all a As a broad river In power res

MONTREAL, Q. Amid that bat

O noble hearts! see far and wide, On Gilboa's hills your legions fly: Or where their blood the soil hath dyed, Ghastly in death around you lie.

No more they fight for victory: No longer combat for renown:
They now but seek to bravely die,
And lay their lives with honor down.

' Farewell to conquest and to crown,"
The king, at length, despairing cries;
'The God of Israel's satal frown" "Unnerves my arms and dims my eyes":

"His sword alone my courage tries,"—
"His wrath alone my soul appals,"—
He looks to where his first-born lies,
And like a stately cedar falls.

Family Circle

Original. THE TWINS. BY AN EX-GARRISON CHAPLAIN (Continued) CHAPTER II.

day's walk" in any country; the bloom of unbroken health colored their cheeks,— dark brown hair curled closely around their his brother's voice, from the midst of a attire, no stranger could meet them without admiring their appearance. Robert was an enthusiastic musician, and sang regularly with the Chapel choir; and William shared in such execises, although truth to say, he greatly preferred singing "Donnybrook fair," or "The Boys of Kilkenny," with some rather wild companions over what is falsely called "a social glass," of which to the great grief of his sober, steady brother, and other relatives, he was becoming too fond. Often yielding to his broken under the temptations of companions, who wanted his funny sayings and had placed him. comic songs to amuse them, and were ut-

youth, and handing some silver to a clever sergeant, told him to treat the young fellow, and try to secure him for the regiment; and so, after a short talk about the weather, the crops, shooting, and hunting. William found himself drinking a can of beer with the sergeant, as sociably as if they had been old acquaintances: the combined exertions of the two newly-made friends soon made a fresh supply necessary, which the sergeant provided, and which seemed stronger than the other, for before it was finished, William volunteered a song, and a third measure of ale. The song he gave with his whole heart, but in searching for cash to pay for the beer he could find none.

steps, and, before his brother arrived, his destiny was fixed.

Almost maddened by grief and indignation, Robert hastened to the quarters of Captain Selbright, who had allowed him to speak with William on the previous day, and there protested loudly against the cruel injustice of the case, and the wicked-ness of those men who made his only brother for before it was finished, William volunteered a song, and a third measure of ale. The song he gave with his whole heart, but in searching for cash to pay for the beer he could find none.

William went for beer, and the sergeant slipped away to the stables to report his

make, when we have you in our hands for a while." "Nonsense said William, trying to sober himself, "I'm no more enlisted than you are." "Just so," replied the other, "I enlisted ten years ago, and see what I am now; and you enlisted now that shakes me with terror and apprehense."

"And the will travel about from place to place at the country's cost learn how the world goes,—in short, see life.'"

"Ah!" cried Robert, "that is the very thing I fear,—there is the terrible truth cloud, or aather, look to the cloud's passing that shakes me with terror and apprehense." and may be you'll be as high as me in ten young fellow. "If you say that again I'll put you under arrest, you impudent—" but before he could conclude the sentence the tall sergeant-major had measured his diately seized by half-a-dozen soldiers, and securely hand-cuffed; and when the draand, baving a soldier, with a loaded carbine, beside him, was taken off to taste his first experience in military life. More than half bewildered, and not recovered from the drink he had lately swallowed, part of which had been mixed with whiskey, he sat silent, inwardly and bitterly cursing his guilt and folly, but quite unable to realize his dreadful situtuation, or look in-When the Twins attained the age of to the future: when Robert-who had untwenty-one years they were as fine, manly- furtunatly gone to K-on that day, was looking fellows as you could meet in a returning in the public car which plied well-shaped heads,—they were exactly six company of dragoons—sprang from his feet in height, and as they walked arm-in- seat, ran after the soldiers, add with franarm on Sundays or holidays, in their best tic cries called upon them to stop; to which attire, no stranger could meet them with- they paid not the slightest attention, untill

firmed habit, and acquired the mighty to his home to watch for the morning, power which "strong drink" wields over its subjects; but as often his promises were effort to rescue the victim of folly and in-

graceful punishment, and the flatteries in regard to his success, as a splendid soldier confused the young man's mind; and almost unconsciously he took the necessary steps, and, before his brother arrived, his head on his hands for a minute or two

other, as I understand non laborer—"

sir, you are misin-worked on his near

of-years, ago way, in such a villiage as F—eat together till you are made a cornet,—as he will travel about from place to place at privates or non-commissioned officers—one

that shakes me with terror and apprehen- away." " "It's a lie," roared the sion,—you say he will 'see life; but can length on the pavement, struck down as if mately associated with his comrades, many ther,, and that, too under your command. he was shot, by a terrible blow from the strong arm of William Maher, who was imwith companions, to 'the canteen,' where he can obtain intoxicating liquors, without going out of the barracks, to the deep disgoons were ready to proceed to the bar-racks in K—he was tied on a hired car grace of the British government! He must move about from city to city, or colony to colony, without remaining any-where long enough to form a lasting friendthe tavern-keepers, and the—pardon me— the very vilest of both sexes, who, like beasts of prey, prowl about your soldiers, 'seeking whom they may devour'; and, oh! sir he must be away from me, who, untill the last miserable one, never was separated from him for a single night since we were born. Oh! what shall I do! what shall I do!"

And the young man went to a window to hide the scalding tears, and repress the sobs, which shook his frame in his agony. Deeply moved by his distress, Capt. Se!bright, after a pause, said,-

both ends meet.

"I feel, sir, you speak in kindness," re-

him as a soldier he is easily led, he cannot where, when, or by whom. terly indifferent to the consequences to their boon-companion. One thing in particular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning, letters of recommendaticular foreboded evil for the poor fellow's tensuing morning future career; no inducement could pre-

no time in com-ts. The few mo-are evidently talented, and educated far m end, when he above your class in life; from the way in d been already which you speak of a soldiers danger's you ical inspection, will know how to avoid them, and be the means of keeping your brother from them ad been carried also; enlist now, and I promise you the also; enlist now, and I promise you the stripes shall soon be on your arm,—the colonel is my warm friend, and my interest with him shall be freely given you; but it will be only necessary for him to know your case, for he is always ready to promote deserving men,—he will find employment for you in writing up the books of the regiment in the orderly-room,—and all your leisure time by day and night, you can spend with your brother."

with his whole heart, but in searching for cash to pay for the beer he could find none, when the sergeant said, "Never mind, old ter over, and I think you will see it is all fellow, it's all one which of us has it; here for the best; your brother, as I understand more, is it impossible to get him free?"

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"It is at present quite out of the question; you must have seen by the newspapers that England is very likely to be soon ver received a day's at war, and that all her regiments are ordered to get a full complement of men as speedily as posible, and in such a case vain; but I seriously advise you to follow the course I have pointed out, and assure you that you will always find me a willing friend. Consult your friends, putting the

> "I can never forget your kindness," said Robert, as he sat with the captain, "and am almost perfectly certain to enlist with you, not with the hope of preferment you hold out, but in order to be with my bro-

To be continued.

HE ONLY HURTS HIMSELF.

"What a pity Mr. A. drinks so much He is a clever fellow, however, and the only harm he does is to himself.

There is not word of truth in the above, although it is the verdict rendered every day by the unthinking public. True, he may not be an outbreaking blackguard, or a noisy, quarrelsome rowdy, as the majority of whiskey drinkers are; but to say that he only hurts himself is an untenable position. Go ask his heart-broken wife if he only hurts himself! Hear her heavy sigh as she bends over an unfinished garment, and with strained eyes and trembling fingers, plies the needle as the only means by which she can procure bread to keep her children from starving, and then ask her if he only hurts himself? See him eating the bread she earned with her tired hands for his famishing children, and tell us if he only hurts himself? See him taking the furniture, the bed, even the old family Bible, to pawn for rum, and then say if you can, he only hurts himself!

HOW TO GUARD FRUIT.

As a single specimen of what may be done in the way of moral influence, we will give one fact :

A family, consisting mostly of ladies, of a farmer, in a small way, who struggles had possession of a fine fruit-garden, which stood in the suburbs of a city, surrounded by small tenement-houses, mostly of foreign population. Of course it was next to implied Robert, "and I must tell you the possible for any genteel family in that truth,— my brother is a noble minded neighbourhood to eat any of the fruit that good-hearted a fellow as you could find, but grew npon their own trees: it was all carhe has one fault,—the most dangerous for ried off in the night—nobody knew exactly

ruture career; no inducement could prevail on him to take the total-abstinence pledge; he said he needed no bond to tie him down to sobriety, and refused to pledge himself along with his brother, who had never tasted intoxicating liquor, but was quite willing to make the vow for hi