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FROM THE PAPERS.

Six of the graduating class of New

New York and Philadelphia have sent

forth this spring from their Medical

Schools five hundred and seventy-five

Dr. Day, of Boston, who has treated

over 7000 cases of inebriety, says that

eight-tenths of them are the traceable

A recent witticism attributed to the

At a recent examination in Peking, a

Chinese boy performed the almost in-

eredible feat of repeating the whole New Testament without missing a single word.

The amount contributed annually in

the United States for foreign missions is

less than the sum spent for intoxicating

The Examiner and Chronicle (Baptist)

says that "it is a fact, and a distreasing

one, that changes have taken place in a

single year in about one-third of all the

The way to introduce a Methodist

paper into every Methodist family is,

for each Official Board, with the pastor,

From Christian Guardian, Toronto:

"Hen H. Windom, recently appointed

Secretary of the Treasury in the Amer-

te take the matter in hand and do it.

pastorates in the State of New York.

Bishop of London is : "The Dean of Westminster is the chief Nonconformist

results of wine and beer-drinking.

York University Medical College intend

to go abroad as medical missionaries.

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-Christian Advocate.

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The Dowager Queen Caroline Amelia.

of Denmark, who died the other day,

lived for the last thirty years in the

greatest seclusion. She occupied her-

self only with works of charity, annual-

ly putting aside one-third of her income

Noticing the prohibition tidal-wave the Methodist Advocate says: "In Geor-

gia, much is being done. Mississippi

is falling into line. Arkansas and Texas

are surprising the world by their advance movements. In the South, at this time,

there is more interest in prohibition than

\$10,000 in extension. - Witness.

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"The Christian Unionnominates Count Higuana to be Chief of Police in New York city. He has had the honor to receive four petard explosions in the street opposite his house, Madrid, Spain, an honor which he has earned by having closed sixty gambling houses and sent from twenty to thirty gamblers to

the common jail. An Episcopal paper has the following: It is expected that Miss Smiley will ister of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland Con-ferences. be in Cincinnati during Lent, and will give Bible readings in Christ Church. The Bishop of Southern Ohio heartily approves of the invitation of the rector of Christ Church to this gifted Christian teacher to visit Cincinnati and begin this work.

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A bill has been passed by the Wisconsin Assembly which makes insanity for five years a sufficient ground for divorce. Insanity is a disease of the mind, almost always having its source in the body ; and to make disease a ground of divorce between parties who have taken each other for "better or worse" strikes us as altogether a new idea.

The Constitution of California provides that the judges of the higher courts of that state shall not receive their monthly salary without first taking an oath that no cause remains undecided that has been submitted to them for a period of ninety days. If a judge does not decide a case within this time, then his pay stops till he does so.

The Philadelphia Christian Statesman disposes of the question of wine at state dinners in this style : "It is no more necessary for the President of the United States to furnish wine to guests from wine-drinking countries than it would be to furnish whale-blubber and tallow candles for a delegation of Esquimaux. or jerked buffalo meat for a company of Indian chiefs.'

The Rev. Joseph Cook is thus spoken of by a Welsh paper : "You might take him for a well-to-do farmer of the Vale of Glamorgan-happy, contented, well-ied, a large share-holder in our veritable flesh and blood. When he begins to speak, it is not the speech of the elegant scholar or the polished man of the embezzling the funds of others, entrustworld which strikes you ; but a homely, ed to them for safe keeping. broad, farm-lik = accent, with a dash of

A GOOD CHARACTER. BY REV. G. O. HUESTIS.

A good character is not talent, or remarkable mental ability : for some men thus endowed by nature, are not in possession of a good character. Others, who have not been favored with special intellectual power, have acquired great excellence of character. Nor is it genius; inventive thought, in literature, cience and mechanics. The history of our race furnishes many examples of persons possessing this rare quality of mind, while the leading features of the moral character were far below the proper standard. Much of the genius and talent of our world has been prematurely buried in the swamps of sensuality and intemperance. Mere mental endowments and acquisitions are not a safe breakwater against the inflowing tides of vice. Neither is a good character reputation : the esteem and respect of our fellow men, though this is generally associated with it. We may lose the reputation without being deprived of the desirable character. Colton, with great propriety, says, "The two most precious things this side the grave are our reputation and our life. But it

is to be lamented that the most contemptible whisper may deprive us of the one, and the weakest weapon of the other." As long as hypocrisy is a possibility among men, reputation may be based upon a false assumption. We may think too highly of others as well as of ourselves. Of late years, our Province, as well as other places, has furnished too many sad illustrations of this possibility. Men high in social position, men-

tally well developed, encircled with worldly honours, enjoying the confidence of the public, professed Christians, were yet for years deliberately

If then a good character be neither talent, genius, nor reputation, nor the combination of all three, what is it We answer with all brevity, the moral inclination or purpose of the soul, the spiritual nature. According to this definition, the elements of a good character are found chiefly in man's moral nature. But this is closely interwoven with the intellect ; we cannot speak of one without implying the existence and influence of the other. Character, then, is not a natural endowment, nor a providential gift, but an acquired possession. We form it for ourselves. And we do it more by thought, than by either words or deeds. Through these, others learn our character. As a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he." Right thoughts precede right actions. It is "out of the abundance of the heart the

its influence. If each thought be pure and right, the soul will be lovely, and will sparkle with happiness ; but if im-

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and wretchedness." Character is a possession worth acquir ing. " That character is power, is true in a much higher sense, than that know ledge is power." Duke Chartres used to boast that no one could have less real regard for character than himself ; yet, he would gladly give twenty thousand pounds for a good one, because he could immediately make double that sum by means of it. Franklin writes well this subject : "The most trifling actions that affect a man's credit are to be regarded. The sound of your hammer at five in the morning or nine at night, heard by a creditor, makes him easy six months longer; but if he sees you at a sends for his money the next day. A good character may be obtained, lost and regained while we live on earth, but not in the next state of being. This solemn thought should always influence our minds. In eternity this mental and moral possession will con-

tinue unchanged. "He that is unjust that is righteous let him be righteous as the "hit" of the evening. From still ; and he that is holy let him be holy still."

### Burlington, N. S.

A SECRET OF SUCCESS.

At the last meeting of the Metropolian Methodist Lay Mission, London, the Lord Mayor in the chair, The Rev. H. Highes, M. A., asked why it was the

100 had been admitted to Society classes. Why had God given them this great result at Barry-road, where ten years No 14

Inspiration has put on record that in the last days men, though "having a pure and wrong, there will be deformity form of godliness," will be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. The present is peculiarly an age of light ness and trifling among professors of godliness. Some readers may remember the missionary meeting in Brooklyn. N. Y., wherein two noted ministers vied for the mastery in clownishness; and one enthusiastic partaker in the churchly nonsense styled it a "pentecost feast of jollity." This expression is evidence of the irreverence which prevails, if it is not begotten, even in such assemblies. Forty years ago platform jokes and public witticisms were confined to political or convivial assemblies. Now a speaker, to please, even though he occupies a pulpit, must tickle the ears of billiard table or hears your voice at a the giddy and the gay, or be counted a tavern, when you should be at work, he failure. The curse of intemperance is a subject of sufficient solemnity to cause

groanings rather than mirth, but a temperance lecturer is expected to keep the house convulsed with laughter. We attended a "'temperance " meeting not long since, wherein a man told a very silly story, not at all related to the subject of temperance, and let him be unjust still ; and he which is he was not only uproariously applauded, filthy let him be filthy still; and he but his "speech" was commented upon

> such meetings the people retire in a state of mental and moral dissipation. If good impressions are made at all they of folly.

Methodists of London had never really Methodist ministers met to consider out of which the confessional had sprung. supported the Metropolitan Methodist this subject, might be expected to pre- was not restored. "I believe in the Lay Mission ? "He believed it was be- sent a scene of more than ordinary communion of saints," said the worshipcause the lay Methodists of London had gravity. But even there it took but a pers, as they met together from time to

THE AGE OF LIGHTNESS. heritance, incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

Well and truly has it been said that if is "convenient to be rich," and that "it is very inconvenient to be poor." But the advantages of wealth and the inconveniences of poverty are only tenporary, and whether a man be in one or the other condition, is of hitle conse quence compared with the assurance of his eternal salvation. But if riches involve eternal bankruptcy, their nonpossession is a blessing and not a curse. Of how many rich men may be said that dying they left not only property, but everything. They entered eternity bank rupt. But of how many may it be said. that dying penniless, they entered eternity rich-rich in spiritual life, rich in lofty character and rich in heirship with Jesus Christ.

#### THE CLASS-MEETING.

Some time ago a minister of the Established Church, whilst catechising a village school in the Isle of Man, asked the question, "What is meant by 'the communion of saints ?" There was a pause. Looking round, the minister repeated the question. " Can none of you tell me what the communion of saints is ?" A little girl then put out her hand. "Well, what is it ?" "Please, sir," said she, " it is the classmeeting." The minister passed on to the next question.

At the time of the Reformation the are lost beneath an overflowing tide Romish Confessional was abelished from the English Church. It was a grand Once we attended a Monday morning work done. One of the addest things meeting of Methodist ministers in Bos- in the Established Church to day is the ton. The subject for discussion was attempt which is being made to reinsti-"Sanctification." A score or more of tute it. But the original institution. never really believed in the need of small matter to elate them even to loud time ; but, so far as this life is concerned, they had no opportunities afforded them for enjoying that communion - the "fellowship" of the early Christians. vention of the National Association to It was reserved for a later Reformation, or revival, to restore that ancient means of grace. The story of how this was brought about is told very plainly in the "Rules of the Society of the People called Methodists." The class-meeting is the distinguishing feature of Methol dism. A Methodist, in the highest sense, is one who meets in class. He receives the quarterly token of member ship, and is eligible, if suitable in other respects, for appointment to the various offices of the Church.

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ican Cabinet, is a brother of Mrs. John Douglas, sister-in-law of Rev. Dr. Doug-The land swindles just unearthed in las, of Montreal."

Missouri cover 1,000,000 acres, and have been in progress since 1854, though carried on so skillfully that detection has been delayed until now. The ring enin foreign missions, but New York city gaged in the business is believed to have included government officials, and it acquired large tracts of public land before the war for almost nothing, by preparing false affidavits that wild lands had been

actually settled and cultivated.

The Sunday-school collection at Mamaroneck, N.Y., for worn-out ministers, to which we called attention last week. was a great success. Mr. Rushmore reports that the collection amounted to \$600, while the church gives enough to

for a worthy cause and its collections. We hope that the Mamaroneck plan will be tried elsewhere, everywhere and thoroughly. - N. Y. Methodist.

The Southern Churchman save the Tunkers in Missouri have split on the question whether, in feet, washing, one foot or both should be washed. This is incorrect. If such schism has occurred, it was, probably, on the question of using

washes and wipes the feet of another ; in the double mode, one person washes Baptist aptly says, "It is not the land-lords or the land laws that keep Ireland and another wipes. Both modes are allowed and both have been used for down, it is whiskey, ignorance, and suyears. Think of a saint with only one foot washed !- N. Y. Independent.

> The Echo and Daily News have been giving us a peep into the household arrangements of the Establishment. No Methodist preachers could be induced to change places with Anglican curates on pecuniary grounds. The "educated gentleman," the stay and glory of 2000 country parishes, in the absence of the incumbent, has still a golden opportunity of serving the wealthiest Church in hristendem, and "passing rich on £40

in the diocese whose Archbishop receives Methodist

The Bishop of Toronto, preaching in Grace Church on a recent Sunday, attributed the stationary position of the Church of England in Canada to lack of deacon who lives fifty miles away. and has to be sent for whenever they have missionary enterprise. The church in the communion. Conversions are unwhich the Bishop made the remarks was being reopened after an expenditure of known. The congregations are small, but the Church has a settled pastor and

The New Orleans Advocate says of a of our readers could conjecture how. formidable report of deficiencies in min-The church has a grave-yard, the only isteri il support in certain Conferences : one there, and its principal revenue is "The preachers can live better without derived from the sale of graves. Forty receiving these amounts than the Church or fifty persons a year are buried there, can without paying them. There is a and at \$10 each for graves the income sure remedy for these things, as there is is \$400 or \$500. Instead of the dead for every form of sin. It lies first in burying the dead, this may be said to be the getting of more religion, and second the dead keeping the dead alive. -- Chrisin the changing of our methods.' tian Advocate.

mouth speaketh." Character is a conscious possession, we know what we are.

By divine arrangement, ability and all the people who lived in the neighbouropportunities to form good character are placed within the reach of every one. So that those who have it not, cannot just | But in the British Army the captains ly blame God or his providence. Al- led the men ; and so it must be in Methough many influences, human and thodism if they were to succeed. He Divine, conspire to build up a man's ventured to say that if the Lord Mayor character, the superstructure rises not would visit every house on one side of

direction and co-operation. It is a most for Leicester the other-(laughter and affecting thought that we are now daily applause)-and the work was followed

words, steps form the alphabet by which

desire to appear." Another writer the Salvation Army? Methodists were "true riches" either here or hereafter. ter was clean, the icicle remained clear, the water was alightly muddy, the icicle looked foul, and its beauty was spoiled.

vstematic house-to-house visitation ; laughter and clapping of hands. Many they seemed to consider that if they doctors of divinity, and mostly Presbyterians also, we saw in the annual conbuilt a fine chapel, and obtained a popular preacher, and got the place filled, their duty was done. If it did not fill procure the "religious amendment" of they complained of the people or the the constitution ; and even here mirth preacher, or wrote to the papers comseemed all-prevailing. Only two promiplaining, attributing its non-success to nent men of the large number there prethe use of the Liturgy, or to having sent refrained from joining in the noise too many mutual improvement societies : of cheering and stamping.

but at his chapel at Barry-road they had The Presbyterian Northern Assembly both, and during the last month it pleashas passed through its session in Madied the Almighty to grant them a most son, Wisconsin. The first business set blessed revival of religion. It had been the D. D.'s in a glee : and a corresponhis privilege to hold an eight days' misdent to the Christian at Work, reports : sion : over four hundred persons entered "I never saw an assembly of any delibthe enquiry-room, of whom more than erative kind start off with so much good humor and merriment."

And so they go. The whole world. religious and secular, is given to triffing, ago there was no Methodism of any and is growing wild with sensational kind? He believed it was the result of excitements. A Baptist paper, somesystematic house-to-house visitation of hood. Five thousand houses were thus situation-"Drifting." Where will these visited with the result he had stated. things end ? "From such turn away."

#### BANKRUPT IN ETERNITY.

Recently at a prayer-meeting, a broeternity ;" and all who are capable of estimating the importance of the future building up a character that may vet be by other influential men, similar success over the present must agree in the stamped with immortality. While it is would be achieved in the Brixton-hill judgment. There are those blest true, that as regards worldly goods, we Circuit. As the result of the mission with an abundance of this world's ing must have a rich blessing. I am brought nothing into this world, and services that had been held in the three goods, who are making to themselves sure no hypocrite could attend a second shall carry nothing out, it is equally chapels in the Mostyn-road Circuit there "friends of the mammon of unright- time, so close is the scrutiny. It would true that we brought moral and mental would be the addition of at least 300 eousness" and are taking heed to the be uncongenial to any except the sincere capacity into this world, and shall take members to the Methodist Society. divine charge to "lay up for them- and earnest seeker after Jesus." She House-to-house visitation had brought selves treasures in heaven." Too many, established class-meetings herself. "My

ex-Methodists in London who were duced by a love of "Lucre," and, es- for me fortnightly. He comes from the formerly class-leaders and local preach- teeming worldly riches above righteous-Within a hundred miles of New York you may spell character. "The way to ers, but who in London had lost their ness, are absorbed in the pursuit of the is the sweetest hour he spends. Every stands an old church. It has but one gain a good reputation," Socrates peace with God. Why should success former, to the utter neglect of the latsays, "is to endeavor to be what you only be achieved by the Ritualists and ter. They have no appreciation of the

> beautifully remarks on the formation of too fond of depressing one another and All their possessions are on earth and. character, "Have you ever watched the looking at the dark side. He was thank- when they leave the world, they will how it froze, one drop at a time, until to have done with grumbling and criti- nothing laid up for themselves in eterit was a foot long or more ? If the wa- cising. They must put on a cheerful nity, but will enter it utterly bankrupt. these meetings." The worst foes of the courage, and organise these missions and In contrast with such folly, how wise class-meeting are dullness and formality and sparkled brightly in the sun; but if employ numbers of such men as Mr. and commendable is the choice of those keep these out, and we shall keep hifs Cropper as agents, then the day of their whose supreme aim is to secure "dur- and blessing in. mourning would be ended and the Me- able riches," and who, though poor here,

Just so our characters are formed. One thodist chapels of London would be are able to rejoice in the prespect of fi little thought or feeling at a time adds crowded with happy congregations. nally coming into possession of "an in- swered than the prayer of words.

Mrs. Wightman, the wife of a clergyman of the Established Church, in a small book called "The Annals of the Rescued." tells us that she was asked by some of the people whom she had been the means of leading to Jesus to time since enquired, "Where are we commence a class-meeting like the classdrifting ?" That well expresses the meeting of the Methodists. She confesses that she was prejudiced against the class-meeting ; but like an honest woman she resolved to go

and see and hear for herself. Accordingly she accompanied a Methodist one evening, sat and listened. She says. ther was heard to say, "I had rather be "I must acknowledge that all my proa pauper on earth than a bankrupt in judices vanished. The deep humility of all present and the wise and apt quotations from Scripture suited to each individual case struck me as being most remarkable. In wise hands such a meet-The formation of character is a serious to light the fact that there were many however, possessed of wealth, are se- husband," she continues, " takes one class with a radiant face, and tells me # one speaks freely of his trials, struggles. &c., ; asks counsel on special occasions. and receives encouragement from the treasury of God's Word. The same truths which appear of general applica straight to the heart when spoken at

The prayer of deeds is oftener an-

#### We are constantly hearing the cry against the amount of money expended

expends two-thirds as much on its police as all societies in the United States together spend in foreign missions. By the way, I find we are to have a succession of Presidents in the Œcumenical Conference from day to day, per-

haps a new one each day of the twelve. Variety is charming. I hope it will prove so in this case. — London Methodist. Christian union was well illustrated

in Birmingham, England, January 16th, make it \$3000. Here is a bit of example when the pastors of sixty-one different churches-Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian-exchanged

Postmaster-general James, in declining a banquet tendered him by New York merchants, thanked them for their appreciation of the manner in

which he has performed his duties in the past, but he adds that the trial of his the single or double mode. The single In noting the fact that in spite of its mode is that in which one person both famine Ireland consumed over \$50,000. 000 in whiskey last year, the National

a year." A curate is mentioned as re- a self-made character out. ceiving £5 a year and a furnished house £15,000 and has two palaces.-London matter. Salvator says. "Actions, looks.

the expenses are paid. Perhaps not one icicle as it formed ? Have you noticed ful for the new departure ; it was time take nothing with them, and will have tion when heard from the pulpit go home

