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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Sunday-School Times says " Many a strong character was only pulp to begin with and but for a providential pressure upon it would have remained pulp until this day."

Injurious gossip is not exclusively a womanly failing. Many men are shamefully addicted to it. But there is in the New Testament a special warning to women with reference thereto. - Nash. Adv.

"That is Brother---; he is killing himself with tobacco." Glancing along the Conference aisle we saw the thin, wasted, intelligent face. Can it be that a Methodist preacher is killing himself with tobacco?-St. Louis Ad.

It is said by a writer in the Boston Transcript that Mr. G. W. Cable forfeited his first literary position (on the New Orleans Picayune) through conscientious scruples against attending a theater and critically reporting the performance. He is a Presbyterian.

We hope our next General Confe r ence will take into consideration the propriety of practicing our Low Church doctrines, so far as to authorize Elder Allen, in China, to ordain our preachers there, so as to save the needless expense and danger of an Episcopal visit to that far-off land. The trip to China killed Marvin .- Holston Meth.

The preacher who took his metaphysics and philosophy to the seat of learning where his auditors were mostly professors and students, missed the mark. It was like giving salt rations to sailors who had been on a six months' voyage. The fact is, the simple gospel is the best thing for the pulpit at all times -Nashville Adv.

"Every preacher who will make the proper effort can induce every Methodist in his charge, who is the head of a family, to subscribe for their Such is the opinion expressed by a preacher who has been We would be glad if a good agent. every preacher would "make the proper effort," and send us the net result. -Texas Adv.

The most conspicuous political worker in St. Louis, and one of the which we deem altogether bad we are most influential in his party, against | glad to find one line of thought which whom proceedings in court have been we can heartily commend. He told recently had, defines and defends his his mixed congregation that if a Protcharacter by saying: "As for my past estant died in favor with God he love Me he will keep My Word, and life, if my whole history were known would be saved, while the Roman My Father will love him and we will to any man, he could tell nothing Catholic who dies without being in that could put me in jail. - Central

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Methodist has some remarks on the location of churches. Referring to Philadelphia he says: "See how our churches are grouped in clusters, so close in some instances, that they can hear each other's singing, while in other populous portions of our city. for more than a mile square there is a close, and came to his mother that forward be "the Lamb in the midst not a single Methodist church."

tells of a minister who preached on busy writing a letter. When that is would so come into the consciousness of "How Jonah felt when the whale done you may say your prayers.' The His disciples when in a state of prepaswallowed him," 'Where Samson got little fellow waited a minute or two his foxes," "What a woman will do very patiently, and then, coming back when she gets mad,' and "A little to his mother, said "Mamma, don't man who was too much for a big one." you think prayers more precious than real and blessed than if He should There was one redeeming feature writing letters? God's can't wait. about him: he advertised these topics Ernie's mother laid aside her letter at beforehand, so that sensible people the gentle rebuke, and the evening could stay away. - Richmond Adv.

"Cut the cancer out," is the treatment that the Boston Watchman suggests for the Mormon infamy. "Letting alone," it says, "has been tried on Mormonism for a generation; and the success of the treatment is not such as to be boasted of. It is high time for a more heroic treatment. Thirty days of Oliver Cromwell would suffice for an honorable and healthy end to the thing.

At a recent sitting of the French Chamber of Deputies, a proposition was introduced for the separation of Church and State. The vote was 143 in favor, 357 against. This looks as though the object desired by the Protestants of France was a long way from being accomplished; but we may rest assured that the agitation will go on until in the French Republic there by advanced and is advancing. The will not only be perfect freedom in matters of religion, but the separation was proof of this, but there is other of Church and State. - Zion's Herald.

The adoption by many of the highest class ladies of Constantinople, of occidental costumes so far as to discard the veil which hides their beauty from the public gaze, has received a audden check. One of these ladies, a Turkish widow, eloped with a Christian, and is said to have been married to him in Paris. The event caused great excitement in Stamboul, and the issue of a proclamation to the effect that hereafter the strict rules of the K ran with regard to the seclusion of women must be enforced.

At Honolulu, in the Hawaiian Islands, the four hundredth birthday of Martin Luther was celebrated, as it was in all lands where civilization and lived he never dreamed that there were such islands in the seas; but the gospel which he rescued from neglect and republished in fresh, glowing words, has reached them, and the name of Luther is to this generation of the dwellers therein a name of re-

It seems a fearful fact to contemplate, that while multitudes are perishing for lack of food, and through having to exist in habitations unfit for occupation, rich men in our city are spending, as in one case we hear of, £20,000 on a stable, and in another, £5,000 on a billiard-room. Wealth is a great privilege, if rightly used, but the selfish misuse of it, to the forgetfulness of the poor and needy, is a crime, and forms a glaring breach of both tables of the moral law. - Chris-

The financial and spiritual necessities of the Church have been too long than a figurative sense, that He now divorced. If we had a more steady and healthy spiritual life we would be able to dispense with the somewhat, if not altogether, carnal method of raising money for church necessities. Liberality and spirituality are closely allied, and when money can only be come at by an appeal to the "base necessities of the stomach," or to "the lust for pretty things," it is an almost certain sign that the life of the church is at a very low ebb."-Independent.

Mr. P. T. Barnum is determined if possible to prevent any contest over his will on the ground of insanity. He has just drawn up a codicil to his will in presence of his family physician and two other well known physicians of Bridgeport, Conn., one an allopath. ist and the other a homosopathist, all of whom witnessed his signature and made oath to his sanity and ability to dispose of his property. The question may be asked, however, whether will not leave you orphans; I will these unusual precautions themselves evidence of a mild form of insanity .- N. Y. Tribune.

Monsignor Capel is reported as say ing a good thing in his closing lecture in New York. As we have been obfriendship with his Maker would be lost. This is an important advance could not be saved, because all here tics are to be damned. - Western Advocate.

The Christian Standard and Home Journal tell this: "A bright little fouryear old boy in a friend's family was what was promised. What He attesthe might say his evening prayer before going to bed. 'Wait a little The New York Christian Advocate while, Ernie, said his mother; 'I am glorified humanity, He could and prayer took its right place first."

At the close of an impressive sermon on a late Sabbath, Rev. Phillips Brooks, D. D., gave, incidentally, his views concerning the probability of a soul's opportunity to choose between good and evil in another state of existence. Do not delude yourselves, said he, with a hope that some time in the future there will be some mighty force impelling you towards holiness, stronger than those already existing. God's grace has done all that it possibly can for the soul's salvation in the gift of his well-beloved Son, and whoever shuts the door of his heart fixed in this life .-- Congregationalist.

revenue returns would be in themselevidence which is within the personal experience of everyone. The wealthter classes consume inunitely less wine than they did, and what wine they drink is lighter. Partly from a transformation of the general ideas of hygiene, and partly from a wish to set an example, the dinners of the well-todo are accompanied with lat less wine pay for the fitting up of rooms for gather about him vast hosts, and deten years ago. Officers messes are in the same case; so are undergraduates' wine parties. The majority of ladies at an ordinary dinner party never taste

COMPANIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.

Is this a possibility? Am I author-Christianity is known. When Luther ized, is every true disciple authorized, to regard it as a really practicable thing to live daily, now and here, in the intimacy of a sweet and holy friendship with the Lord Jesus-s mutual sympathy and delight founded on a profound personal affection? When he had finished His great redeeming work He ascended in His glorified body to the throne of heaven. invested with supreme dignity and power. In that body and as head over all things, He is beyond our sight; far away from this earth on which once He walked with men. He is hidden in the infinite unknown, until the great day when He shall come again visibly to sense in the clouds of heaven.

> Can it then be, in anything more may actually be present and in living contact with his disciples on the earth Is it allowed, to even the humblest of them, to have consciously His daily presence: to enjoy the many pleasures of immediate intercourse; to talk with Him as friend talks with friend, and to feel the stimulus, the strength and the high enjoyment which the most genial and loving friends feel in meeting heart to heart? Is such companionship with my adored and example ed Lord indeed to be now enjoyed, in is it something purely ideal, a tone dream of an imaginative pietism.

That it is a sublime and blissful reality both the Bible and experience prove. Jesus Himself promised if in the simplest and plainest words. ""I come unto you. He that lovete Mo shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself unto him." No words could be gore explicit; and when the curious figures liged to notice much in his lectures tion how He would do it was started He made no reply to that; but, instead, repeated the statement, even making it more emphatic, "If a man come unto him and make our abode with him." As to the manner in which on the old teaching that Protestants this personal manifestation of Himself should be made, the Master very well knew that no verbal explanation would avail, that the matter could be understood only in the experience of feeling tired as the day drew to ed was, that though He should thence of the throne" of heaven as to His ration to receive Him, as to make the contact and companionship no less come in bodily form and visible to sense. - Ray Palmer, D.D., in Con-

SPAIN.

in urging it upon Christians in all Madhi; but as the forerunner, yes, Protestant countries.

A missionary training college has will probably even go so far as to bebeen established at Puerto Santa Mallieve him to be the true Madhi. They ria, in the province of Andulasia, look at results and success; and they Spain. A suitable house has been se- will argue that the poor native of Nucured, for which the rent is provided, bia who, without other attribute or and a competent director has been power except such as he may be inappointed. Money is now needed to vested with by God, has been able to students, for the furnishing of class- feat armies commanded by the infirooms and the salaries of one or two dels, must be something nearly ap- life is the most powerful influence in words and Christ's is the difference school is much needed, and, if prop. that he is not the Madhi ala' er Ras. Spirit of God.

erly supported by the liberality of the sool-the forerunner of the last problessing.

Rev. W. H. Gulick writes from San Sebastian: Spain is in a transition state. From the bondage of an absolute and personal government, relations to the State. This, then, thereof. is the time for us to lay out our

MOSLEMS AND THE MAHDI.

The Cairo correspondent of the Standard says that the religious side of the Soudan question seems very generally misunderstood, and the folthrow some light upon them:

He was amongst those who signed

a fetva, or species of excommunication act against Mohammed Ahmed Shemseddeen El Mahdi, and lasked him what he would do if the invader buying and reading a copy of the should take Cairo and find out the Church Times. This remarkable print fact. "I should say, of course, that represents the Sacerdotal party in the heathen land." The italics are our I had only signed under compulsion, English Church, and we are interest. own, and emphasize a point too geneand I should at once recognize in him ed to observe the growth and the spir. rally unknown or overlooked by many the Madhi." "But you cannot real- it of the party. Judging from the who have an intelligent interest in ly believe that he is such?" "No! tone of the paper before us we are dis. missions and missionaries. -N. Y. Neither does he believe it himself, if posed to say that some slight improve. Adv. he knows anything about his religion- ment has taken place in the Ritualisand he has studied for years at the Holy tic temper. That temper is a little Mosque of El Azhar. I doubt indeed, less rabid than it was both towards if he intends to be the Madhi. Any Evangelical Churchmen and towards man who raises a religious enthusiasm Nonconformists. We trust that the and leads on a host is a Madhi or improvement will continue. There is leader, and the present rebel in the much need for it. We are hardly dis-Soudan is a Madhi. But our relig- posed to expect much in this direcion teaches that before the advent of tion lest we should be disappointed. | yard there when, in the course of their the last Madhi seven men shall suc- The leader of last week is on the state excavations, they suddenly came upon cessively arise in various parts of the of the Church in Melbourne. Bishop Moslem world, and by religious pro- Moorhouse has suffered a Presbyterian paganda shall prepare the way for minister to preach in St. Paul's him. Each of these seven men shall Church. This is an act of apostasy in be called either Ahmed or Moham the opinion of the writer. He says the fifteenth century. Further search med. In my opinion this Soudan that a Church congregation may sing revealed the presence in the bony hand Madhi is the third. Senoussi was Nonconformist hymns, and a clergythe first, Arabi the second, and he man may preach Dissenting sermons. in excellent preservation, and on unthe third agitator, bearing one or oth- But the Dissenter himself must not folding the rag the men brought to er of the prescribed names. The officiate—why? Because he is not a light ten silver coins of the sixteenth real Madhi shall appear on Mount Arpriest. He has no authority. Pre. century, of the time of Francois I. of rafat at the time of the Towaf, or the cisely! He may possess ability, scho-Sacred Procession of the Haj. His larship, character, saintliness, and the ing now how the money came to be in coming will be forefold by the dumb- authority of his own communion. In so strange a place. It may have been ness of the seven Imams, who shall in all these respects, except the last, he placed there by some superstitions turn attempt to recite the Khubeh may far excel the priest, but because The London Christian says: Open- and fail. Then the Madhi will ride he has not received authority in a parings for the preaching of the gospel in out from the crowd of worshippers on ticular way he is a pretender. The Spain are presenting themselves in all a white horse, and he will at once be conception is material. It involves a directions. The inhabitants of towns accepted by the whole Moslem world. limitation of the Spirit of God. It and villages visited by colporteurs There will then remain forty years' sacrifices spiritual principles. Laymanifest strong desire for the Word domination of Islam after conquest, men, as a rule, do not admit this pre of God and for evangelists to settle during which your Christ will come tension. It depends upon the conceit among them. But the laborers are again from Syria and rule our empire. of priestism. High Churchmen are sadly few, and cannot overtake the Then we believe that our last deca- welcome to their theory. What we work which awaits them. The need dence will set in, and some nation object to is, that they will not admit against the Saviour now makes the of supporting the institutions just from the farther East will occupy our the legitimacy of any other Church choice forever. Character becomes formed for training workers is very countries-probably the Chines." theory. When we accept their theory pressing, and the pastors of the "Then do you think any good Mos- we shall not become Anglicans, but The London Times has this in a re- churches in Cadiz, Seville, Jarez de la lem can accept the Soudan pretender shall go to Rome. And then we shall cent article: "Temperance has great- Fronters, unite with Pastor Fliedner as the Madhi!" No, not as the last smile upon the Ritualists as all Romanists do. - London Methodist.

and the mass of the ignorant believers

Protestant Church in Great Britain phet, Christ; but you cannot expect and the United States, will be a great the masses to draw the fine distinc-

BE DECIDED.

A man of twenty five years, with the nation has advanced far on the his wife and child, came to church road of liberal ideas. From the most As he was tying his horses an elder abject subjection to the clerical yoke, said to him, "Are you going to unite and corresponding hostility to Prot- with the Church to-day?" "I had estantism, there has been such a re- not intended to." The elder had noaction that a majority of the Spanish tiocd his thoughtful attention at press to day is seen boldly taking the church, and had been with the pastor stand for religious liberty, while the in "family-visiting" at this man's law of the land, defectively, to be house. "You had better decide now sure, but still measurably, protects for Christ," said the elder. "I have evangelical workers in all parts of decided; I am trusting Christ as my Spain. Meanwhile, evangelical ideas Saviour," said the man. "Then, are so manifestly on the increase that won't you go and tell the consistory there is hardly a session of the na- so?" said the elder. "Yes." said he tional Cortes in which a number of and he then united with the Church. days are not dedicated to the consid- and for more than twenty years has eration of laws that directly or indi- been a constant, earnest worker in the rectly shall regulate dissent and its Church, and a consistent member

To thoughtful, earnest persons not strength in the spread of the Gospel yet enjoying the Christian hope, this incident commends prompt action in giving the heart to Christ. The Scripture declaration is " Now is the accepted time; now is the day of sal-

There is also in this incident a lesson for Christians. The elder was watching for souls. It was just the lowing remarks on the pretensions of time and the circumstances, and he the Mahdi by a learned Moslem may knew his man. It was "a word fitly spoken."—Chris. Intelligencer.

WHERE IT LEADS.

We amuse ourselves occasionally by

fices and duties, but of little things, so the S riptures; they are much fine in which smiles, and kindness, and small obligations, given habitually are Spurgeon. what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort. -Sir H. Dary.

assistant teachers. This training prophethood. We know the world, next to the might of the between an inquiry and a revelation.

THE HARDEST THING. President Angell, of the University

of Michigan, said in his speech at Detroit: "I find that what I supposed to be great trials to the missionaries are not the great trials, while some things that I did know of are. I never saw a more cheerful set of men and women in the world than the missionaries in China. I do not think they ask you to waste any sympathy on them, on account of the common things that perhaps you are wasting sympathy on them about. Take the climate, for instance, of North China. I do not want to speak disrespectfully of what may be called the capital of the American Board, the city of Boston, State of Massachusetts; but any body who lives where the east winds from Labrador come down through all the spring need not waste any sympathy upon people living in North China. It is an invigorating climate, and, with care, a very healthful climate. And, as to the separation from friends, why, the merchants all over China suffer separation also. The separation from children is one of the hard things, when the time comes to send them home; but really the hardest thing-what I did not know of, something that we cannot appreciate -is what may be called the tremendous pressure of heathen life that bears down upon a man until it seems to force the very life out of him. As a matter of fact, when they live too long in the interior, some of them actually suffer from mental aberration. It is a matter which needs to be very carefully considered by the Secretaries of this Board, that their missionaries are net too long confined in interior parts of

A LESSON.

The Christian Herald says: "Money was found in a skeleton's mouth recently at Andermatt, Switzerland. Some workmen were repairing the wall that runs around the old churchseveral skeletons, and on disturbing them there fell from the lower jaw of one two gold coins of the reign of Charles VIII. of France, at the end of of the skeleton of a piece of linen rag France. There is no means of knowfriends of the dead, or death might have suddenly come upon a man who was carrying his money in that way. One thing, however, is certain, the money had not been used. The fact that it remained with the dead occasions no surprise; it is just what we would expect; but when we see how men scheme and labor and hoard, it would seem that they have forgotten that it is of no use beyond the grave. $(P_8, 49: 6-8).$

There is gold in the rocks which fringe the Pass of the Splugen, and even in the stones which mend the roads, but there is too little of it to be worth extracting. Alas! how like Life is made up, not of great sacri- too many books and sermons! Not gold-their very dust is precious.

After reading the doctrines of Plato. Socrates, or Aristotle, we feel that The serene, silent beauty of a holy the specific difference between their Dr. Joseph Parker.

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

REWARD.

All joyously down through the golden field The reapers had come with a shout, They had choered each other with word an

As their sickles flashed in and out.

And tenderly now fell the day asleep, As they heard the Waster call, Through the starit si cace, "Inter yo in, My reward it waiting for all."

The palace shone out on the happy night, With its windows all aflame.
Its radiant portals swinging wide, With a welcome for all who came.

With bannered shields, and the trumpet

woice, With the marching of eager feet, The train wept in through the golden gate And up to the royal seat.

But lo! far ch in the harvest field, Weary, and sad, and o late, With a single shear there ling ared one Still striving to reach the gate.

He had heard the echo of that sweet call Fall through the happy night, He had seen the throng from the darken Esti Dan. Sweep into the palace bright.

And a cry went up from his sorrowing sou "O Master tarry for me! O shut not the gate whence the glory streams, My weary heart breaketh for thee !"

At last to the banqueting hall he ca be, So ragged, and old and worn, His only treasure the one bright sh af, On his poor, bent shoulders borne.

Then the face of the King was tender and grave, As of one who was hiding a tear, As he gently questioned, "What wouldest thou?

And what dost thou bring me here?' Most eager and loving the answer that came 'I had gone with the reapers at morn, With longing to bring thee such beautiful

As might even thy palace a lorn. "But scarcely one hour I wrought with the

Ere I fell by the wayside alone; With a fivered brow and a pain-racked breast, I lay till the morn was done.

" And when in the noontide's sultry hour The tever and pain were done, The just alas my sickle had spoiled, And the strength of my youth was gone

"Far off I could see the victorious ones By the flash of their blades so keen. But no words of mine could reach them knew, And alone there I only could glean.

"The few bright stalks they had left in their I gathered in weakness for thee, And this poor, bare entrance within thy

gates
Is all that is left for me." Then the King rose up from his throned seat With a face most sweet to see; "They also serve who suffer," he said,

"Their reward is still with me. "Thy sheaf may be small, but thy love is great;
I crown thee victor with this." And lo! in the science bending he placed

And the sorrowing gleaner stood a prince, Transformed by the wondrous sign, White a shout rang down through the palace "O love! the guerdon is thine!"

On that brow his signet kiss.

OUR HINDU STUDENT.

It has long been the opinion of the progressive party in Hindostan that, until the condition of their women is materially changed, further advancement of civilization of the Hindu race is impossible. In consequence of this some attention has been given of late years, to the education and elevation of the native women, chiefly by the members of the Brahmo Somaj, or progressive Hindu Society. As a result, Mrs. Anandibai Joshee, a woman of the highest Brahmanical caste, is registered as a student in the Woman's Medical College in Penn-

coming to this country is somewhat remarkable, and will be resigns of the times.

A little more than nineteen her rank in life was placed on her o forehead. The ceremonies attendring this event having ended, and with them her transient importplaything of the family. Although apparently of little consequence, she did not lack attention; for her father's household consisted of no less than fifty members. Grandmothers and aunts vied with one another, after the manner of their kind, in caring for her, and soon discovered that she was by no means an ordinary being. The teachers and less fortunate mates as the girl who led all the classes your husband, Mrs Joshee? Will that was being said and done. which it gives, realizing in a word, sheep dog, and Rush's store dog, and disaster? Most certainly the and took all the prizes. One day it not be very hard to stay here Finally, three of those interested "the power of God unto salva- and two or three more, and they blood lies at the door of the

them Mr. Joshee, a highly edudeep impression upon this learn- before that time." ed gentleman, who at once began

It was because I always stood time I saw him, he was so hand.

some. first and only child was born. It Joshee's eyes to the need of educated female physicians among her country-women; for no man profit. is ever allowed in the apartments of a married woman, and in case of sickness she is dependent upon the unskillful devices of ignoran and superstitious women.

" My husband and I used to dis cuss these things a great deal,' said Mrs. Joshee to me in her inimitable way. "We always sat at the table a long time after dinner, we had so many things to discuss; and often it took a long

time." As a result of these "discussions," Mr. Joshee, without the knowledge of his wife, wrote to Rev. Mr. ---, of Princeton, N. J., whom he had known as a missionary in India, asking what advantages for medical study were given to women in America. Unfortunately, the Rev. Mr. --very conservative by education no less than by birth, and a strict believer in the old-fashioned wo man's sphere, did not approve of female physicians. His reply was difficulty in acquiring English. most disheartening. Not only was little information given of very easy after Sanscrit. My husmedical schools for women, and band taught me. I studied Engthat little of the most unattractive kind, but the position of women themselves as physicians was described as undesirable in the extreme. Mr. Joshee did not continue the correspondence. His expectations, however, were dis-

tined to be fufilled.

A little more than two years after this, Mrs. C., a lady interested in all good works, went into a dentist's office in Elizabeth. While awaiting her turn, she took up a file of newspapers lying near and began to turn over the leaves. All at once her eye fell upon the correspondence of Mr. Joshee and the Rev. Mr. —, which had been given to the public. The letters touched her heart. She carefully noted the address, thinking that some time she would write to Mr. medical schools. The time came C., which continued until all ar- day. ance, she became the pet and the medical course of study in this

customs of the country, which re- her eves are so tender and earnest | tain Johnson." quire that the mother-in-law shall that beauty is not needed to make They left me, and we resumed will not follow the noble, self-de- which would be hundreds of thoube the instructor in these arts. At her face unusually attractive and our seats. I then felt and I still nying, Christ-like work of that sands, travelled more than a dozthe end of that time she removed expressive. And then she is feel, that that was the best tem- young man from that moment to en miles to get one and a half to Serampore, where her husband suen a perfect lady, so thorough- perance speech to which I ever the present. Desiring to be brief, miles in a straight line, expected had been appointed postmaster, by well-bred, so dignified and distened.—Herald of Health. and here, three years after, her graceful, I blushed hotly for ome of my own country-women, was this event that opened Mrs. and thought they might imitate the manners of the heathen gentlewoman beside me, with great

Strange as it may seem, Mrs. Joshee does not lose caste by com- Peace like the morning's silent glow, ing to this country and mingling From day to day in love supplied, with the people here as she is obliged to do in her medical career. As a member of the Brahmo Somaj she has many privileges which are not granted to those outside of that society. In order to keep her caste while here she Peace through the windings of our way; must live by herself, prepare her In pain, and toil, and weariness, own food, wear the native costume | And deep and everlacting peace. -which, by the way, is exceed- O King of peace, this peace bestow ingly pretty and graceful-and Upon a stranger here below; rigidly observe certain religious rites. If she is faithful in these things, when she returns to India there will be a meeting of the principal Brahmans, who will hear her confessions, and then absolve

her from her transgressions. She is a highly educated wo man and a remarkable linguist; speaking seven languages fluently, among them the Sanscrit.

I asked one day, if she had any "Oh! no," she replied, "it was lish five years withhim; but I did not speak it at all until I went on board ship." She speaks so readly and well that it is difficult to fany, in Independent.

WOULD CALL

CAPTAIN JOHNSON. In 1833 I was a young foremast word of reply. But at last the mizzen top! I watched each move- time would be productive of a very

"My husband said that to me," a word in reply to them I deter- partner in the great brewery concated employe of the British Gov- she replied, with her expressive mined to defend myself to the cern of his father. He went di- Andy." ernment. The ability and attain- while. "I told him: 'I can do best of my ability, and not let them rectly to his father and told him "There looked to be fifty anyments of little Anandibai made a it; that I think he will come to me force a drop of liquor into my he could have nothing more to do way," answered Andrew, some mouth. When they were ready with the business of that estab- what impatiently. "Carter's ten-Having a natural antipathy for they started towards me, and lishment. His father counselled acre lot was full of dogs just makto negotiate with her father, and the colored races, I rather dread three abreast. I arose to my feet and him and endeavored to make him ing for me, and I guess you'd a year later, when the child had ed meeting Mrs. Joshee, fearing stood to receive them. They came modify his view of the situation. thought there were fifty if it had reached the mature age of ten, that my greeting might lack the slowly and silently. Every noise But no; he saw there was no been you." married her, in spite of the fact | cordiality I desired it to have. | in the forecastle was hushed, and | ground for compromise; he came that he was twenty-five years her My fears proved groundless. A the eyes of all but the man on my out of the firm, against his fath- great many thousand: have you more charming manner I have right were fixed on us. Just as er's will, without a shilling. His any idea how many?" rarely seen. Perfectly self-pos- two of those in front of me were mother followed him with great first in my class and took the sessed, she offered her hand and about to lay their hands on me solicitude for his personal welfare, culate, for it occurred to him what prizes that my husband first liked thanked me for my welcome with the man on my right, who until and I believe provided him with a small space ten or fifteen thoume, Mrs. Joshee said to me one an earnest little smile that quite then had seemed unconscious of the means of a bare existence. sand sheep would occupy when day. "And I loved him the first won my heart. She is a little all that was going on, rose to his Indeed that was all he would ac- camping, and ten acres of dogs woman, scarcely five feet in height, full height-six feet three-and, cept. He rented and furnished would be past calculation. and although quite plump, was puttinghis hands in front of the most poorly, a house in the east "But," his father continued For two years after her mar- very graceful in her motions. I advancing three, said: "Stop! Let end of London, and with others "I know no better way to break riage Mrs. Joshee lived in her fa- am not sufficiently accustomed to that boy alone. If I had refused like him began his religious work you of the foolish habit of exaggether's house, learning the duties the Hindu type to pronounce her liquor when I was of his age, in- for the saving of its masses. Since rating than to tell the children of a wife from her own mother beautiful; but every feature shows stead of calling me 'Old Drunken then, his father has died, and on the trouble you had in going after and grandmother, contrary to the such strength of character, and Tim' now you would call me Cap- his deathbed be said, "My son, the colt. You ran like lightning,

" PEACE UPON EARTH."

Peace upon peace, like wave upon wave, This is the portion that I crave; The peace of G d which passeth thought. The peace of Christ which changeth not.

Peace like the river's gentle flow, An endless and unebbing tide.

'eace flowing on without decrease, From him who is our joy and peace, Who by his reconciling blood Hath made the sinuer's peace with God:

Peace through the night and through the

O God of peace, thy peace impart To every troubled, trembling heart.

Peace from the Father and the Son, Peace from the Spirit all his own : Peace that shall never more be lost, Of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. -Horatius Bonar.

> INSTANT "OUT OF SEASON."

While in England during the past summer, I had the great pleasure of meeting and stopping for a while with a young man, whose history is a somewhat remarkable one. I give it as I received it, for the encouragement of my brethren in the Lord. About fourteen years ago this believe this; and she writes bethis parents on the continent and dozen miles after that colt."
he rell in with Mr. W. S. Rains. Andrew threw himself a with some friends. Being kin- head. dred spirits, the accidental meeting resulted in a friendly com- his father. panionship; my friend left his "I went over to Briggs's cor- able to carry home the money that parents, and Mr. Rainsford his ner and back by the bridge.' hand on the largest ship but one friends and they continued their nearly ready to be towed down to | tion of my friend, Mr. Rainsford | here. the lower bay, where we were to spent a few days with him before anchor for the night, a very tall returning to his father's place in suppose, if I'd taken it moderate, ther not knowing this, offered her sailor, over 50 years of age, came the west of London. On the last but I ran like lightning and got a cent. She cried out clearly, on board. He was so drunk that evening of this visit Mr. R. re- heated up." I was afraid he would fall between quested permission to read, as a Joshee herself in regard to our the ship and the dock; but to my suitable closing to their compani- my son, and now it lacks a quar- to give other people's money. relief he reached the deck of the onship, a portion of God's word. ter of six," said his father, consult. Her father put his cent in her wee sooner than she anticipated; and ship. Before he had time to stag- My friend at first objected to this. ing his watch. the next week's foreign mail carger to the bow of the ship the He had little sympathy with reried a letter to Mr. Joshee. The first officer approached him and to ligious subjects and he did not an hour," answered Andrew, inclear voice rung out, "Dot my weeks passed away, bringing no my horror, ordered the man to the believe their introduction at that nocently. patient waiting was rewarded by ment as he ascended the rigging, happy termination. At last, howthe letter from Mr. Joshee, which expecting to see him fall, but ever, the chapter was read. It The history of Mrs. Joshee's stated that the correspondence again I was relieved by seeing him was our Saviour's conversation father, but I ran all the way hend the ways of little girls, still which Mrs. C. had found was more succeed. There he remained with Nicodemus, recorded in the because I expected the whole passed the little cent up the seat, than two years old. The reply of while we were being towed out to third of St. John. But in the town would be here to-night to see but the little girl after much tuggarded by many as one of the the Rev. Mr. - had been so anchorage in the lower bay. Then conversation which followed upon my new velocipede," explained ging, brought forth her own treadiscouraging that the project had he was called down to the deck matters suggested by the chapter Andrew, reluctantly. been abandoned. But the matter and assigned to some ordinary read, the greatest opposition was "Whom did you expect, Andy? years ago, a girl was born near was not to test here. One day duty; but, though he was a good manifested by my friend, the un- I wasn't aware such a crowd the city of Bombay. Her child- Mrs. Joshee found among some seaman, his condition was such willingness of the natural heart was to be here? What will you ed, "Put this cent in." But hood passed quietly, after the papers of her husband the letter that he could not meet the de- to believe and receive the truth do with them all?" manner of high caste Brahman from Mrs. C. She read it and mand, and he was compelled to was most apparent, and Mr. Rainschildren, until she was two years then carried it to her husband walk fore and aft on the hurricane ford was obliged to discontinue its they'd be around after school, and give my big penny." She thought old, when the mark indicative of and told him what she had done. house and carry a handspike, as a consideration for the present. So I wouldn't wonder if Ike came, money valuable according to its After that she had a share in the soldier would carry a gun. I then they parted. But my friend was too; that's all." regular correspondence with Mrs. lost sight of him until the next not left alone. The earthly minister could, perhaps, go no further five thousand, and you expect Little Missionary. rangements had been made for a In the morning before we were with such a man as the one of three of them; well, as called to, dutythe arew were in whom I write. But the Divine you are very sick, I'm glad no the forecastle awaiting orders. minister, whose special preroga- more are coming. You couldn't The steamer which left Calcutta | Sitting next to me on my right | tive it is to take of the things of | play with them at all." the first of last April carried was the man to whom I have al- Jesus and shew them unto us, among her passengers to America luded. He sat there with his went further. The Spirit of God ing to his feet, 'who says I'm the first Brahman woman who elbows on his knees and his face had begun a work in that simple sick?" ever left India. As one of the leaning on, and completely hid- conversation which was to end in principal articles in the Brahman- den by, the palms of his hands, a glorious triumph of His sover- were almost dead; doesn't that In a shop on the second floor ical religion strictly enjoins that He seemed not to notice anything eign grace in that soul. That mean very sick?" no Beahman shall cross the ocean, that was being said or done. The young man could not get rid of the the sensation created by her de- rest were busying themselves as impressions of that evening's con- about my talking! I don't mean through the trap door into the announcement by these fond rela- parture can better be imagined they wished. Some of the crew versation or the remembrance of exactly what I say, of course. I tives, that little Anandibai was than described. Surely the wo- had smuggled some rum on board, our Saviour's weighty words to wasn't nearly dead to be sure, but wise beyond her years, and unu- man who not only encountered and were drinking and giving to Nicodemus, in that chapter. He I did some tall running, you bet! ing furnace and were burnt literalually gitted for a girl, resulted a lit- but conquered the opposition of others. At length I was offered read it for himself; he became There were more than fifty dogs ly to cinders. Several firemen, the later, in her going to the girl's priest and femily to her coming, is a drink. I declined to accept the convinced of its meaning and its after me, and I dou't go much on gendarmes, and others, have sufschool at Mahratti. She soon dis- a fit product of this nineteenth offer. It was urged upon me; truth; he accepted it as a message dogs." ti guishe herself here as a scho- century, most justly characterized but I still declined it. All this of God to himself, and he entered 'Quite a band of them. Where lieved that some of the work time the man on my right sat as into the personal enjoyment of did they all come from? "What will you do without though entirely unconscious of all that peace and rest and power "There was Mr. Wheeler's

End of London, as the Great As- ly dead!" sembly Hall, capable of seating "Please don't, father, the boys times on Sunday; and the hall, Methuselah.' temperance army whose memberthrough which the worthy, indus- Christian Neighbor. trious poor of London East are helped out to this country and provided with situations, and many other kindred undertakings. The name of the young man of whom we write is F. N. Charrington; went to church with her father the brewery firm is Charrington, and mother. 1. Before she left

OUR YOUNG POLKS.

STRETCHING THINGS.

man.

"I'm almost dead! It is hot as lections we should take up if young man was travelling with fire, and I've been more than a everybody did that! 3. She was

Andrew threw himself at full ford, in the south of France, who length on the lounge, and wiped was also travelling at that time the perspiration from his fore ing at their books that they did

"That is little less than a mile our little girl. She looked eagerthen owned in New York. As we trip together until they reached and a half. Is it so very warm, ly for the box, and as soon as it lay at our dock in the East River, London. Here, on the invita- Andy? It seems quite cool began to go round she thrust her

"Does it take lightning forty-five an example of giving of her own

minutes to go a mile and a half?" "I didn't mean exactly that, fathers sometimes do, to compre-

"Jim, Eldy, and Tim told me

"The population of the town is

"Why, Andrew, you said you

a party of distinguished Brah- four years without him?" I ask- in the rum combined to hold me tion." At the time of his conver- made for me, and so I ran as fast wickedly thoughtless boy who and pour some down me. Without sion, I believe he was a junior sa I could."

"Five at the most are not fifty,

"Ten acres of dogs would be a

Andrew did not like to cal-

you are right, I was wrong!" I encountered ten acres of dogs, I will simply say, in conclusion, to find five thousand people here to that at the present moment he examine your new velecipede, and has what is known in the East when you reached home was near-

several thousand people, in which and girls will all laugh themselves evangelistic meetings are held to death, and I won't exaggerate every night in the week, and three again if I live to be as old as

next to it, capable of seating, "Laugh themselves to death at about a thousand in which meet- a simple story like this! But ings are also held; a large coffee that it will rather set them to room, designed to counteract the watching their own manner of terrible drinking customs of the telling stories, so to as be surethey people in that section of the great do not greatly overstate things. city; an industrial home in which Habit, my son, grows with years, the ragged, homeless, criminal and becomes, in time, so deeply class of children are clothed and rooted that it will be impossible led, educated and taught a trade, for you when you become a man to and sent out as honest and oseful relate plain, unvarnished facts, members of society; a mighty unless you check the foolish habit you indulge in every day of ship numbers several thousands; stretching simple incidents intoan assisted emigration society the most marvellous tales."-

THE LITTLE GIVER.

The other day a very little girl Head & Co., well known all over home she had remembered that a England. — Evangelical Church- collection was to be taken up. So many people forget that, and leave their purses at home. 2. She not only thought of the collection, but she put a piece of money for it in her pocket. What fine colwatching to see the boxes passed around, anxious not to miss them. I have seen people so busy looknot see those boxes. Other peo-"Where did you go?" inquired ple wait in breathless hope that they will be passed by, and so be ought to go into the box. Not so little fat hand in her tiny left "No, not so dreadful, I don't pocket for that money. Her fa-"Don't want your penny!" "You started about five o'clock, have seen big folks willing enough kid-gloved hand. She dropped it own penny!" Thus (4) she was to God. Her father failing, as sure, a great round, old-styled copper, which she admired for its huge size. Her mother whisperclearly ringing out came the litsize, and she meant to give a big penny, the biggest she had .- The

What fearful evils are wrought for want of thought. Last month "Sick!" cried Andrew, spring at Roubaix, a boy threw a lighted match into a quantity of benzine. probably without waiting to think thirty girls were at work. Find-"You are so particular, father, ing no egress six of them jumped room below, and met with a terpeople have also been burned. threw the lighted match.

THE POWE

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

JANUARY 20,

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE. JAMES 3, 1-18.

Var. 1. This is a following up of the former admonition, "Be switt to hear, slow to speak" (chap. i. 19). too many ready to run before they were sent, and eager to be teachers learn are most anxious to teach. Unauthorised, unqualified teachers are most likely to be masterful in spirit and speech, and thus subject themselves to the severe judgment of the great Master whose work they mar. The apostle's meaning is this, that only those who have learned to govern their tongue are fit to be teachers.

2. Revised version. Stumble, instead of offend. We are all liable, St. James says, to stumble, i. e. make little slips, however good our intentions. But a man so disciplined as never to make a slip with his tongue, is indeed a perfect man; even Moses, the meekest of men, spake unadvisedly, and incurred the those who are most invulnerable are Divine displeasure. The man who has perfect control over his tongue is | changes of temperature, and who by 4. able to bridle the body," and shows the perfection of self-control.

3. 4. By two familiar illustrations -the bridle of a horse and the rudder of a ship—the apostle shows how the control of a very little member influences the whole body. No man could turn either a horse or a ship round by main force, but the slightest pressure of the bit causes the horse to turn himself, and the gentlest motion of the rudder makes the ship to turn of its own accord. The lesson shows the importance of con-

trol over the ruling member. 5, 6. The apostle is led into another figure adapted to show the power of the tongue for evil when not under proper control. His figure is the rapid spreading of fire, and the great destruction which what was a very little fire to commence with will soon accomplish. This is particularly seen in the forests and prairie fires in some countries. Such a fire is the tongue when under the influence of evil passions—set on fire ples of this. We know how one angry word provokes another; how an idle rumor, originating in some careless word, spreads and grows until untold mischiet is done; how some slander increases as it spreads, until the character of a good man or woman is blackened and consumed by its

7-10. All animals are more or less subject to the controlling power of man; " but the tongue can no man tame." The apostle means that the tongue, generally considered, is the most ungovernable member of dcsomething more than human power to tame the tongue of the liar, the traducer and the blasphemer. Then, still speaking in the general sense, he goes on to show what opposite things may proceed from the same mouth, even blessing and cursing. It should be remembered that the Jews, while/particular to perform all their acts of devotion, did not hesitate to curse the Samaritan or the Gentile. And similar illustrations have existed ever since. The day came when the nominal Christian, with the same tongue with which he blessed the Lord Jesus Christ, would carse the Jew; in like manner the devout Catholic curses the heretic; and the Mahommetan, after blessing Allah, turns round to mutter curses at the passing Christian. How many worshippers there are too who will join in singing the praises of God, and not hesitate to curse and swear at the slightest provocation when out of church.

11, 12. The apostle goes on to show how unnatural it is that the blessing and cursing should proceed from the same mouth. The fountain means the heart, the opening the mouth The image is appropriate to Palestine, wherein salt and bitter springs are formed. Though sweet springs are sometimes found near, yet sweet and bitter water do not flow at the same aporture. Grace can make the mouth that sent forth bitter once, send forth the sweet: as the wood changed Marah's bitter water into sweet. No tree can bear fruit contrary to its nature, so that it contrary things come from the same mouth it shows something radically wrong. Make the tree good and then the fruit will be good also. Let us see how many different kinds of words we have to train ourselves to avoid:—(1) Profane words, (2) false words, (3) obscene words, (4) angry words, (5) malicious words, (6) unkind words, etc. Let us try how much good we can do with our tongues; let us learn to speak gently, and remember "kind words can nev-

13-18. In verse 17 we have a beau. titul description of the wisdom that is from above. This wisdom is first pure, i. e., free from the characteristies before described (verse 15) "Pure" is placed before "peaceable," because there is an unhaly peace with the world, in which impurities. are sometimes winked at. As far as possible we are to live in peace with al men. But purity must never be sterificed to peace. - W. M. S. S. Man

The story is told of an interesting Scotch father who presents his children, as they come of age, with the bill of all he has spent upon them, including the fees of nurse and doctor; and the childron sign and undertake to repay the Outlay In this country, if such a father settling as fast as the ice melts, and should arise, the children would probably not be so accommodating.

CHILLS, THEIR CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES.

A person in good health, with fair play, easily resists cold. But when the nealth flags a little, and liberties are taken with the stomach or the nervous system, a chill is easily tak. en, and according to the weak spot of the individual, assumes the form From the beginning there have been of a cold, or pneumonia, or it may be, jaundice. Of all the causes of " cold," probably fatigue is one of when only fit for the learners' seat. the most efficient. A jaded man com-Too frequenty those least willing to. ing home at night from a long day's work, a growing youth losing two hours sleep over evening parties two or three times a week, or a young lady heavily "doing the season," young children overfed and with a short allowance of sleep, are common instances of the victims of "cold"

Luxury is favorable to chill taking; very hot rooms, soft chairs, teather beds, create a sensitiveness that leads to catarrhs. It is not, atter all, the " cold" that is so much to be teared gave the attack the chance of doing harm. Some of the worst "colds" happen to those who do not leave their houses or even their beds, and often those who are most exposed to good sleep, cold bathing, and regular habits preserve the tone of their nervous system and circulation.

Probably many chills are contracted at night or at the fag end of the day, when tired people get the equilibrium of their circulation disturbed by either overheated sitting-rooms or underheated bed-rooms and beds. This is specially the case with the elderly people. In such cases the mischief is not always done instantaneously, or in a single night. It often takes place insidiously, extending over days and even weeks. It thus appears that "taking cold" is not by any means a simple result of a lower temperature, but depends largely on personal conditions and habits, affecting especially the nervous and muscular energy of the body.—Lancet.

MEMORY.

A man's memory is Ifke his stemach. To do its best work it must of hel'. It is easy to multiply exam- have good treatment. It must neither be neglected nor overloaded. It can easily be so abused by neglect or by irregular and unsystematic employment, as to become chiefly a cause of annovance and discomfort; or again, it can be so overworked and heavily taxed that it becomes practically the chief organ or agent of the entire system; every other portion dwindling in its comparison, The latter course is the great danger of those who value the help of a te-

nacious memory. Both memory and stomach are prayed human nature. It needs | dens they can carry, but in proporthe work of the system as a whole; and either of them is made effective as much by what is kept from it, as by what is packed into R. -S. S. Times

USEFUL HINTS.

Hold your broom up sight; don't dig but brush lightly. Carpet and broom will last twice as long.

Where sawdust is used for bedding the manure is considered as very good

Don't try to get along with less than seven or eight hours' sleep out of the twenty four.

Tobacco tea will kill worms in flower pots and is also good for the

A little milk in the water in which you are washing your dishes, is much To clean willow furniture, use salt

and water; apply with a brush and wipe very dry. Use she same for cleaning straw matting. The noon meal for working horses

should be principally grain. It can be quickly eaten, and will not disturb Grated apples make a delicious addition to muttins. Allow three good sized apples to one tin of mulfins.

Make the mushins as usual, and the last thing stir in the apple. Mix it evenly, so that there will be an equal quantity in each mussin. # Dairymen consider that the finest flavored butter is produced by pasturing cows on blue grass and orchard grass, and giving cornmeal for feed.

been carefully cured while green. Silk neckerchiefs make very pretty coverings for sofa pillows, canton flannel being used for the reverse side. Those which make a design in one corner are sometimes exceen, and when this is done the ornament is turned back towards the centre, and its place is filled by a triangle of black

velvet, but the kerchiefs which have

borders are the easiest to use.

Delicious butter may be made in mid-

winter by feeding blue grass that has

When a pump tube freezes solid, do not pour in hot water in the com mon way with the hope of thawing. The hot water will stay at the top, that is the end of it. But procure a lead tube or any other Mad of pipe, place the lower end directly on the ice in the pump, and with a funnel pour hot water in at the top. The weight of the water in the pipe will drive it hot against the ico. the pipe the whole will be cleaned out in an incredibly short time. -N. Y. Herald.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU EAT .- The best medical authorities declare that worms in the human system are often induced by eating too freely of uncooked fruit and too much meat, cheese, etc. Whatever may be the cause, Freeman's Worm Powders are speedy and safe to cure; they destroy the worms, and contain their own cathartic to expel them.

The returns of the census taken on January 1, 1883, which have just oeen published, show that the Empire of Japan coutained a population of 36,700,-1(0, made up of 18,598,998 males and 18,121,000 females.

RHEUMATISM .- Rev. M. Sadler, pastor of the French Methodist Mission Church, Montreal West (Fulford St.) says: "My wife has for several years suffered excruciating pain from Rheumatism, and had tried many remedies without success until Graham's Pain Eradicator was used, one bottle of which gave her complete relief.

In a population of \$1,300,000, New York City has 61,052 real-estate ownas the antecedent conditions that ers. It further appears that while the real estate annually increases in value, the owners become fewer.

> Some say "Consumption can't be cured." Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, as proved by forty yaers experience. will cure this disease when not already advanced beyond the reach of medical aid. Even then its use affords very great relief, and insures refreshing sleep.

A woman has just beenawarded \$2,000 damages by a Cleveland court because of a cough she acquired in a freshly plastered hotel. How's your cough? and at what hotel did you last dine?

For Cramps, Pain in the Stomach. Bowel Complaint or Chills, use Perry Davis' Pain Killer. See adv. in another

REST AND COMPORT TO THE SUPPERING. -Brown's Household Panacea has no equal for relieving rain, both internal and external. It cures pain in the side, back or bowels, sore throat, rheumatism, toothache, lumbago, and any kind of pain or acle. "It will most surely quicken the blood and heal, as its acting power is wonderful." "Brown's Household Panacea" being acknowledged as the great Pain Reliever, and of double the strength of any other Elixir or Liniment in the world, should be in every family handy for use when wanted, "as it really is the hest remedy in the world for cramps in the stomach, and pains and aches of all kinds,' and is for sale by all druggists at 25 cts. feb 10

There are now in London 520 fountains for human beings, and 527 troughs for animals the value of the same being £60,000. There are estimated to be more than 700,000 drinkers at these fountains every day, or a total of 250,-000,000 in a year.

If we could speak in tones of thunder we would use our voice to advise all people everywhere to get at once a botvaluable, not in propertion to the bur- tle of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment. As apreventive of diptheria, pneum tion to their training for their part in | congestion, and all daagerous throat and lung diseases its value is priseless.

> Virginia is making flour of peanuts, of which she raises 2,000,000 bus. this year. Peanuts, so called in the Old Dominion, were introduced from Africa, and are known in North Carolina as ground peas, in Tennessee as goobar, and in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, as pinders.

> No sufferer from any scrofulous disease, who will fairly try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, need despair of a cure. It will purge the blood of all impurities, thereby destroying the germs from which scrofula is developed, and will infuse new life and vigor throughout the whole physical organization.

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A long-standing rule of this office prohibits the publication of complimentary addresses. This may now and then disappoint a reader, but at other times he will be a gainer. The statement just made will be a sufficient answer to several correspondents. --- Three candidates who were ordained recently by Bishop Binney were all Englishmen. Our Episcopal friends, like our Presbyterian brethren and ourselves, seem unable to raise up a sufficient number of ministers for their work. Is not this a symptom of Church weakness?---If the large attendance at the Covenant services last Sabbath in this city, and the deep interest evinced in them, may be accepted as a test of the vigor of spiritual life in our churches-and we can not tell why it should notthe pastors have much cause for satisfaction .- What Mr. Boreham says in his brief communication to-day, in reference to some sections of the Province, is not without weight, and is a proof of the wisdom of the General Conference in refusing to bind the churches to any one mode of use of the hymns in public worship. --agent for our paper.

The carefully prepared Year Book of the Sons of Temperance, for 1883, shows the skillful hand of the Grand Scribe, Rev. R. A. Temple. It is really a history of the Order for the past year, and a statement of its present position. We are glad to hear of the flourishing state of this organization. Many a mother might say of its workers, as one said of a passing temperance procession, "The Lord bless them: they saved my boy.'

The meetings of the Week of Prayer in this city are giving good promise. The morning gatherings have been well attended, and have been much enjoyed by those privileged to be present at them. We have heard special mention concerning the meeting held in the Brunswick St. Church on Tuesday evening, and addressed by Messrs. McPherson, Forrest, and Pickles. Let prayer be continued for the presence of the Holy Spirit." "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth."

One of our active agents writes this week: "I am not yet quite certain whether we shall have to discontinue --- 's WESLEYAN. I do not want them to cease if I can help it. It is lamentable to shut off the only channel of current religious news that ever enters a home !" Aye, lamentable! Years ago we were acquainted with a Methodist family, the parents of which gave up our paper at the suggestion of their children, and prowided for them in its stead a foreign paper of the "love and murder" order. To enter into details is unnecessary: the results were such as no honest, parent could contemplate without emotion. Do not give up your WESLEYAN! Recommend it to your neighbors !

The higher-class American journals in their comments on the O'Donnell ease express no small admiration of one to another," is to be carried out. the British method of dealing with As a contemporary has summed up crime, and attribute much of the the matter: "If a man sin against lawlessness in their own country to the the Church, he is to confess it to the uncertainty of the execution of law. Church-if he sin against an individespecially where there is plenty of ual, he is to confess to the individual money to fight for delay. Only last -and if he sin against God, he is to month in San Francisco, one Cox, a confess it to God. Why should A, contractor, shot and killed a capital. confess to B. the sin which he has ast named McLaughlin. The former committed against C. Where is the had recovered a judgment of \$150,000 sense in this and where is the Scripagainst the murdered man at five ture for it? A msn lies or cheats his different times, but McLaughlin's neighbor, or slanders with his tongue wealth enabled him to carry the cases or raises up an evil report against his Mrs. Sponagle, wife of Rev. John L to higher courts, which always revers neighbor and confesses in the dark to | Sponagle, of Dartmouth; Mrs. Howed the lower court judgments on a priest and what is this all but a technicalities. Coxseemed to have mean evasion? If confession have despaired of justice, and so resorted to any virtue in it (and it has much) the John, N. B. Their mother closed, vengeance.

The Annual Meeting of the Halifax to the party injured and offended." Branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was held in the Grafton take counsel with his pastor, when Street Methodist Church, on the that repentance idemands restitution evening of the 3rd inst. It is regard- to some human being, or when a pubed as the best meeting of the kind for lic confession may save the church of feel true sympathy. years. An audience unusually large for such an occasion—though much too small in view of the important be presumed that the pastor has givpurpose in hand-listened very atten- en special attention to the subject tively to earnest and thoughtful ad- generally, and that he has been predresses from Hon. S. L. Shannon, pared by experience to direct with (Chairman), and the Revs. B. C. wisdom where personal assistance Borden, Dr. Hill, and Prof. Forest, might seem like interference. Few and W. C. Silver, Esqr. Dr. Burns months pass in which one does not

that many under-estimate the great work yet to be done by this and kindred societies. Tyndale's prayer is worth repeating still: "Into every home, hut or palace, give Thy Word entrance, Lord; and in the English tongue let it be read and loved !"

The Rev. L. G. Macneill, of St. John's N. F., writes to the Presbyterian Witness:-

During my brief visit to Brigus I was the guest of J. Sinclair Tait, M. D., from Cumberland, N. S.. and who with his amiable young wife made my visit a pleasant one. The Dr. has a good practice, is much liked in his profession and highly esteemed for the public spirit and educ ational enterprise which he is exhibiting. To his energy is chiefly due the organization of a course of lectures in aid of a Wesleyan High School Building Fund. The course was opened by His Lordsbip Judge Pinsent, followed by Rev. George Boyd, and I came third. On the appointed night I found a large and enthusiastic audien ce assembled in the court house, to which I delivered my lecture on the "Heathen Chinee. ' Ta people were most ppreciative and kin ., leaving on my memory pleasant recollections of my trip to

No persons are in greater danger of loss than are the wealthy. Christ pointed out that fact clearly, and all ex-Mr. R. Mellish is visiting St. John as perience attests the value of his statements. "To the poor the Gospel is preached" in more senses than one. Here is one phase which parents will do well to consider: "A thoughtful minister once said, in a tone of deep sincerity, that there were few persons coming within the limits of pastoral oversight more to be pitied than the children, especially the daughters, of rich members of the Church. With few exceptions, wealth creates a worldly atmosphere in the house. It is supposed to render necessary certain social courtesies which bring the families of professed Christians into near alliance with purely worldly circles, or with merely formal churchgoers. With these classes the whole round of worldly pleasures seems to have a legitimate claim upon the time and attention of those who move in certain circles, and no opportunity is left for the consecration to higher services for the glory of God and the good of man, even if any desire remains unquenched for such work.

A PERVERSION.

"Confession," one may learn to what extent the dogma of Apostolical Succession so generally accepted at the present day by the clergy of the Church of England, has thrown around the simplest Christian acts an influence injurious to all who may have to

No one can fail to see that the Con fessional, which ecclesiastics have exalted into a most solemn office and have used for the most terrible purposes, is but an outgrowth of that disposition which leads us to seek relief in unburdening the soul to another, and in consultation with those whose experience may be presumed to have prepared them to be guides. With a thorough recognition of this tendency the word of God provides wise direction. In the eighteenth chapter of Matthew are forcible illustrations of the way in which the epitomized counsel of James, to "confess your faults very essence of it and its virtue arises from the acknowledgment being made

That a man repenting of sin should which he is a member from serious disgrace and loss, is not strange. It may

to bring credit to the Romish confess ional. Such incidents are commonly read by a faithful Protestant pastor with a smile. They recall incidents in his intercourse with his own people, which have been followed by precisely similar results, but concerning which, when individuals alone were concerned, no public announcement was ever thought of.

Of such cases the Presbyterian, or Baptist or Methodist pastor always thinks as "consultations." He re gards himself as having been a trusted adviser, and feels a degree of satis faction in the thought that he has aided one of his flock in shaking off the consequences of a certain sin. But just here the assumption of Apostolic succession proves to the Episeopalian "priest" the temptation that it was to the Romish priest before he became master of the situation. An opportunity is presented to become lord over the conscience. Power is pleasant, and here is an opportunity to grasp it. "Let men have stared times to confess to me," not to con sult if that be ever necessary, is the disposition expressed in words. "Let the man kneel to me, and tell me all the secrets of his heart at my bidding, and let him expect from my lips the announcement of God's absolution."

We trust that the different branchs of the Church of Christ may ever be blessed with pastors after God's wn heart, whom the erring and reak may ever consult with the confidence which children repose in a father, but it were better that such connection were done away than that the simple act of private counsel of a pastor to a member of his fold should be developed into such a powerful engine of priestcraft as has rendered the name "Confessional" a word of terror to the student of history. It is upon such simple Christian acts that the Romish or Anglican priest sets the foot of the ladder on which they rise to exercise lordship over God's heri-

DEATH OF REV. J. S. ADDY.

An item in our last issue will evening, at Yarmouth, his late place From the recent discussions on of residence. Friends had hoped that cheerful, buoyant spirit of this venerable minister would prove in some measure a barrier to the power of dissaw fit to order otherwise.

Mr. Addy was a Methodist of the or near the town of Sheffield, England. There he early connected himself with the Church of his fathers. In by the Missionary Committee, where gregations have united. he arrived while the ministers were holding their annual meeting at Carbonear. He had the hardship and the honor of making one of the earlier tours to Green Bay, where Methodism has in late years made such astonishing progress. After twenty-one years of effective service in that colony. closed on the Blackhead circuit in 1857, he removed to Liverpool, N. S. His subsequent circuits were Petite Riviere, Halifax, St. John South, Bridgetown, Woodstock, Berwick, Aylesford and Mill Village. During three years he filled the office of Chairman. Many persons in the circuits just named, as well as others in Newfoundland, will recal his faithful pulpit appeals and warm, affectionate pastoral counsels. In 1878 he became a supernumerary, but continued ever ready to occupy a pulpit or take charge of a social service when his aid was required. He leaves three childrenie, wife of Rev. J. W. Howie, of Advocate Harbor; and Dr. Addy, of St. some years ago, a period of long suf fering, the result, we have understood, of hardships endured in missionary life. For her who has shared Mr. Addy's later life, and for his son and daughters, their many friends and those of the husband and father will

We have yet heard little with reference to Mr Addy's last days. Probably little can be said of them. When the tongue loses its cunning through paralysis, the lessons of the life and not the language of the lips must fur. nish the ground for those inferences we can scarcely fail to draw in reference to the departure of friends

for some past financial wrong has been | Happily, the life of John S. Addy has made, and generally in such a way as left his brethren no cause to regret a silent departure. "He was a worthy man," said to us one of the ten who caught a glimpse of him through the windows of the old parsonage at Carbonear on his arrival at that place in 1836, and who had known his manner of life in the succeding years. Many will use similar words as they speak of his transition.

METHODIST UNION.

The deep impression made upon neighbors by the action of Canadian Methodists in 1883, has not yet passed away. The Central Christian Advocate, of St. Louis, remarked a week or

Methodism is giving Christendom an example of Christian feeling and began in Ireland with the union of the Weslevans and the Primitive Methodists. In Canada it embraced a larger number of the offshoots of Methodism. composed of still more varied elements, but there is every reason to believe that it will prove successful and a great Now the movement for union has taken form in New Zealand. Committees appointed by the Weseyan Conference, the Primitive Methodists, and the United Methodist Free Church district meetings, and the Bible Christians have proposed a basis of union which they commend to the Churches represented, under the name of "The Methodist Church of New Zealand." They have also published a circular letter advocating the union, showing how great advantages would almost of necessity grow out of it. The wisdom of this movement will hardly be called in question; it is in the right direction, which accounts for the success that has been already attained. The greater divisions of Protestantism would stand little in the way of spiritual religion if the minor divisions could be healed. There is no | was anxious to develop on every need of a score of Methodisms and twice as many Calvinistic Churches. est to-day is not half so respectable The era of religious individualism is as the slave trade was 100 years coming to a close. American Methodism, or rather that of the United States, ought to take up this work. There is no reason for more than two. or at the most three, Methodist organizations in this country.

The Gunada Presbyterian says on the same subject:-

The recent union of the Methodist families brings out with almost amusing clearness one of the points of difprepared our readers for the announce- ference between Methodist and Pres- at men and things in that interesting ment of the death of the Rev. John byterian human nature. Scarcely had S. Addy, who passed away on Sunday the ink on the Basis of Union become | mily, with some fine scenery, but dry when a number of congregations throughout the country began to cultural capabilities are not of an 'double up.' Steps were taken by local high order. It is, or rather has been the generally vigorous health and officials to put three congregations into two and two into one, although the Union is not fully consummated, and may not be for a year or more. brethren who were a little tired of ease, but He, "in whom our breath keeping up separate organizations, took time by the forelock and began to rush into each other's arms. The embracing business became so lively that third generation, and brought up in the authorities had to remind the parties that the ceremony was not yet performed and osculation was premature. It was far otherwise with the Presbyterians. As a result of the unions of 1836 he was sent out to Newfoundland | '51 and '74 probably not twenty con-For some years the number might have been counted on one's fingers. Quite likely the right course lies somewhere between the Methodist and ours. go too fast and we too slow. embrace too soon, and we wait until the next day. One thing is clear—they will double up in half the towns and villages in Canada with less labor than would be required in uniting half a dozen small Presbyterian congregations. Methodism has a marvellous power for adapting itself to the situa-

THE PRINCESS ALICE.

Dear to the hearts of the English is the memory of the Princess Alice, who died in her German home of disease received while watching her sick child. It is well known that, like her elder sister, the Princess Royal, she had become strongly influenced by the skepticism of Strauss. A German literary man in a letter to the Pall Mall Gazette speaks of this fact, and of her recovery from infidelity

A friend of hers writes : "After the death of her son I thought I perceived a difference in her sentiments. While formerly she almost openly avowed that she doubted the existence of a God, and that she would only allow herself to be guided by philosophical reasons, she did no longer speak in this way after her child's death. She was silent under the noiseless struggle which went on in her heart, and which I afterwards perceived. seemed as if she could not confess that a change had taken place in her. Later on she confessed to me how that change took place, and I could not listen to it without tears. She ascribed it to the death of her child, and to the influence of a Scotchman who every morning gave her lessons in drawing. 'To that man,' she said, 'who exercised so beneficial an influence on my religious views, of whom people said so many bad things and offered the opening prayer. We fear read in some journal that restitution whether they seem pleasant or painful. everything.' I recollect her saying to on informed me, there were over sev-

for myself have dwindled down to no- if Wesley when he preached in Gwenhad not the belief, the conviction that there is a God who rules the world. and rules over everyone of us? weary for prayer; I love to sing hymns with my children, everyone of whom has his favorite hymn.

WORK ON!

Some wearied temperance worker may be helped by these reflections from the Northwestern Advocate. They are called forth by Senator Blair's article on " Alcohol in Politics," in the latest number of the North American Review:

Why not cut it off entirely by closing up distilleries and breweries forever? The buildings and machinery wise thinking that cannot fail to make may be employed for something else; a great impression on the Churches. It | if not, the fixed capital in them may be allowed to fall into peaceful de cay, and stand as historic monuments, like the slave barracoous of Africa, to the end-thank God-of a hideous crime. A century ago there were millions invested in slave ships, specially constructed to convey men as mer chandise and sell them on foreign shores. Every nation in Europe was a slave trader. Just 100 years ago the Quakers of London sent up the first petition to the British parliament for the abolition of slavery. Less than 100 years ago the first abolition society in the world was organized in London. Then slaves were just as much merchandise as cotton is to-day. The beginning of the nineteenth century saw the germination of an idea which to-day is dominant in every place save in central Africa-that property in man is wrong. At first the idea was that it was merely an evil. To-day it is regarded as a crime, and slave-traders are dealt with as pirates. Such was the growth of a moral idea. It transformed a business, which Queen Elizabeth sea, into a crime. The liquor interago. Let us lay the ax at the root of the tree, and by and by we shall see it fall, and great will be the fall there-

ENGLISH LETTER.

To the Editor of the WESLEYAN.

MR. EDITOR,-Since I wrote you last I have paid a flying visit to the ment of a Nonconformist as an Ex-County of Cornwall, and had a look region. The country is rough and leaving the impression that its agririch in mineral resources, but I was sorry to learn that many of the mines had become exhausted and that sever. al others were being worked at a loss and would have to close at an early day. As a consequence many have been thrown out of employment and more will be, and the suffering consequent thereupon is daily increasing. At Liskeard I had the pleasure of at tending a Wesleyan Circuit Sabbathschool Convention, at which there was a tea, addresses, essays and discussions, and a good time generally. The best part of the whole was a paper by a Miss Hayward, on "The Teacher and his Work," beautifully written and admirably read, and brimful of good things. By vote of the meeting it was decided to publish it in pamphlet form. Our ministers here are Messrs. Banks and Rhodes, the latter being a brother to Prof. Rhodes, of Albert County, N. B.

I made the most of the few hours I spent in Truro, visited its places of interest, and called on the Wesleyan and Bible Christian ministers. High Churchism is rampant here, and when the new cathedral now in course of erection is completed some very high doings may be looked for. It is a pretty little town and shows considerable enterprize in its building operations. Five branches of the Methodist families are represented here, and the Wesleyans are about to erect another large

and expensive chapel. I spent a week in Redruth, every night of which I was engaged in some kind of public service. I have certainly seen prettier places. Nature has been very sparing in her gifts in the line of the beautiful, and Art has done but little to supplement her deficiencies. The townplot is very uneven, the streets narrow and crooked, and the sidewalks especially on the market days so obstructed by butchers' stalls, hucksters' tables, and improvised eating saloons that the pedestrian has to take the middle of the street and take his chances with the teams. I believe it has neither Mayor or Council and every one does what seems good in his own eyes.

But despite these disadvantages and drawbacks there are worse places than Redruth, and here and in the surrounding country the Methodists wield a commanding influence. In the town there are four different branches of our Church, each pretty strong and occupying good houses, while the Episcopalians, with two churches and another in building, are so weak that the congregations itinerate from building to building, unable to have service in more than one at a time. An idea of the hold that Methodism has upon this section of country may be inferred from the fact that within

'The whole edifice of philosoph. enty Methodist chapels, more than ical conclusions which I had erected half of these being Wesleyan. Truly, thing. Nothing is left of it, and what hap Pit could have foreseen such an would become of us in this life if we issue he would have sung with still more than his usual fervor.

> "Saw ye not the cloud arise. Little as a human hand, Now it spreads along the saies. Covers all the thirsty land.'

The Methodism of this part of England is a shade livelier than it is in some other places I could name. To hire a clerk to repeat the responses is quite unnecessary, and to hear a hearty Amen" or "Praise the Lord" is nothing unusual. While preaching a few Sabbaths ago I had a new experience. The subject was "Lessons on the Autumn, or the Aged Christian nearing Home." I had what preachers call a good time, the congregation was much moved, and, quite oblivious to the fact that'l was preaching, an aged man burst into a song in which he was joined by a score of voices, and the way that hymn was sung was like the rush of many waters. I enjoyed this new departure much, and when the song ceased finished my sermon. The choir was ready with an authem, but the congregation led off with something else. and the anthem singers had to reserve their pretty piece for a more convenient time. Your readers may call this disorder if they choose, but with all my love of order and aversion to confusion I must confess I saw noth. ing out of place, nothing irreverent nor unseemly in it whatever, and I would not be displeased at a little more fire in our meetings at home.

The Methodist ministers of this country are worked very hard, and I am almost tempted to call the Metho dist people an unconscionable lot. Those I have met with are out every night in the week, preaching, attending missionary meetings, renewing tickets or meeting the leaders, and having to tramp it from one to five miles. I frankly told them we would not do it, and as strikes were the order of the day it might not be a bad plan to try a ministerial one. In all seriousness, it is unreasonable to expect a man to be at it every night and all day Sunday, but the usual reply is, If we won't others will, and our people will go elsewhere.

A good old woman in the North West has remitted three pounds to the Missionary Society, to help support a minister where she resides. As Wesleyanism has no workers in Canada I assume it ought to find its way into our treasury.

Oxford has been the scene of quite a little excitement over the appointaminer in Divinity means may be gathered from the following extract from a late issue of the Recorder, and which I am sure will be relished by every broad thoughted reader. The circumstances were given in our last issue. En "Not for the first time the bellicose clerical host have achieved a greater vietory than they intended. Once they defeated Mr. Gladstone, but in doing so they enabled him the more easily to disestablish the Irish Church. . In casting out Mr. Horton they really cast out the Thirty-nine Articles, which, if they had only kept quiet, might have been tolerared in the national University for a generation longer. And when they met to curse the memory of Martin Luther they put another nail in the coffin of that bitter and intolerant Puseyism which once ruled at Oxford, but is now a defeated minority there. "The Oxford that we loved" is indeed more," and whatever untoward fate clerical bigotry may reserve for Zanzibar, Oxford is receding every day more and more from the narrow ecclesiasticism which has hitherto made it the 'champion of the lost causes' of civil and religious despotism.' "The Bitter Cry of Outcast Lon-

don" is heard as loud and appealingly as ever, and the cry of other places is almost as pitiful. Owing to the pressure of the times and the want of employment there are thousands all over the land who have little to live on, and to whom the future gives no promise. Wages are wretchedly low, good, able bodied laborers are glad to work for twelve shillings a week and board themselves and families. No wonder there is such a bitter feeling against the rich, and the hope expressed that some day these lordly ones may have to pay for grinding down the poor. Devonport is nearly all owned by one of these lords of the soil, and yet if I am rightly informed, he owns the tollgate from that town to Plymouth and expects a paliry half-penny from every one who passes through it. Such are the sources of the revenue on which some mea make such a spread. Poor! Between the poor of England and of Canada there is an almost measureless difference, while very few with us really know what the term means here. The more I see of this country the more am I pleased with and proud of my own.

While in Redruth I had the pleasure of calling upon the family of Rev. S. James, of our Conference, and the tender way in which the old lady spoke of her absent boy showed that eighteen years had in no way weakened her motherly love. Oh how she would like to see him once more before she goes home! At Gunnislake I had a few minutes chat with the mother of the Rev. Mr. Seccombe, late of Newfoundland. How fondly these mothers talk of their dear boys.

Wishing you and all your readers all the compliments of the season.

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OUR HYMNS

To the Editor of the WESLEYAN. DEAR SIR. -- I thank you for your

kindness in inserting my remarks on "Our Hymns" in your last paper, but I must again trouble you, as I know you are incorrect in stating that " on Sunday last all the Protestant worshippers on the globe, Methodists excepted, heard the hymn read by the minister, etc." Now this is one thing I am objecting to. In all Episcopal churches that I have been in in Halifax the minister gives out the number of the hymn and reads two or four lines only, generally two. At our Bible Society meeting, at which you were present, only four lines were read, and one fact is worth a thousand arguments. A lady near us missed the number of the hymn, and asked my daughter what it was, but, unfortunately, sheedid not know it either. and by the time she came to me and the lady got it the singing was about over. Now, I leave you to judge how many others might be similarly situa ted. She was a stranger to our hymnbook, but what would be the case with uneducated persons?

Once more, and I conclude-I believe in one hundred years hence that education may be so generally diffused that every body will be able to read. but I think were you and I to enquire among the fishermen, sailors and colprised to find how few can read well and how much the reading of the reluctance to the hideous declaration would help them to do so. Thanking you for your courtesy, etc.

Yours respectfully, SAMUEL BORBHAM.

Halifax, N. S.,) Jau'y 4, 1884.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. Jacob Freshman, the Jewish missionary in New York, is to spend some weeks in Baltimore in mission work among the Hebrews of that city.

Rev. T. DeWitt-Talmage, in a letter to Rev. Thomas Harrison, Dec. 15, writes: "Of the hundreds that united with my church under your work four years ago all without a single exception remain faithful."

On Jan. 1st., Rev. D. H. Lodge, of Mt. Stewart, P.E.I., was presented with a well filled purse by Mrs. J. White and Mrs. J. R. Bourk, on behalf of the members of the congregation and other friends. Other marks | believing and upholding .- N. Y. Paof the high esteem in which Mr. per. Lodge is held were received from various parts of the circuit.

We are glad to learn through the Framlingham Weekly News, that the Rev. W. R. Pepper, of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, is making use of a part of his time in England by lecturing on Canada and its resources. The presence of hard times will no ton held a tea meeting there on Dec. doubt lead many Englishmen to look 27th, the receipts of which amounted across the ocean.

The Deal Telegram, of Dec. 8th, contains in mourning columns, a lengthy description of the services at the funeral of the Rev. Geo. Butcher. The biographical sketch has already found a place in our columns. This esteemed minister, it will be remembered, was the English correspondent in the Brunswick St. Church on Monof the Wesleyan in 1878, over the day morning next at 9.15. They will signature of "B."

The Rev. W. H. Dallinger, Governor of Wesley College, Sheffield, has been elected the three years' President of the Microscopical Society of London; and has also been chosen by the Council of the British Associa- are having here a year of great prostion to represent British biological science at the meeting in Montreal, in ing place. Our Funds, missionary Lecture at the Canadian Session of quadrupled." the Association.

superintendent of the Sunday school, in all their plans. and for some time Recording Steward. In his farewell address to the school, he stated that he had been absent but twice during the four years, and then on account of a storm. His loss is the more deeply felt by Mr. Hooper, connected with our cause there had were received into communion. also removed.

No notes cheer us more in our monotonous office work than those which now and then reach us from our esteemed friend, W. F. Bonnell, Esq., of Brooklyn, N.Y., but formerly of Gagetown, N.B. In his last he says, in his happy style: "I am now on the people profess to have found peace. retired list, having worked sixty-one years;" and "we have purchased a on our journey home." We trust that Mr. Bonnell may long be continof the vigorous Hanson Place Church, its little Methodist group When set are in a good state, and the congrega. drinkers. This is the result of an free from the body, we think his spirit | tions large. will often visit that little church, the erection of which was in a great measure due to his untiring efforts.

LITERARY, Etc.

Vick's beautiful annual "Floral Guide," with his catalogue of flowers, plants and vegetables, prettily illustrated, is out promptly for the New Year. pretty hand book of seeds, flowers and outlook is cheering."

shrubs by sending ten cents to James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

The Pulpit Treasury for January will please its readers. A portrait of Bishop Potter, of New York, is followed by an eloquent sermon from the bishop's pen. Among a number of other sermons and papers, we find an Exegetical Comment on "Guardian Angels," by Dr. D. Curry, of the Methodist Church. The crisp and suggestive notes on the International Lessons for 1884 form a new feature. Price \$2.50, to clergymen \$2.00.

The Life of Zwingli, translated from the German of Jean Grob, is No. 105 of the "Standard Library" published by Funk & Wagnalls, N. Y. The choice of this sketch of the great Swiss Reformer for their last volume for 1883 was a very wise one. The work of Zwingli was earnest, his doctrinal views were clearer than those of was high and holy. A study of his life, as presented in this volume, will prove a benefit to the Protestantism of to-day everywhere. Price 25 cents. For sale at Methodist Book-Room.

LUTHER DEFENDED.

The Independent having been challenged by the Roman Catholic press ored people, who occasionally sit in to give proof of its charge of mendaour church galleries, we would be sur- city on the part of writers of that communion respecting Luther's character enough to sing our hymns correctly, and opinions, refers with apparent hymn by the minister, verse by verse, to the Knights of the Teutonic Order attributed to the reformer by Dr. Brann, the Rev. William Stang and other book makers and pamphleteers. The atrocious sentiment to the effect that concubinage is preferable to chas tity and "with God's assistance would not involve the loss of salvation" has been quoted on the authority of Audin, the author of a French biography of Luther. Audin refers to the Jens edition of Luther's letters and works and assumes to reproduce the declaration in a foot-note in Latin. The Independent establishes the fact that the letter referred to was not written in Latin, but in German and may be found in the "Saintliche Schriften" by Walch, Madeburg, 1746. A careful examination of this letter, which bears date Wittemberg, March 28, 1523, shows that there is no foundation whatever for the abominable sentences atttributed to the Reformer by Audin and subsequent writers on the Roman Catholic side. The German original contains abundant evidence that Luther hated and denounced what his detractors charge him with

METHODIST NOTES.

church-membership at Truro.

The Methodist ladies of Port Mouto \$140.16.

The new and pretty church at Port Hawkesbury was recently dedicated. Rev. G. W. Tuttle, who took part in the opening services, says that the undertaking has been "a grand success."

Special services will be commenced be continued each evening for three weeks, except on Saturdays. The pastor will be assisted by brethren in | more adults were led into the way of

In a private note from Newmarket, Ont., Rev. J. H. Starr says, "We perity. Constant conversions are tak-

Hooper, of Sheet Harbor, is a warm at which \$157 was collected. The Speare Huntington Professorship. tribute to the services there of Mr. proceeds go towards liquidating the Edward Murray, whose intended re- enormous debt upon the parsonage moval to Halifax he deeply regrets. property. The members of the con-Mr. Murray has been for four years gregation are very united and liberal

been held in Centenary, Wesley and from Pithoragarh on the other. Re-King street churches, Hamilton, Ont. ports from other parts of the India A large number of conversions have Mission are encouraging. Dr. Dease, been reported. On Sabbath morning of Bareilly, recently baptised over a because since his appointment in (Dec. 23) a reception service was held hundred persons. He has begun to Sept. 1882, two of the leading families at Wesley Church, when fifty six train a number of the young men, re-

From Murray Harbor, P.E.I., Rev. E Bell sends word: "For five weeks we have had united services in the Bible Christian church at the Harbor. The attendance has been large, much good has been done, and many heads of families and a number of our young

The Kaye St. parsonage has been lot in Greenwood. So you see we are painted inside and out and put in excellent order. A gentleman has kindly paid a hardware bill against the ued below. In spite of the attractions trustees of nearly \$16. Mr. Lane's successor will have a very comfortable charge twenty per cent. less premium home. The finances of the church to total abstainers than to moderate

> These notes reach us from the Montague, P. E. I, circuit: "The new church at Sturgeon is prospering. The Pall Mall Gazette that over 10,000 Sunday school will be kept open barrels of rum, each containing from through the winter. Special services 40 to 50 gallons, have been imported have proved a blessing to some. At in one year along the east coast of Montague Bridge the Bible Christian Madagascar, and the result has been church has been purchased through that at nightfall whole villages of the the liberal assistance of Charlottetown natives would be found under the infriends. We have now four good fluence of the demon drink, even little | ciprocity treaty with the United States

Rev. Joseph Hale, of Stellarton, writes: "We cleared over \$100 by our Christmas tree. Very interesting Sunday-school entertainments were held this week at Westville and Stellarton. At the latter place we were favored with the presence of Rev. G. W. Tuttle, a former pastor. We are glad to be able to report progress all

around.' From Amherst Rev. Joseph Gaetz reports .- " A solemn and interesting service took place in our church Sun-E. B. Treat, 757 Broadway, N. Y. day morning last Three children were dedicated to God in baptism. Immediately after, four adults were baptised, and then with three others, one of whom had been a Roman Cath olic, were received into full connexion with the Church. At the close the Lord's Supper was administered."

On Dec. 21st., the officers, teachers and scholars of the Digby Sundayschool invited their esteemed superin-Luther on some points, and his aim tendent, W. O. Theall, Esq., to their school room, where they presented him with a brief but pleasing address and other tokens of their appreciation. The Christmas tree was well patronized, the receipts amounting to \$116. Just before the close of the sale G. J. Letteney, Esq., on behalf of the young people of the church, invited Mr. Ainley, the pastor, and wife to the platform and read to them a kind address, accompanied by a very hand some photograph album. At Smith's Cove the ladies held a "basket sociable" on the 18th ult., collecting \$30. The Digby circuit will contribute \$40 to the Centennial Fund, while the Missionary receipts will be at least 25 per cent. in advance of last year, making an advance of 178 per cent. in three years, while other interest are likely to be fully equal to an preceding year: The President-Rev. W. H. Heartz with Revs. D. W. Johnson and J. W. Prestwood, were the missionary deputation.

We note with pleasure these items from Rev. A. Lucas: "After last Conference we began the much need. ed repairs on our church at Milltown. After re-opening it we proceeded to build a vestry. Our land being not quite large enough the Congregational church kindly presented us with piece from their parsonage lot. The church is now comfortable and beautiful, a pleasure or delight to pastor and people. An active sewing circle has furnished the pulpit with lamps, books and chairs, costing about ninety dollars. The vestry, when completed, will have a kitchen and a class room or parlor, besides the larger room. This will greatly add to convenience of our work under future pastors, Up | years of age. to the close of the year we have paid out for this work a little over one done nobly, and have proved that his wife, son and two daughters. they 'had a mind to work.' They are exceedingly grateful for aid given On Sunday morning last Rev. S. B. them by Mr. Gioson and the late Z. Dunn received ten persons into Chipman. Some eight hundred dol lars are yet needed, before all the work is completed and paid for. To wards this the congregation are making constant efforts. The trustees desire to have it free of debt and are working and giving nobly to that end. Will not some kind friend or friends send us aid? The year has borne fruit also in the conversion of souls to Christ. We pray for richer spiritual blessings as a token of God's accept-

ance of the temporal work.'

The Irish Evangelist says that it is estimated that during the Revival Mission in Dublin, two hundred or life, as well as about seventy children

The Hon. Alden Speare, of Boston, has just placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Boston University the sum of \$40,000, the income of which belongs to the University on and after August next, by giving the Biological and supernumerary, are doubled and the first day of January. This fund is for the endowment of a Chair in the College of Liberal Arts, to be Rev. Thos Rogers, of Pictou, re- named, in memory of a lovely Chris-In a note from the Rev. T. C. ports a successful New Year's festival, tian daughter, deceased, the Emma

It is reported that the best M. E. district, India, closed Nov. 4, at on several railways. Dwarahat. A good number of the people came about eighty miles on Successful revival services have foot, from Paori on the one side and cently baptized, especially for village work. The women's medical class under his tuition is doing good work.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

The Duke of Westminster, in a letter to the Chester Chronicle, says that during the last six years, on his Grosvenor estate in London, twentyfive leases of public houses have fallen in and have not been renewed."

Some English insurance companies among the latter class.

Rev. A. G. Shaw writes to the round the fire or in the moonlight.

the meeting of the American Tempercounty in every State in the Union. Already it has a membership of

By what arithmetic shall we compute the difference between the poison and the effect of alcohol in a glass, or in a mince pie or pudding sauce? In the moral quality of a watch as well as pray !

In a recent lecture, Lord Wolseley said that if two lads started together in life, all things being equal, with the odds on the latter. He added that the hardest he had seen, there was po strong liquor, and there was likewise no sickness and no need for prison discipline. If drunkenness could be eliminated, crime in the English army would be practically at an end.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Four missionaries left Boston, Dec. 8th., for India, under the spice of Dr. Cullis. Their destination is Ba They are all ladies.

The London Missionary Society has two ships that sail between its stations in New Guinea, two in Africa, and one in the South Seas.

Parlor Sunday-schools are the latest means seed for reaching those of the upper classes of London society who are not regular church attendants.

The Episcopalians of Elstow, England, where John Bunyan was born, have devoted to his memory a stained glass window in their church.

every new Protestant communicant, and a Bible to every newly-married couple. The three Women's Boards of Foreign Missions, co operating with the American Board, have about 145

or 150 women in the field, and an

The Protestant Bible Society in

France gives a New Testament to

income of over \$150,000 a year. The mission founded in Africa, in memory of Livingstone, has lost another of its members, in James Stewart, who had given up a brilliant position in India to become its engineer. He succumbed to an attack of fever at 40

Chicago has a novelty in the way of a gospel-ship, called the Glad Tidings. thousand dollars The people have It is in command of Captain Burby, makes trips through the Northern lakes, and religious services are conducted by the family.

The Republic of Chili having secularized all cemeteries, the Roman Catholic Bishops have declared them desecrated and forbidden their priests to conduct burial services in them. In turn the Republic forbids Roman Catholics to bury in private cemeteries where communal cemeteries exist.

GLEANINGS, Etc. minimum minimum

THE DOMINION.

The Domionion Government ask or tenders for the hull of a steam r, to replace the lest Princess Louise. Timothy R. Wetmore, Esq-, Judge of Probates, &c., of Queen's Co., died

recently at Gagetown, aged 81 years. It is understood that the Local Legislature will meet on the 21st of Feb-

Bounties have been paid in Halifax County during the past year for killing forty nine wild cats and thirtyeight bears.

Last week Ontario was visited by an immense storm. Traffic on the roads was almost suspended, and on camp meeting yet held in Kumaon | Saturday last trains were abandoned

> A collision occured on the 3rd inst... on the Canadian Pacific Railway, be tween Montreal and Ottawa, by which nine Montrealers and three officials were injured, none however fatally.

The flooded district in Montreal extended a considerable distance on Thursday night of last week, the water rising through the drains and causing consternation among the residents.

It is claimed that the Canadian Pacific Railway, when completed, will be 167 miles shorter between New York and the Pacific ocean than the shortest existing line between New York and San Francisco.

At the recent meeting of sharehold ers of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway, held in London, the directors' report showed that the result of the operations of the year ending 30th September, 1883, was fairly satisfac-

Nomination Day in York County has been set down for the 22nd inst., and the election for the 29th. Exsheriff Temple has been nominated as candidate in the Government interest, and Mr. G. F. Gregory as a Liberal representative.

A despatch says that the Canadian Government is communicating with Earl Granville in respect to arranging the basis for the negotiation of a re-Any one may obtain this useful and congregations on this circuit, and the children staggering in their play Government, including a settlement of Canadian fisheries questions.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, of Iowa, at The bridge at Fredericton will cost attempt to shoot him, during which a ance Union in New York, said that 2,857 feet. The intention is to have attack was made by six men. before December 24th, 1884, a branch it ready for crossing next fall. There of the Women's Christian Temperance | can be little doubt that the Miramichi Union will be established in every Railway Co. will also be obliged at an early date to bridge the river at Fredericton.

R. S. Dun and Co's annual statement of business failures in the United States and Canada shows the year to have been the most disastrous since 1868. In Canada the failures and liabilities were nearly double those of temptation, the last may be more the proceeding year. A result, some ruinous than the first. Mothers, think, of fear rather than of necess-

Arrangements have been concluded by which money orders may be obtained at any money order office in Canada exception of one drinking and the payable in Barbad es, up to amounts His friends propose to build him a other being a teetotaler, it was long and for fees specified as follows. For hotel. sums not exceeding \$10,10 cts., \$20,20 on his Red River campaign, one of cts., \$30,30 cts., \$40,40 cts., \$50,50 cts. The limits of a single order is

> Woman Suffrage is a popular subject in Ontario. The Women's Suf. England as one of O'Do nnell's "counfrage Association in order to test the sel. feeling of Ontario in the matter has addressed a circular to every municipality in the province, asking it to full franchise to those women who possess the qualifications which entitle men to vote.

The office of Stipendiary Harris, at Annapolis, was broken into on Monday night and the judgment book and receipts for the past five years, with other papers were stolen. Mr. Harris has tried several Scott Act cases lately and judgment in one was to be de livered and another case rising out of one of them to be tried next morning. It is thought the burglars were looking for the papers in these cases, but he had taken them all home with him.

During the past year sixteen schooners were built in Lunenburg. Eight more vessels are in course of construction and nearly finished. These are for the fisheries. Aggregate 2227 tons. Dories, boats, etc., valuedat \$7350, were also built in Lunenberg by various builders during the year. The wealth of the sea pours in on the county, and the proceeds are expended in enlarging their fishing fleet and building up the towns. The new railroad, now well on to completion, will be an important auxiliary.

During a recent Scott Act trial at Sackville, N. B., one of the witnesses refused to testify and the Justice decided to commit him to jail for five days, and adjourned the court until Saturday. During the proceedings a number present acted in so rude and boisterous a manner, that the Justice ordered the court cleared, and had to assist the constables in clearing the room. After the adjournment the prisoner attempted an escape, assisted by a crowd, and after a struggle of about twenty minutes the rioters succeeded in effecting his rescue, and he disappeared. The liquor interests of Sackville made a bad commencement of the new year.

The victims of the terrible railway inst., numbered twenty seven. Other cases are considered hopeless. Many of the workmen killed were excellent | virtually a law for the abolition of citizens, and some were brought from slavery in Brazil, since, in most inthe United States when the Bolt stances, the masters will prefer to Works were opened. The Toronto City Council has decided to appropriate two thousand dollars to aid bereaved families and to give decent burial to the dead. Lord Lansdowne has subscribed two hundred and fifty dollars. Public subscriptions are pouring in freely. A public funeral of the victims took place on last Saturday. Never before in the history of Toronto has such an immense concourse of people assembled. At the City Hall, where the procession started from, about 20,000 people assembled and all along the route thousands of spectators lined the streets.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

A despatch of the 2nd inst., from St. John's, reports two additional deaths-John Bray, who was wounded the day of the riot, and Webber, who was badly hurt by the explosion of a gun. A despatch of the 4th inst., says that Judge Bennet and Inspector Carty went to Carbonear that night to take the depositions of Darmodie Bray, Jr., and Nichols, who were pronounced to be in a dying condition.

GENERAL. Friday last was the coldest day ever known in Dakota, being 48° below in the morning and 42 ° below at noon.

W. H. Vanderbilt is now building his family mausoleum, at a cost of \$75,000. Jay Gould has just completed his, at a cost of \$100,000.

polished and jointed with great care, life. It shows that O'Donnell deliband placed in the Army Medical Museum at Washington.

The New York commissioners talk of establishing a hatchery of salt-water | kill Carey, and would hang for it. fish with which to replenish the Atlantic coast supplies.

Under the new law in Washington Territory, striking out the word "male" from all election laws, the women will be entitled to vote at the general elections hereafter. The London correspondent of Temps

says the Marquis Tseng will shortly propose to France the mediation of either England or America in the Tonquin question.

recent accident to the Czar was an furnace in the basement.

about \$75,000. Its length will be bullet was lodged in his shoulder. The

The Athenaeum announces that a new book has been written by Queen Victoria, entitled "More leaves from the journal of our life in the Highlands from 1862 to 1882 '

H. M. Stanley earnestly pleads that the English will not permit the Portuguese to gain possession of the Congo, but will establish a protectorate over it themselves, both for their own interest and that of the Africans.

The Tichborne claimant will soon be discharged from prison. He was sentenced in 1874 to fourteen years imprisonment for perjury; but has had histerm shortened for good behaviour.

Fifty two thousand dollars were raised in the United States for the defence of O'D mnell, of which sum Gen. Roger A. Pryor of New York received a fee of \$15,000 for going to

The President of the London Society of Public Analysts makes the patity in the province, asking it to petition the Legislature to extend a ast mishing statement that \$7,500,000 full franchise to those when who is not every year by English consumers for water sold as milk -a sum nearly equal to the product of an additional penny on the income tax.

A bill has been introduced in the New York S-nate providing that in cities of 500,000 inhabitants or over, all telegraph, telephone, and electric wires and cables shall be placed under ground before November, 1885.

At San Francisco a meeting has been held to make arrangements for holding a World's Fair in that city in 1887. It was resolved to provide a guarantee fund of \$1,000,000, and then to petitian Cougress and the State Legislature for appropriations.

A fearful hurricane occurred on the Mexico coast on November 4th, which entirely destroyed the town of Altata, at the port of that name. Not a house remained standing, and vessels suffered severely.

The main walls of the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City were completed on the 19th ult. They are of solid granite, eighty-five feet high and ten feet thick, and were begun twentyeight years ago. The cost thus far has been \$4,500,000.

A private telegram to the Times states that Nubar Pasha, Egyptian Minister of War in 1876, has accepted the Premiership of the new Ministry, and appointed Mr. Edgar Vincent Minister of Finance. German newspapers condemn England's Egyptian

The Egyptian ministry has resigned. Cherif Pasha in his letter to the Khedive tendering the resignation of the Ministry says that England's demands that the Soudan be abandoned, and that England's counsel be followed without discussion, cannot be com-

plied with. A law has recently been passed in disaster near Toronto, on the 2nd Brazil, which imposes an annual tax of one hundred dollars upon the master for every slave he owns. This is emancipate their slaves rather than

hold them and pay the tax. The Government of the Dutch East Indies has sent troops to the west coast of Acheen, to compel the Rajah, who holds in captivity the crew of the ateamer Nizero, wrecked there in Nov. last, to surrender them. Twenty-five of the crew are in the hands of the Rajah who plundered and destroyed the vessel.

A crematory association has been formed in Washington, and Congress is to be asked to give it a charter. A German physician has given a lot on which to erect a crematory similar to that in Washington, Penn. One of its members says that the expense of burning a body will not be more than \$35, and soon they may be able to re-

duce it to \$20. The Republique Francise, in comnenting upon England's Egyptian policy, predicts disastrous massacres in the Soudan, especially at Khartouin. The Debats remarks that England's leaving 18,000 French residents in Egypt unprotected from El Mahdi is likely to result in France actively it terfering in Egyptian affairs. In the meantime there are constant rumors of the advance of El Mahdi.

The United Ireland publishes an account of the murder of James Carey, written by a gentleman who received it from O'Donnell, under promise that it was not to be told while a The skeleton of Guiteau has been | chance remained to save O'D mnell's erately killed Carey. There was no struggle. Carey made no attack upon O'Donnell. He had told his companion that morning that he meant to

A Roman Catholic convent was burned at Bellville, Ill., on Sunday morning. It is probable that no less than 22 nuns and pupils were burned to death or killed by jumping. Among the number is said to be the Lady Superior. Terror-stricken parents rushed frantically round, searching for their missing children, and wailing over their loss. The fire department was of little avail against the mad rush of surging flame, and in one hour the entire building was a mass of ruins. It is said that a true version of the A report says the fire started from the



and which will the same CHARLES JONES.

On the 26th December, 1883, aged 70 years , was gathered to his fathers, after a short illness. A native of Bristol, England, and for many years a resident of Gloucester, he emigrated to Nova Scotia about twenty years ago. After a brief residence in Shelburne he came to this place. Hantsport, where he died in the triumph of faith. For more than forty years a member of the Methodist Church, he loved the means of grace. and endeavored in every possible way to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. G.O.H.

GEORGE BLACK.

The writer of the notice of the decease of Mr. George Black, of Amherst, asks sus to correct the sentence. "Our visits to his dying bed brought us near to heaven the legacy of a holy life," so that it should read, "Our visits to his dying bed brought us near to heaven. To his sorrowing family, all of whom are following him to heaven, he left the legacy of a holy life." ED].

JANUARY THOUGHTS .- 1884.

The beginning of this month witnessed a change in the figures intimating the date of our official documents and epistolary correspondence. The same numerals for the same purpose have not been used since 1848, nor will they be thus used again while time shall

If the last month of the year awakened thoughtful reflection, the present one abounds with joyous and stimulating hope. We seem to start anew on the journey of life, prompted to activity and usefulness byt he lingering echoes of the voices of 1883. Our reflective faculties, roused by commemorative December, have not yet subsided into quiescence. The Christian influences of Christmas are doing much to keep Christianity alive. To the event, then commemorated, we owe the use of the figures of 1884. Did ever the birth of any other child influence to such an extent the chronology of our race? Does not the infidel, every time that he writes a letter, tacitly admit that Jesus of Nazareth has had, and still has, a marvellous influence among the children of men? Already Christianity has had more Christmas days than the Jews had Passovers from the days of Moses bute of praise, are increasing on earth.

We began the year with thoughts of "Jesus and his love," and hope to retain them during all its months. For many years past this has been a month of special prayer, in response to a Christian voice from India. Who can will the good that has been accomplished in this way? The various sections of Christ's Church have doubtless been drawn nearer to each other, in those union services. Denominations never fight with each other while on their knees. We believe brotherly love and religious fellowship have thus been in-

The signs of the times indicate the lowering of denominational fences. Union rather than isolation, is the prevailing idea. Because the different bodies of Methodists in the Dominion of Canada repented of their foolish enstrangement from each other, and have become one family, some wise men are agitating the union of all the Evangelical denomizations, so as to present before heaven and earth the glorious spectacle of a united Protestantism. And as there seems to be more in common between Presbyterians and Methodists, it is thought that these should lead in the enterprise. It might be found, if honest advances were made in this kind of courtship, that the preliminaries would develope more difficulties than were anticipated. Perhaps if we could get the spirit of John Calvin, and that of John Wesley, to attend a general convocation of the clergy, they would both spell and give the same meaning to the w rl "all." If not, the union would stick there. Methodists will never abandon their Arminian theology. I rejoice to know that it is not as frightful to Calvinists as it used to be. It ever this union takes place, the names of all the Johns will have to be dropped out of our creed, and the name of Jesus substituted

During the last year the example of British North America, in reference to religious and political confederation. has been followed in the Eastern and Southern world. Providence and grace. are evidently preparing the world for a finer exhibition of the brotherhood of man than has ever yet been seen on this planet. Thoughts of union among Christians are very appropriate, in connection with Christmas memories, for will among men -- to unite the race in J. nuary well kept will have a tenden- in alienating multitudes from religious, moral errors are heralded by the news- imprisonment.

of the year. It ought then to be a time of pious resolutions. Doubtless some resolves of 1883 have been forgotten, not all however. A few have been kept, to the honour of God and the bene-

There is yet much on earth that is unde strable, and ought to be removed. We feel safe, however, in saying that on the whole the world is growing better. It is true that there are what anpear like war-clouds in the North and in the East. But these may pass away. It is not easy in our day to induce civilized nations to engage in bloody warfa.e. The peace principles of Christianity are permeating the nations. The period is fast approaching when men will learn war no more. The false prophet will be destroyed before that. He is dying now, though he kicks hard about Egypt. Britain will give the finishing stroke when the predicted time comes. It is matter of regret that Fenjanism still lives and is vigorous. Ireland is its central object, but its agents are everywhere. Their weapons are carnal. Gunpowder, glycerine, and dynamite will never reform abuses. These wicked ones will be defeated. For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, and, under him, Queen Victoria also reigns.

The record of the past is before us What about that of 1884? We will give the answer from day to day. G.O. H.

WANTED: A NEW POPE.

It is not the pope of the seven-hilled city that the world needs to-day: the past has seen enough of this iron-clad rule of crowned ecclesiastics, and the demand for additions to this spurious supremacy and baseless, unlimited assumption is lessening as the years advance, and the larger, freer age draws on. The pope which this nineteenth century is ready to mitre and enthrone, and for whose administration in various realms of human thought and toil there lies a future of noblest kind, is that of sanctified, untitled common sense. It wears no kingly livery, it stands uncrowned in the "mad farce of this wicked world." it claims no palace-home as its peculiar abode, and yet its work and mission upon this "painful earth" is vested with a good which rubies cannot buy and which choicest language can never fully name. The deeds and trophies of this unsceptred guest no pen of to those of the Christ. And still the power has yet made known, and its well influences of Jesus's name, and his tri- earned fame no splendid monument as yet records. Though clad in homeliest garb and still unsung among the poets of the time, it patiently awaits the place of honor and of nower which must finally be hers, and which it justly and forever claims. The absence of this dishonoured king from a thousand transactions of secular type, has left them huge specimens of fanatical zeal and ensured for them a career and destiny of the most humiliating and disastrous kind. And the frequent exclusion of

> may attempt to write but attempt in Is it not true that a sanctified common sense is specially required by the individual Christian as he or she moves on and on in life's checkered path? In the development and management of a Christian character, what unseemly blunders, what humiliating missteps, what extravagant calculations, what impotent efforts, what groundless assumptions, what foolish exhibitions of our ignorance, what irritating interruptions to our fine drawn dreams and plans, and what unsubstantial experiences and idle speculations might have been prevented by the adoption of a course of conduct in which common sense was pope or king! And if the work and life of the minister of the Gospel is to be a true and abiding success, he cannot afford to exclude this unpretending power from his councils or his plans. No matter what the preacher's talents may be, how wide and deep his learning, how broad his outlook, how undisputed his piety, and how eloquent his speech, if he refuses to bow to the authority of a practical common sense, much of his life and work ends in failure, and is shorn of the far-reaching influence it would otherwise possess.

How many efforts for good have failed on this very account; how many hopes have been blighted, how much of energy has gone to waste, and what uncalled for perplexities and distressing bewilderments has the preacher suffered, in whose calculations the practical and beneficent rule of a sanctified comto may be heaven and earth is named." eminence and monopoly have resulted Catholic vote. A Protestant preacher's time was taken, tried, and sentenced to

cy to influence for good all the months thoughts, and hardening the outside world, by the abandonment of that principle which even unchristian men cannot but admire. The unreasoning fancies of a bigoted exclusiveness, the creation of an unbridled and lawless imagination, the empty, spurious claims and dogmatism of prejudiced minds, and the poor, yet humiliating and bitter popery of a narrow sectarianism, when read in the light of the wide and glorious meanings of New Testament Christianity, become so insignificant and absurd, that the finest spirit of the Gospel is shut out by such petty decrees, the common sense of mankind is outraged, and much of real damage is done to that truth and cause. for the advancement of which the Church has an existence in the world. After long periods of such bungling expedients, accompanied by failures and results of the most disastrous kind, it is high time that all the gates and doors of the Churches were open wide and the noble presence, mission and power of a practical, sanctified common sense were admitted and honored on ever- hand. Under its wise and judicious administration and rule, much would be gained by the Church and many of the strong objections of unbelief would be utterly

> What are costly churches, splendid rituals, and large ecclesiastical equipments if they are managed and controled in a spirit and manner which overrides the plainest intelligent ijudgments of reasonable men, and are at variance with the common sense interpretations of that book which reveals Christ's kinguom and His grace? In the end it cannot prosper, the glittering bubble will be pierced and the radiant, smitten foam of foolish assumption will be scattered to the winds. There is room everywhere for the swift and potent teachings, not of some extraordinary human agency. but for a common sense judgment within the reach of all.

O thou despised and long neglected power of an enlightened, sanctified common sense, the individual, the Church, and the great toiling world have suffered untold absurdities, contradictions, disappointments and overthrows, because against thy presence and kindly rule the doors of earth's courts and councils have been so often closed! For thee, even in places and missions of most sacred kind. there is a large and growing field; and the force of thine anathemas and benedictions is felt wherever man has fixed his habitation and home!

IN GLASS HOUSES.

The Western Christian Advosate, Cincinnati, says:

"The scurrility with which the personal character of Luther was treated on "Luther Sunday," by the Romanist preachers, from Mons. Capel down, provokes a smile as proceeding from a Church that is perishing from its own this worthy knight from the councils of rottenness, a Church whose unspeakthe Church and from the programmes of able pollution was the raison d' etre of well-intentioned men has involved a loss Luther's career, and the cause of the of influence and of power which we Reformation. Not long ago Bishop Elder of this city had to interdict his priests from their open and flagrant patronizing of the liquor saloons: and scarcely a week had passed after the issuance of his mandate ere sezeral of them openly disobeyed him by going publicly for 7the drink that their Church" allows them into one of these doggeries. A short time ago the keeping of disreputable women in the Roman Catholic parsonage of Norwich, Conn., was matter of talk on the streets of that city. Of course the scandal was denied. but when the house took fire one night. and these women were seen running out of it, the laugh of the crowd was turned upon them and the priests. When years ago the writer was crossing the Isthmus of Darien, he rested over Sunday at the town midway between the two seas, a wild village, though in a region that has been for three hundred and fifty years under Romish "civiliza-Half a dozen children, the priest's own, were playing around house, which stood uninclosed, on the common. Apparently no attempt had ever been made to conceal their paternity. During that week a bet had been made in the city of Panama, that on Sunday a priest would take a game-cock to Church with him, and leave it in the sacristy till after mass; that he would then go with the cock to a cock-pit, and later to a gambling den, closing the day by serving as procurer for five dollars, to any man who would accept his services. The bet was won. These are facts reported to us on the spot by well-informed and mon sense has had little place or power! trustworthy persons. But if one at-In much of the denominational strife tempts to show up this subject of Romish which has marked the years of the pollution, past and present, where could Church the absurd positions of some he stop? Protestants generally are not Christ came to pro note peace and good have been a stumbling block to many blind to these things, notwithstanding minds in the way of truth, and the timidity and flunkyism of the secular one finile. "Of whom the whole small contentions for ecclesiastical pre- press, which grovels for the Roman

papers of the whole country; but though thousands of Romish priests live in drunkenness, and in personal impurity, these are scarcely even mentioned, nor indeed are any other of their transgressions, except such as those of the late Purcell, whose enormity, and amagnitude render privacy impossible.

WHAT THE NEW STAMPS COST.

"How much do you suppose the new stamps cost the government?" I was asked the other day by Assistant Postmaster-general Hazen. "You don't know, but I'll tell you-just nine and one-fifth cents a thousand. They cost the contractors more than that. The plates, paper, printing, perforating, and putting the mucilage on is worth some thing; then they must be packed and done up in high-priced envelopes. Half the post-offices do not call for more than 100 stamps at a time, but they have to go through the same routine as in filling an order of millions for New York. It costs them more than they get.' "Where is the profit in the contract?" I naturally asked. "Right here," was the response. "All the countries on this continent south of us have their postage stamps made in this country. They prefer the concern which supplies our government. This is the American Banknote company, of New York. Bus they have to pay from five to ten times the price we pay, and they find no fault. There's where the profit comes in from making our stamps. It is the only way to secure these other good contracts."-

FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD.

Washington Letter.

The first person who ever sent his riends a Christmas card is said to have een the late Sir Henry Cole. Acting pon his suggestion, Mr. Horsley, the artist, designed a festive board of diners, the scene being flanked on right and left by two allegorical denwines representing alms-giving, and supports ed by the legend, " A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you!" It is doubeful, says a foreign writer, whether Raphael, or Michael Angelo could prepare a Christmas card without some apprenticeship. The design must have a directness that tells a plain story to a big plain public. It must, further, be such as tells a seasonable story; and is must make due allowances for the short-comings and the possibilities, and the tricks of color printing. Thus it comes about that few designs, even from good artists, are accepted for ordinary reproduction by publishers. Plenty of English ladies of title work for the publishers of Christmas cardsbaronesses, duchesses, and even princesses-and it is said that all of them look after their gains.

BREVITIES.

Way can not children call their parents "blessed" without "rising up?" asks the obitnary editor.

A Bay City plumber named Sullivan has failed! One respectable freeze would have saved him

Children will ask questions that wise men cannot answer; and men claim ng to be scientific will answer questions no wise man would ever ask.

"I do wish you would come home earlier," said a woman to her husband I am afraid to stay alone. I always magine there's sometning in the house but when you dcome I know there

Just as a particular soil wants some one element to fertilize it, just as the body in some conditions has a kind of famine for one special food-so the mind has its wants, which do not always call for what is best, but which know themselves, and are as peremptory as the salt-sick sailor's cry for a lemon or a raw potato. -Holmes.

A female missionary who has been laboring in China says she was often bothered by the Chinese women, who wanted to know her age, or whether she was married or not. In one case a woman. turning to a crowd about her, said in a tone of surprise: " Forty years and not married yet?" and she kept repeating this as though she was much shocked at the intelligence.

Political economy : " Didn't I tell you not to let me catch you in a lie? said a politician to his son. "Yes, sir." But I have just caught you in one." Yes, sir." "But why did you let me?" Because I told you this lie to keep you from catchin' me in two others what I told." "O, I see; political economy. Persevere in this kind of civil-service business and you will one day attain a position of public trust."—Arkansas Traveller.

The extreme effort made to support the Mikado's authority in Japan is shown by the following: There is a law against defacing any picture of the Mikado A teacher in one of the Kobe schools within a year was troupled by some of his unruly scholars looking at a card and passing it from one to another. He made several attempts to get possession of that card, and after he had become somewhat excited he succeeded in seizing it, and at once to e it in pieces. One of the boys exclaimed that it was a picture of his Majesty. The teacher saw at a glance that he had committed a horrible or me. He immediately ranaway; but in due

BLESSED BENEFACTORS. When a board of eminent physicians and chemists announced the discovery

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H. W-.. Detroit, Mich.

The hotel waiter's costume still remains the standard for an American gentleman's full dress. To prevent mistakes at parties, however, the waiter is directed to carry a towel on his arm, instead of a young lady .- New Orleans Pica-

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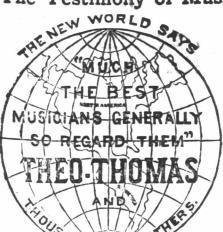
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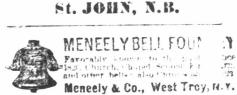
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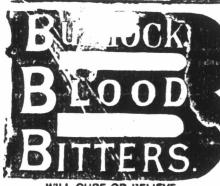
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