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PUBLIC WORSHIP.

ESTHETICS IN CHRISTIAN CONGRE-GATIONS.

Christ was the perfect man. That the true Christian is the highest style of man is a position not now likely to be called in question. The gospel is consequently the true civiliser of mankind, and it must naturally follow, therefore, that any refinement which attempts to set aside the Christian religion in any of its precepts must be spurious, and lacking in some of the essential elements of the culture taught by our Lord, or sanctioned by his teach-

Applying these principles to the modes of public worship, adopted by Christians, we may learn what is required to make it an acceptable service. It is by some assumed that a round of ritualistic performances is the best evidence of genuine Christianity, in the individual and in the church,-the best proof of the refining influence of religion. It was so held by some who lived in our Lord's time. The ritualists of that day demanded attention to the most minute of the prescribed forms ot religion in dress, manner of life aud religious observances, but this our Lord told them was all at the expense of "the weightier matters of the law; judgment, mercy and truth." "God is spirit, He said, and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Whatever, therefore, will best have been observed to keep some sort subserve such worship is most in acof parallel with the phenomena named ; cordance with Christian teaching. so that the old faith in astrology where-The more free modes of worship adopted by Baptist and other congreinfluence over human destiny had a gational Churches-praise, prayer, exbasis of truth in it. The present electhortation, and the ministry of the rical display may be owing to these Word, we believe give fuller scope, and causes, but as to that he could not be more opportunities for spiritual guidposicive. Electrical displays appear to ance and control, than where all i prepared beforehand on the printed year and in all cases the Aurora is genpage. It may be that in some cases, erally marked. It has been particularly so of late, and this disturbance has, even with them, there is too little regard he believed, been looked for. We, in to the teaching of the Divine Spirit, and fact, may look upon it as the direct too much dependence on what is human result of the brilliant displays of the late and formal. In every case, whatever summer. The effect of such disturbdetracts from the spiritual, and leads to suces on the telegraph wires is sometimes very curious, the wires surrounda reliance upon formality, must be in ing the magnets being sometimes opposition to true worship. completely melted, and often the line It is possible that the æsthetics of can be worked with the batteries disgospel worship are not duly considered connected." by some congregations, and they fail to adopt the language, tone and manner most in accordance with gospel refine-THE LATE REV. G. W. THOMAS. ment. Vulgarity has no place in the gospel nor in the House of God, and the locality where our departed brother it cannot be one of the products of last labored, has a very appreciative Christianity. Wherever this is found article referring to their affectionate whether in the pulpit, the choir, or the regard for him and his labors. After new, it must arise from want of ac noticing their sadness on hearing of his quaintance with gospel teachings or expected removal, the article says : disregard of its spirit. Gentleness is the gospel's essential spirit. When rear having hardly passed the thresthis has accomplished its work in the hold of what seemed a most promising heart, the life will be that of a true career of usefulness. He was born centle-man whether he be the million in Nova Scotia, but received his aire or the pauper, the philosopher training for the ministry at th the imbecile. Culture, mental, moral Newton Theological Seminary. Realin and physical is a natural product of dale was his first regular field religious truth. Obedience to divine labor He was watchful, impulsiv hws and commands is perfectly comatible with the highest culture. The culture of the New Testament is that of the beart, and the life ; and he soul, imbued with this could hardly Be content with such services as consist merely, or largely, of a rigid adherence to forms and ceremonies. It is sometimes claimed that vest- prepossessing and his manners winning ments add dignity to the officiating to a marked degree. As might have clergyman. We have serious doubts if they do not seriously detract from the spiritual effect of his services and become a barrier to his usefulness. They certainly have no countenance or support from the New Testament, and in these days are repugnant to many people of high intelligence and refined taste. The adoption of much of the prevalent church millinery was friendly gathering of the citizens, irresdoubtless originally intended for the purpose of impressing the ignorant and superstitions, and making a separation of the priest from the people, but it fails to do even this now-a-days. The order of worship, the singing and prayer and preaching should be so arranged as that the formalities are forgotten by the worshippers whilst the spiritual exercises are deeply impressed on their hearts, and they are led to deeper concern for the highest interests of their own souls, the souls of their fellow worshippers and their fellowmen time shall hide his earthly presence in What amount of truth there is in generally.

ELECTRICAL DISTURBANCE.

were great disturbances in the electrical condition of the atmosphere, interrupting them all. A good religious newspaper the telegraphic communication and making the despatches most unsatisfactory. Experienced telegraphers say it was the worst that has occurred for many years. The few wires that were working were continually liable to disturbance, and it was almost impossible to send or receive long messages. The storm extended throughout the United States and Eastern Provinces of Can-

Friday that " fully two-thirds of the sky is ablaze to-night with aurora light juring himself in all his relations. of many colors, a rare phenomenon in this region. The telegraph lines refused to work during the entire fore-

And from Washington, " great trouble has been experienced to-day in We believe there are collecting weather reports on account of the general demoralization of telegraphic circuits."

The following is given as the opinion of a well known electrician on the subject :

The latest astronomical theory is that at periods of about eleven years the conjunction of the minor planets affect the solar atmosphere, causing sun spots

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The West Roxbury News, published in

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THE CHRISTIAN MISSENGET

On Friday and Saturday last, there is the old established Christian news mper of these provinces-the father o has much to do with the happiness of every family into which it comes. I becomes a centre of interest and intelli gence which cannot be otherwise enjoy ed. It is the medium of communication between the ministers and members of churches such as cannot be secured in the any other way. It awakens and sustains the sympathy and co-operation of the churches in their benevolent enterprizes. No Christian man can despise It was reported from Chicago on the fraternal relationship of churches of like taith and practice without in-

> If the churches would have the full benefit of their religious weekly, the members who already take it should seek to induce all their brethreu who are able to do so to become subscribers

> Thousands of Families who would be benefitted in every respect, and that to a very large extent, by becoming subscribers to the Mas-SENGER, who are now depriving themselves and their families of what they should know as well as those who are already subscribers.

Every New SUBSCRIBER WHO the case, and of making the results in SENDS ON HIS TWO DOLLABS WILL to be very marked. This results in RECEIVE profound electrical disturbances.

vterian friends to determine. Whether they are accustomed to administer the communion to a dying woman, they may know better than we do. If they are, and did so, as stated in this case, we may only regret that she had not received better Protestant teaching, but we are glad to find that her husband while offering no obstruction to his wife's wishes being complied with, yet gave no countenance by himself joining Whether it was his own convictions or his church, that " forbade " his doing wrong, and encouraging anything like dependance, at such a time on the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, which was instituted for the Church, when assembled as a body, does not much matter. We prefer Close Communion to Loos Communion. What next?

THE London Freeman of Nov. 3rd. and mischievous course. received since our last i-sue, has an excellent article pon " Evangelistic Services" referring specially to the course pursued by those evan who in order to avoid giving of certain parties, ign initiation and comm they have to treat his order as a mis-Church. It may be that their doin this, has had the effect of giving a of an evanescent character, to their will best secure the end at which He labors than would otherwise have been bids them aim, by setting aside His

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Of course, we recognize the necessity tures by Augustine. Zwingle was of wisdom in dealing with awakened intolerant, and Luther, when it served ouls, so as to prevent, as far as possi- his purpose, rejected the epistles of ble, their thoughts being occupied with James and the Revelation as uncanoni-observances when they should be fixed cal. But the formidable indictment did exclusively on the Gospel of Christ- not end here ; he was doctrinally unthat is, until that Gospel has been clear- sound on many points, and his teaching y apprehended, and the decision for tended to perpetuate some of the glaring has been reached. But when errors of the Church be attempted first this has taken place, and the soul be- to reform and then forsook. The only What does Reformation character who pass muster was Hubmeyer and the only reformers who remained untarnished were the so-called schismatics of Zurich, ed in both they and Hubmeyer of course w the objecting to infant baptism. Luther atory however, received the brunt of the attack.

News of the World.

In the House of Commons on Monday of last week, Mr. Yorke moved for a select committee to enquire into the alleged treaty with the Irish members of Parliament imprisoned in Kel-The motive as we have said, is that mainham jail before their release. It the work of conversion may not be was denied by Mr. Gladstone that there hindered. But it is pertinent to ask, if had been any treaty. The House has those who take this ground know betbeen engaged through the week in conthan our Lord Himself how His sideration of the new Rules of Procework can be most effectually promoted? dure. Lord Randolph Churchill on Whether they are endowed with a wis-Tuesday placed fifty new amendments dom superior to His? What right on the paper.

Heavy gales were blowing on the On what possible grounds they western coast of England on Wednesm come to the conclusion that they day and Thursday. Five pilots were drowned while attempting to reach a distressed vessel in the Firth of Forth.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER such times the auroral display is very brilliant. Even the ripening powers FROM THE DATE OF OUR RECEIVING THE PAYMENT TILL DEC. 31, 1883. of the solar beams are affected, as the MAKING THE BEMAINDER OF years of the famine in India and China.

THE PRESENT YEAR, FREE. Will the Ministers kindly appound this to their congregations at some convenient time, and speak a word to encourage those who are not subscriber to become so at once. This is the best time to subscribe. Brethren, help

THE Union Evangelistic meetings were largely attended last week in the Tabernacle, Brunswick Street. Several young men and others accepted the invitations given by Mr. Chubbuck to declare themselves on the Lord's side, and a large number stayed to the prayer meetings after the preachin

On Saturday a stirring Temperance meeting was held and after warm earnest addresses by Mr. Chubbur and others, upwards of eighty can forward and signed the Total Abstinenc pledge.

On Lord's Day Mr. Chubbac preached in Granville Street Church in the morning. In the afternoon meeting was held in the Academy of Music, which was crowded by a most attentive and interested audience. The singing by Mr. Chubbuck was a very touching part of the exercise. The singing by the congregation was general and hearty, from the slips loaned by the Y. M. C. A. He preached on God's great love to man, from " God so loved the world," etc. His illustrations were highly appropriate and effective, a solemn impression was evidently produced. In the evening ly seeking to carry out our Lord's

many cases less permanent than it w hoped, when profession of conversion was made. The connection established by our Lord between going forth in obedience to the great Commission and enforcement of the duty enjoined by Him, on all who receive the word and

believe in Him, cannot be severed without serious damage to the work done by them, and to the highest interests of such as receive their word, and profess a readiness to enter on the Christian life. We cannot forbean quoting from our contemporary-

"Although in the commission they find their primary reason and authority for engaging in such work, they do not hesitate to take a position which sets aside at least one of its plainest requirenents. Our Lord's charge to His heralds is, 'Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son. and of the Holy Ghost ; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.' This charge certainly requires that the heralds in making instruct them to do everything which the Lord enjoins. Among these things baptism, as it is expressly mentioned in the commission must have a place; and instruction in reference to it, therefore, cannot be excluded from that which it is their

duty to convey. The same claim may be made on behalf of the Lord's Supper which the Lord Himself instituted previous to His death, and in reference to which He says plainly, " Do this in remembrance of Me," and to the perpetuity of which Paul testifies in these words, * As often as ye est this brend. and drink this cup, ye do show the

Lord's death till He come.' Such language does not admit of a doubt that this, like baptism, is one of the all things which the Lord has commanded

Now,one would naturally and reasonably expect that those who are carnest-Mr. Chubbuck held an Evangelistic commission, and for that purpose are subsc not tail to teach their converts what whatsoever I have commanded you." Let us see how some modern evange. lists teach them to observe these two things. Here are the printed words of a great evangelistic leader in a book intended for the direction of his followers. " Does the Army (this has reference to the Salvation Army, so-called) consider baptism as a duty that must be performed? Decidedly not. " Is the ordinance of the Lord's Supper essen-But even among those who do not those diverse elements did coalesce, th

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Such setting aside of the Lord's revealed will would be reprehensible in any one, it is especially so in those whose action professes to be a fulfilment of the commis-ion in which that will is expressed."

The Boston Watchman says :- Rev. Charles Spurgeon, Jr., preached last Sunday, morning and evening, to immense audiences, at Clarendon Street in the morning, and Tremont Temple in the evening. He also preached at the First Baptist church, in their new sanctuary on Monday evening. His, sermons where all heard with deep and the Scripture reading which preceded preaching, he evinced for so young a man the hand of a master. His style of voice and delivery as we heard him in the morning, was a fresh reminder of his father as listened to in his own London pulpit some years ago. The

same evangelical point and unction are manifest. The voice, while of less compass and power, is in tone even more liquid and pathetic, and the impression made on the hearer religious, and which has minimum

A PROPOSAL.

A horse is an animal for everybody. If you have not a horse yourself and do not need a book about the animal you know some one who has one and who would highly value a book on the

Every one of our Subscribers wh sends on his subscription for 1883 befor the 1st of December, 1882 shall TREATISE ON THE HORSE AND HIS DISEASES, post free, by

sending a request for it with their fifth of December, ci and brand Toulon for Madagascar.

Telegraphic communication on the continent has been delayed by a snow storm which prevailed for five hours. Several shipwrecks are reported.

The steamer Westphalia collide with another steamer in the English Channel. The third officer says he saw flames burst forth from her before she sank.

In the trial at Dublin for the Joyce murder, Patrick Casey was found guilty of the murder of Bridget Joyce, and sentenced to be hung December 15th. The dynamite works at Lianel Wales, exploded on Friday last, and five men were killed and nine injured.

Arabi has written to the Times declaring that the late war carried on by him was in accordance with the laws of God and man and consonant with a delighted interest, and in expounding solemn decree of a council under the presidency of the Khedive and Dervisch Pasha.

Carl Blind writes to the Daily News declaring that all who care for Epgland's reputation ought to combine in demanding the release of Arabi, who at first acted with the Khedive's consent and then upon the orders of an assembly of representatives of all classes of Egyptians.

despatch from Cairo on Friday said, there is an unconfirmed report that an Egyptian regiment at Suer refuses to go to Suakin, and that there will probably be a collision with the authorities.

The Admiralty have received information from Egypt of the recovery of the despatch book of Prof. Palmer, who with his party was murdered by

A despatch from Cairo states that one of the lieutenants of the False Prophet has been captured and hanged.

President Grevy is reported to have had an attack of apoplexy. A duel with swords was fought be-

ween Cormudet, a member of the Paris Chamber of Deputies, and the editor of receive a copy of DR. KENDALL'S a Democratic paper. The latter was wounded in the arm.

Extensive floods are invading parts of France. Much shore wreckage was on the West coast and some loss of life. The trial of the directors of the Union Generale will commence on the A naval expedition is fitting out at

and ardent, he threw his whole streng into the work of his sacred calling, devoted all his gifts and acquisitions growth, he might secure to his chosen denomination a permanent foothold in this community. His mind was active, his thoughts clear, his command of language unusual, while his presence was

been expected, the young society rapid-ly flourished under his ministry. The meetings were well attended, the interest was deep and the church membership grew in numbers. He was very popular with the young people, whom he powerfully won by his cheerful and warm-hearted magnetism. Something over a year ago, he terminated his connection with this parish, the occasio pective of their denominational preferences. For some months he continued to reside in this community, occasionally supplying vacant pulpits, and having several openings presented to him, with a view to a formal settlement. Not caring, however, to enter any of the positions offered, he finally set his face towards the home of his childhood where amid its restful surroundings, he

steadily brighten, and his memory be more and more lovingly cherished, as

service in the Granville Street Church engaged in evangelistic efforts, will and although the weather was not their duty is in reference to these two that through a healthful christian propitious yet there was a very large plain commands, " Teach them," says congregation and at the close twelve the Saviour, "to observe all things persons accepted the invitation and came forward to shew their desire to enter upon 'a Christian life.

The meetings are being held in Granville Street Church every afternoon at 8.30 and evening at 7.30 this week.

There will be another meeting in the Academy of Music next Lord's Day afternoon.

THE Weseleyan of last week copies from the N. Y. Independent, an article on " Close Communion" which commences by saying :

Under the title "The Sins of Close Communion" the Rev. E. H. Pratt tells in The Evangelist several stories which bays come in the experience of a single pastor, illustrating what are not, in the language of Protessor Wiltinson, " The amenities of Close Communion." The first case is that of a dying woman, member of the Presby-terian Church, to whom the communion was administered in her sick-room. Her husband, a Baptist, sat by approv-ing the service, but refusing to join in it, because " his Church forbade" it.

this statement we leave for our Pres-

subscription. Every NEW SUB-SCRIBER also sending on their subscription this month shall receive this book of 96 pages free, besides having the paper free up to the end of this year.

> Point of View." From the Toronto Globe we learn that Professor Newman, recently gave a lecture on this subject tains a summary of the lecture :

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During the early ages of the Chris tial to membership in the Army, or to salvation? Certainly not." When assimilation that took place between the salvation? Certainly not." When we place these words beside the words Christian, Pagan, and Jewish elements of the commission, we are bound to say resulted in various forms of error being that we cannot conceive of a more un- developed, such as Ebionism, Gnosti ceremonious way of running directly in eism, and other departures from the teeth of what our Lord enjoins. the Apostolic faith. When, however

deal thus summarily with our Lord's resultant faith was neither Christian words, there are evangelists who, in Jewish, nor Pagan, but a mixture of carrying out the commission, resolve and agree to ignore His commandments by saying nothing on the subject of baptism lest it should interfere with conversion ; and, for this reason, not reformers were passed in review by i only keep silence on it themselves, but lecturer, and while admitting the deprecate any reference being made to partial claims to the gratitude of man it by others ; so that their converts are kind for reforms introduced into the not only left uninstructed on this sub- corrupt Church of the period, suc ject, but any attempt to instruct them admissions were very much qualified is treated as a serious evil, and those Luther only succeeded in "establishin who make it regarded as sectarian dis-iurbers of the peace and unity of the Calvin instead of explaining Augustine steamer City of Chester, and consign

On Friday night the theatre at Gross Becskerd, Austria, was set on fire, by "THE Reformation, from a Baptist the upsetting of a petroleum lamp and the building was partially destroyed. A panic prevailed among the audience and many persons were injured.

In a riot at Arad, in Austria, durin at McMaster Hall. The report con- the elections, the mob smashed the Town Hall and seriously wounded the commander of the troops. The soldiers ispersed the crowd with their heyonets seriously wounding 20 persons.

At Pesth, on Thursday the report of the committee on the foreign office budget, expressed the conviction that an Austro-Russian war was sooner or later inevitable.

On the Mongolian frontier of Russia there were last month, large prairie fires raging and covering 70 square miles and consuming numbers of Gossack outposts

The various estates in the Finland Diet, have petitioned the Czar for perusion for the introduction of a bill ranting full liberty to the press in

In the New York Customs on Wednesday, a package which ought to have contained diamonds to the amount of by the Scriptures explained the Scrip- to Louis Strasberger & Co., Maiden