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the Gothenburg system seems to under scrutiny in its home in the y of Gothenburg. A committee as recently appointed by the city arn why convictions for drunken. s there had increased from 31 n Lyons Junior per cent.

nere will be sold the Rev. Mr. sheffletd, a Presbyin front of mrian minister at Tung Cnow, has Vince, Barristar went d a typewriter for the eet, in the Tomhin-se language. This machine is the County apable of writing 4 000 characters, Province of Norhich are carried around the cir esday the secondumference of numerous type wheels. requires the depression of two in the aftern eys in order to print a simple

What next? Mrs. Howard Gould as suid by her New York dies: aker, and demanded a jury of and bound mmen to decide on alleged misfits, of the Gran te.; butthe unchivatrous court was the Southwes and amant and refused on the ground hat "although man is as ignorant of the technicalities of women's dress is the babe unborn, it would imsixty-four degree operil the foundations of justice to admit women to the jury box."

The oldest triplets in the world are elieved to be Albert, Ambrose and Alfred Aldrich, who have just celebrated their fifty-third birthday at m Lyons (the Pacific grove, California. They are day of March strong, healthy men, and though with all the build they had to struggle for a living in | congregations, and perhaps some in all account of £10,000, or over. Their parents recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wed-

yons, William Te-day is pay day and I'll be away from home, said the wife of a man lately converted in Grace Church. John Kenned And why are you away on pay cay? asked. Well, you see my bushand rouble in keeping from the s-loon when he ge s paid, so he has asked me to come down and me-t him at the door of the factory each p y an and wise woman!

It has been generally supposed that the system of using raised letters or the education of the blind was European invention. Books in ed in this species of type have im nemorial. Similarly, the a t of the growls of a chronic growler, nor mariner's compass were known to nor to the bickering of a professional ticle is The Les accepted by the more slowly develop. Court and nobody should pay any at ing civilization of the west

> traces of a prehistoric race in Alaska, examine themselves. was made recently by prospectors in the foothills of Mount St. Elias, | congregation are saved ? They would who, in prospecting for placer die | not all say so themselves. Some of giogs, discovered a copper mine which had been worked ages agr. In the immediate vicinity were picked up kettles, tools, spearheads, and other articles of practical use, anufactured in a crude manner out of copper. It is evident that the copper came from thee of the four veins in the immediate vicinity. The spot where the discovery was hade is 6,000 feet above the sea eve, in the foothills.

Vallage of Andresberg, over 200,000 Colleges to blame? More than once Territories, 6; Prince Edward Island 1. the State. The Rajah is very fon ly was the divine signal manifes of Presbyter.

canaries are raised annually. The have we heard that they are to blame Germans are especially fond of these pretty s ngsters and are very suc ce-sful in their propagation and nurture. But their b st s nger- are never sold. They are kept as choir masters for the feathered vocalists. Handsome and promising fledglings are kept cl.se to the acknowledged leaders of the aviary, and they pick up and proctise the notes they hear. The way to have a child learn the "Songs of Zon" is to have the child familiar with them in the

#### HOW DO WE STAND?

BY KNOXONIAN, IN THE WESTMINSTER. In a recent article on Bishop Ryle the British Weekly says:

"Preachers of the present day should learn from him how to appeal ation." to the unsaved, how to plead for purning the death of a relative instant decision. So far as our experiled in the Transvaal. Even the ence goes, Evangelical preachers in is not an exception, as the Free Churches have practically ceased to pray for the unconverted or to plead with them. There are many. exceptions, no doubt, but for five years at least we have not met with one. This is a terrible thing to say If there is anything that the growing apocalypse of life, as found in literature, proves, it is that life may be and often is suddenly changed. It may be er 1,000 in 1895 to 54 per 1,000 a thought, it may be a face that enters 1899, a change for the wors : of into it, and it is never more the same. Every preacher has in his congregation young souls waiting for the seal on the very threshold of the King dom. They are asking.

> What is it that will take away my sin And save me lest I die?

In one solemn, kindling moment of the day of Christ's power they might be His for ever. But the sermon dribbles away in a neat epigram or an eloquent peroration, and so in all the churches opportunities are being fatally lost."

How does the pulpit in Canada stand in this matter? Have we many sermons that "dribble away in a neat epigram" instead of an appeal to the reason or heart, or conscience of the hearers? Evidence is not wanting to show that pungent personal appications are going out of date in some quarters. A preacher was recently told by one of the elders of an important congregation that appeals of the kind the preacher had made to the unsaved "are seldom heard now." More's the pity if they are not. There is too much reason to fear that some their early days each has a bank congregations, greatly prefer preaching that takes for granted they are all saved-all good enough already and just need to be pleased and entertained or in some way interested. We are far from thinking that secular newspapers, as a whole, are good authority on religious matters, but there is certainly something ominous in the statement so often made in the press that knows that he will have extra modern preachers never preach on sin and the consequences of sin as the older preachers used to do.

Not long ago we asked one of the day and go home with him. Wise oldest and best ministers in the Presbyterianism of Canada how he thought the pulpit of to-day compared with the pulpit of forty or fifty years ago. His reply was, "I miss the appeals to the unconverted." We have heard the same observation made by been in use in Persia from time good men. We pay no attention to printing and the principal of the to the snarls of a cynical pessimist, e Chinese ages before they were fault-finder. These people are out of tention to them; but when God's best people say they miss something The first authentic discovery of in sermons, wise preachers should

Is it a fact that all people in any preacher, who by implication at least tells them that all is well with them must be an ignoramus, or a sycophant,

How did the appeals to the uncon verted come to be eliminated from sermons? Has the insane desire to Birds acquire the art of singing them? Has the never-ending appeal ing to the Canada Gazette: Nova Christ as a man, and sympathizes with Him, success is quite sure to come; just as truly as do prima donnas. for money made ministers afraid of Scotia, 17; Quebec, 10; New Bruns- his sorrows and sufferings; so much so if we move without Him, then the These things were called "festivities" In the Hartz Mountains, at the unconverted pew holders? Are the wick, 10; Ontario, 10; North West that she once had a Jew drizen out of failure is our own fault. How clear- We should think so!—Herold &

at least in part. The charge we believe is unfounded. We are reasonably certain that in no College in Canada are students tought to preach exclusively to converted men. The essay form of sermon, however, we believe is not quite guiltless.

Is the ministry as a class losing

strength, courage, manliness? Not long ago we heard a minister described as a "taffy dispenser" and that, too, by one of the people who received, or was at least offered, his due share of the "taffy." That is all the thanks ministers get for telling how good they are, how intelligent and influential their congregation is, etc., etc. The "softies' may like that kind of thing, but manly men, saved or unsaved, despise a "taffy dispens

#### A SERMON TO THE PULPIT.

addresses himself to the pulpit. The ulpit says so much to the pews that it is only fair that they should talk back occasionally. This is what this particular pew occupant says:

I believe some pulpits are for sale. honor their Lord. This is sometimes demanded by the congregation, they not desiring a pastor with sufficient convictions to denounce popular sins. They want one sufficiently pliable to be moulded to their own liking to stand before them an 'ndian Rajah is from "Woman's on Sabbath and philosophize on the strength of Samson, the meekness of Job, etc. He must not take any de- had arrived and was ready to come to cided stand against popular sins, so her, and she sent me a courteous matters. In countries where the that their guilty consciences will be salaam, saying she would call me when church has an iron grip on the people pricked. A preacher who will submit I was rested. I again sent salaam, and at the same time teaches them to any such demands is not fit to stand saying my time was precious and I was morality, the masses have not degenerbefore an audience, as he has thus quite rested enough to come over. So, sacrificed his usefulness. The world after some hours delay I was called. looks to the pastor as a leader against | I found the Rani a little, dignified its grip because of the degeneracy of worldly evils. The leaders in worldly woman of thirty-five, good-looking, the times and because morality was evils will fight him, nevertheless they polite, and just a hundred years ahead never taught, the masses have degenare aware what constitutes Christian of most Indian women in her ideas erated." This remarkable statement manhood. Should the minister com- and views. She had been well edupromise one particle from the truth in cated in Hindi and in English, though man, an American Roman Catholic favor of sin the world loses confiden e she will not speak the latter. She priest, and son of the late General in him. They may flock to hear reads English novels and newspapers, him as a popular man, but knows what is occurring in the world, they have no confidence in his and believes in all that is good, hating integrity, and it will be useless deceit and intrigue. She believes in is little practical Christianity here, for him to attempt to bring them to one wife for one man, dresses very Christ. Should a preacher fish for plainly, wears no jewelry, though she be uncompromising concerning all sins and his influence with sinners is gone. There is no gain if a preacher gain the hearts of sinners. Sinners will put the palace. Her eldest daughter is a the pliable pastor on the back and at tall, well-made girl of seventeen, the same time despise him for his lack rather gifted in many ways. The cannot preach without they look as if son and heir, because she is much they had just been turned out of a more like him. She was married at band-box or tailor shop, often incur- twelve, and she and her husband are ring debt for appearance' sake. God just like English lovers, and, when does not prosper such men, as it is separated, write each other every stead of the approval of the Divine and it grieves her very much. She clothing that covers a man's back, but and be in debt, and must eventually watching the stars, and she asked The world finds out that they are not coming shooting star season. truthful and their influence for good is overbalanced by the evils arising from debt. Take the Bible injunction room, talking with the palace people the mulberry trees. And let it be, in debt, part of you belongs to your in-waiting are rich village women going (or a rustling) in the tops of hearts; they must think that the tradesmen. Nothing but actual sin is American organ, and played bhajans Lord go out before thee." That debts produce enemies, and an enemy

please people anything to do with it? number of new post offices opened leave the palace. Are men usually pleased by deceiving during the month of October, accord-

# Missionary

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## WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING.

When God wanted the Gospel carried into Europe He opened the heart of a woman, Lydia first to receive the message. It is only of late years that women have organized into women's societies and union, but in the churches of Christ they have been one of the most potent factors since churches were first organized. In these later years women have organized into mission societies, and these have united into unions and boards, until there are now 120 such organizations at work, Writing in the Interior, a layman fifty of these in our own country. Their gifts for home and foreign mis sions aggregated last year over \$2,500, 000. There are 702 medical missionaries in the world, and about one third of these are women. Besides the wives of man goes his way and the woman goes "There are undoubtedly proportion missionaries, there are 3,403 single her way and the children go their way. ately more honest men in the minis- female missionaries. Christ honors try than in any other profession, still women. Christian women love to from the old restraining influences of

### VISIT TO A RAJAH'S WIFE.

This account of the visit of a woman dictor-a missionary, to the wife of Work for Woman" I sent a salaam to the Rani that

to. She is very gentle and very sad of Christian manhood. Some preachers Rajah is even fonder of her than of his the praises of men they are after in- day. She has never had any children, One. Christ does not look at the speaks English very well. The boy at the heart that is covered up beneath devoted to his mother, whose heart is tion of souls will be fruitless; all the the garment. A popinjay will not bound up in him. The Rajah is a make a successful preacher. Too much large, handsome man, of a bold type. stress must not be placed on dress. | .... He went to England to the Many run in debt that they may make Jubilee, and dined with the Queen. a fine appearance, not considering that | Sixteen large photographs of him hang they are doing more harm to the about these walls. We go to see the cause of Christ than all their preaching Rani twice a day. We spent two hours incident in Old Testsment history will benefit. They cannot be truthful last evening on the veranda with her, illustrates this vital point.

to a pastor on that line is not to be

and proud of her, only his councillors to that little company in the upper and his bad men are influencing him room at Jerusalem on the day of continually against her, as they know | Pentecost! The Holy Spirit came she hates their low ways. After our upon them, and the apostles fell into "musicale," we went out to a big line with the Spirit's leadings; they dinner they had prepared for Mrs. Z. co-operated with the Spirit, and and me. Women in our courtyard sang | thousands of souls were converted in while we ate, and one woman recited a single day. the names of fourteen of the Rajah's ancestors' long names in a sing-song ful revivals is studied, the same voice. They put attar of roses in our truth appears - the signals of the ears, and flowers on our necks and in divine Spirit were recognized, and our hair, and sent twenty-one kinds of they were obeyed. God opened the native candies home for us to eat. Remembering my precious liver, I gave themselves to special efforts and remy portion to my man-servant.

#### "CHRISTIANITY" IN PORTO RICO.

Says the Religious Telescope: Some

idea may be formed of what the

Spanish Roman Catholic religion has done for Porto Rico during its hundreds of years of undisputed sway there, from the following statement. Mr. Lucas Amadeo, of Utuado, Porto Rico, in his testimony before the United States Commissioner: "It is very frequently the case that there are no [marriage] ties of any kind, and the ..... This country has broken away religious bodies; morality has never been taught here, and the people have been without any restraining influences either of morality or of religion, and being without such influences, the people have acquired habits of vice to which they were at one time strangers. It is a product of the century. This century has been tending more and more to free thought in religious lated much, but in this country, where the church has, to a large extent lost is corroborated by Rev. Father Sher-William T. Sherman, who says "Porto Rico is a Catholic country without religion-that is to say, there and no other pretended religion what. soever ..... Religion is dead on the popularity he will not catch souls. has a hundred thousand dollars worth island. Whether it can be revived as The world demands that the preacher in boxes; she knows the Bible a living influence is highly problemati very well. She drinks liquor only on | cal." What better or more conclusive if he fail in this the world detects it feast days, and then because forced evidence is needed to prove that wherever the Roman Cetholic hier because the Rajah, whom she dearly archy has undisputed control, there it popularity and lose his influence over loves, insists on having concubines in degrades and corrupts the morals of the people. Surely Porto Rico is field ripe for a great harvest to be

# THE SIGNALS OF THE SPIRIT

reaped for the Lord by zealous, de-

voted, Spirit-filled Protestant mission-

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. It is well for our churches to realize their entire dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Without His presence who is heir to the State, is simply and His power all efforts for the salvabest constructed church machinery will accomplish nothing unless it have "the living Spirit within the wheels." To watch for the Holy Spirit and to work with the Holy Spirit is the supreme duty of the hour. An

commanded David to "fetch a com-Last evening we sat in the drawing- come up against them over against assistance. "owe no man anything." If you are for some time. Some of her women- when thou hearest the sound of a creditors. Debt lowers a man in self who consider it an honor to wait mulbe rry trees, and that then thou repect, places him at the mercy of his on their Rani. The daughter has an shalt bestir thyself; for then shall the more paralyzing to a young man's while one of her women beat the peculiar sound was to be the signal bath, the exercises were of a varied energies than debt. Many of your dholak (drum) and sang. Then we all for an advance. It was the token of Catholic Tolorson the sang a few Christian bhajans. I sang the Divine Presence. David obeyed 'Home, Sweet Home," to the daugh. the signal. When God moved he ter's accompaniment, and it did seem moved, and the result was a glorious by the priest, the procession marched so out of place in that house full of victory. This unique incident is full heart-burnings and contentions. I of practical suggestions. Faith must Post Offices. -- The following is the always breathe a sigh of relief when I always watch providential leadings, and when God moves is our time to The Rani has a great regard for "bestir ourselves"; if we move with around, and here the crowds spent

If the history of the most powerway, and His servants bestirred doubled prayers. Not more plainly does God indicate seed-time and harvest-time to the farmer than He often indicates to pastors and churches that the time has come for them to trust in the sickle and reap. The biographies of such masterworkmen as Dr. Lyman Beecher, Dr. Spencer of Brooklyn, Dr. Edward N. Kirk, Mr Finney, and Mr. Moody contain repeated illustrations. Dr. Lyman Beecher watched for tokens of the Holy Spirit as a sea-captain watches for a favorable wind, and when he feels the first rustling of the breeze through the rigging, he hastens to spread his canvas. I have no doubt that God has often given gracious indications of His pesence when human indolence or unbelief have failed to observe them. Our loving God was ready; His servants were not obedient to duty, and the cloud passed away without rain.

Seasons of spiritual awakening often come suddenly in a congregation or in a community; sometimes they come as a blessed surprise, but the measure of success is always the measure of the readiness of Christians to co-operate with the Holy Spirit. When the Master works, we must work; every hour then is golden. My experience as a pastor tallies with this truth, almost without any exception. There were times when my people talked, looked, and hoped for a revival, but no special outpouring of the Spirit came; at least, there was no especial awakening of the impenitent or frequent conversions to Christ. Revivals have come when no one confidently predicted them. One rule, however, I have followed, and always found it safe and successful. Whenever I discovered unmistakable evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the awakening of several souls, I have felt sure that special effort and prayer should be made immediately, to reach and move others. The "sound of the rustling in the tree-tops" was the Spirit's signal to bestir ourselves. During my earliest ministry in a small congregation, the call of a godly woman at my house to inform me that one of her family was under deep conviction led me to ap point a special prayer service at her house on that very evening; and a hurried summons from house to house filled her dwelling with a most wonderful meeting. A more powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit I have never witnessed. It reminded me of some of the scenes described by Charles G. Finney in his autobiography.

During my ministry in New York, I observed that in the course of an afternoon's pastoral calls there were earnest inquirers in several of the families visited. I called my church officers together; we appointed meetings for every evening, followed by conversations with inquirers. The results were rich and permanent. The memorable revival in the Lafayette Avenue church, Brooklyn, in 1866, began in a prayer meeting in my own house. We obeyed the signals of the When the Philistines were about Holy Spirit, and for three months be disgraced by their indebtedness many intelligent questions about the to attack the armies of Israel, God there were conversions every day; the All the preaching, praying, and workpass behind the Philistines, and ing went forward with no outside

# AMONG EXCHANGES.

THE "FESTIVITIES."

At a dedication of a Roman Catholic church in Chicago, on a recent Sabceremonies were followed by high mass and a procession, in which, led times, and three times around the church, carrying a statue of the Virgin Mary. There were stands for speechmaking and tents for refreshments all were fireworks and a song service.