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They never fail who die in a great cause. The block may soak their gore, Their heads may sodden in the sun, their limbs Be strung to city gates and castle walls.

We quote from a correspondent an extract from whose letter was given last week. "Matter contributed by the men whom our people know is always most interesting to them."

The Papal authorities are not happy over the affairs of "the Church" in Italy, not even in "the holy city."

Bishop Thoburn, who presides over the mission work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in India, has been compelled by broken health to take a long leave of absence.

It is announced that Brown University will probably secure the \$150,000 which it is trying to raise by June, thereby getting an additional \$250,000 from Mr. J. D. Rockefeller.

Mr. Moody could not sing; he had no ear for music. Yet he made singing a prominent feature in all the meetings he held.

The "New Voice," quoting a correspondent who says concerning the preaching to which he listens, "Not a word ever comes from our pulpit against the things that are pulling the boys down."

Fifty-three years ago Ralph Waldo Emerson visited England. It was at a time of great business depression.

she has seen dark days before; indeed, with a kind of instinct that she sees a little better on a cloudy day, and that in a storm of battle and calamity she has a secret vigor and a pulse like a cannon.

PREACHING.

"Gospel preaching," "Scriptural preaching," are expressions much misused and misunderstood. Because Paul did not come to the Corinthians "with excellency of speech or of wisdom," or "with enticing words of men's wisdom," because the Lord used "the foolishness of preaching," some have thought that, therefore, the more preaching is lacking in the elements of attractiveness and persuasion the more truly is it gospel preaching.

Many a man supposes that his style of preaching is Scriptural merely because he has a retentive memory, and, when he has occasion to quote a verse, he can reel off without effort the whole chapter. He throws no light upon the passage, does not exhibit the connection, does not fasten it in the memory of his hearers, but simply fills their ears with the sound of words.

A truly Scriptural preacher is one who has got below the words, to whom the whole book is luminous, who knows the relation of one part to another, who understands the mission and the characteristics of each writer, who apprehends the golden thread that runs throughout, who fortifies his positions with Scripture carefully selected, which he exhibits so that thereafter, when the hearer thinks of that passage, it will glow with light.

CHRIST EVERY DAY.

BY THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D. The periodical piety that goes by the calendar, and only serves the Lord Jesus at set times and places, is of very little value; it is only a perennial piety that possesses both peace and power. He is the only healthy Christian who runs his Christianity through all the routine of his everyday experiences.

loving Master emphasizes the adverb in the gracious assurance, "Lo I am with you always." We think of Him as a Redeemer on communion Sundays; we think of Him as a Comforter when some terrible affliction befalls us; we do not think of Him as a constant companion? This is not a devout fancy; it is a delightful fact.

My fellow-believer, you may walk your daily life journey through all this opening year in the delightful companionship of your Saviour if you keep a clear conscience and a praying heart and an obedient temper. Begin every morning with a cordial invitation to Him to grant you His presence. Think of Him all the while as close by you.

There is no journey of life but has its clouded days; and during this year of grace there will probably come to many of my readers days in which the eyes will be so blinded with tears that it will not be easy to see their way or to spell out God's promises.

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. I will not leave you comfortless. It was in a room of intense bodily suffering that one of Christ's veterans said, "I have no bodily strength, yet I am strong. Jesus comes to me in the watches of the night, and draws aside the curtains, and says, 'It is I, it is I; be not afraid.'"

Christ every day! If that be so, then ought His presence not only to give us constant courage, but shame us from sin and spur us on to duty. There are many things that we would blush to do in the presence of a child; how much more under the eye of Him who is infinite purity?

of the irritating word or ill-tempered snarl; one look from Him ought to shame us into silence. Here is some poor, suffering creature appealing to our sympathy, and selfishness mutters that there is no end to such calls of charity.

WAR NOTES.

The war is yet very far from its conclusion. Many a hand fight will be fought, and many brave men will give up their lives before the Boers are finally subdued. There is evidence every day that the recent defeats have not demoralized the enemy as completely as was supposed, but that confidence seems to be returning to them.

Just after the surrender of Conje and the march upon Bloemfontein, we heard many statements about a general disposition to surrender on the part of the Free Staters, which struck cautious people as just a little too sanguine.

The statements about the dissensions between the Free Staters and Transvaalers as well as about the quarrels between President Kruger and Mr. Steyn, must clearly be read with a recollection of the difference between domestic bickering and the severance of interests in the presence of outsiders.

It is easy to believe that among the better informed such doubts have growing strength, but the majority of the Boers are not well informed about things in general.

General Joubert is dead. The greatest military force in the Transvaal, the bitter foe of everything British and the right hand of Kruger died of stomach trouble; and according to the dying wish of the dead general, Commandant Botha leads in his stead.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS

After the Majuba Hill disaster in 1881, Lord Beaconsfield took strong ground against the abandonment of the Transvaal war at that time. He earnestly urged the unwisdom of it upon a member of the Gladstone government. He said, "We might easily vanquish the pigmy now; we may have to fight a giant twenty years hence."

President McKinley is receiving much censure for his course in making the anti-canteen law of effect, for his close association with the whiskey-making millionaires, and for his habit of drinking intoxicating liquors in violation of the rules of the Methodist church, of which he is a member.

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Bishop Hartzell, an American citizen, who succeeded Bishop Taylor as missionary bishop in Africa of the extensive work there of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has declared himself in sympathy with Great Britain in the present war.

Addressing a meeting in Napierville, Quebec, a few days ago, Mr. Bourassa M. P., speaking of Canada's part in the South African war, told the people that they were likely to have their sons compelled to go to war for the British Empire.

"When men do not enlist quickly enough, a commissioner will be appointed, and he will visit your homes, knock at your door, and if it is not opened, he will break it in, for he will have the law on his side.

Of an average daily attendance of 419 915 children at the common schools in London, over 55,000 are said to be poorly fed. The School Board is contemplating an arrangement to provide dinners for these thousands of underfed pupils.

A lately compiled Directory of Worcester, Mass., shows that there are 15,520 French Canadians in that city. It would not be a bad thing for Canada if many more of them were in Worcester and other New England cities.

The fact is pointed out by the Boston Herald that the Shakers are gradually dying out. The membership all over New England has steadily grown smaller and smaller during the last fifty years.

Mr. L. O. David, of Montreal, a somewhat prominent French Canadian, writing in the Montreal French papers, protests against his countrymen holding pro-Boer views.

The amendments to the criminal code, introduced in the Senate by the Minister of Justice, deal with such matters as printing and circulating obscene matter, seduction, lotteries &c. The amendments are designed to

make surer the enforcement of touching these matters, and the punishment of offenders. The law is very general and very strict in the province of Quebec.

A painful story comes from Annapolis illustrating the power of the Roman Church in that "promised land" of the Jesuits.

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SUSSEX, N. B.—I should like to present to the India Family an evangelist like brother West, who has special qualifications for the work—in the field all the much good would result.

FROM REV. J. K. WEST.—I completed the "work of an evangelist assigned me by the Nova Scotia Mission board, it remains for me to make a report through the INTELLIGENCER.

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A few evenings ago I visited the homes as far as I could find some who were in the great salvation; the work was quite well advanced, especially the young. Bro. Ellis, the laborer faithfully, and I had the joy of baptizing his companion