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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, But still their spirit walks abroad. Though years Elapse and others share as

dark a doom. They but augment the deep and sweeping thoughts Which overpower all others

and conduct The world, at last, to freedom. Byron.

We quote from a correspondent an extract from whose letter wa given last week . "Matter contributed by the men whom our people know is always most interesting to them. Will our brethren take the hint? The people want to hear from them.

The Papal authorities are not happy over the affairs of "the Church" in Italy, not even in "the holy city." Some of their papers, conducted by the Jesuits, admit that evangelical preaching threatens to make Rome half Protestant in ter years. May the good time be hastened.

Bishop Thoburn, who pre sides over the mission work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in India has been compelled by broken health to take a long leave of absence. He has been abundant in labours, and his physical breakdown is a result. H will return to America for an indefinite

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. But nothing is said of the fact that the College had to get rid of a President obnoxious to Rockefeller before he would promise anything. The President's sin was that he was opposed to gigantic and greedy trusts. and said so.

Mr. Moody could not sing: he had no ear for music. Yet he made singing a prominent feature in all the meetings he held. It was not a matter of personal taste, but one of sound judgment. He said,-"I feel sure the great majority of people do like singing, and I purpose to make it a prominent feature of all my services. It helps to build up an audience-even if you do preach a dry sermon. If you have singing that reaches the heart it will fill the church every time." He, evidently, agreed with Luther, who said, - "The devil can stand anything but good music -that makes him soar.

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, says"the samething is "sadly true of thousands of pulpits: dumb as the very stones upon the most vital interests of the day. Is it to be wondered at that many people are growing to forget that such preachers misrepresent, not represent, the religion of Jesus? Sorry is the lot of a system of faith when to win converts among thinking people it must first remove the impression made by its own accredited exponents.

Waldo Emerson visited England. It was at a time of great business depression. This what the "Seer" wrote is worth recalling now :

she has seen dark days before; indeed, with a kind of instinct that she sees a The RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER is issued | 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. I see her in her old age, not decrepit, but young, and still daring to believe in her power of endurance and expansion. Seeing this, I say, All hail! mother of the heroes, with strength still equal to the time; still wise to entertain and swift to execute the policy which the mind and heart of man require in the present hour, and thus only hospitable to the foreigner, and truly a home to the thoughtful and generous who are born in the soil. So be it. So let it be.

### PREACHING.

"Gospel preaching," "Scriptura preaching," are expressions much misused and misunderstood. Because Paul did not come to the Corinthians "with excellency of speech or of wis dom," 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. Some have thought that preaching consists in the repetition of a few statements of the gospel with little animation, and with little application. Of John Wesley, Dean Farrar says,—"His idea of a gospel sermon was not the narrowly ignorant one which supposes it to consist in incersant repetition of phrases. phrases often originally meaningless to many of those who utter them, or which have become stereotyped into mere in anity and fetishism." Gospel preach ing is the preaching of one who thorough ly and profoundly believes the Gospel, who has thought of it upon his knees until it has become a part of his spiritual life, to whom the lost state of man and salvation by Christ are as vividly real as are the events of his daily life

Many a man supposes that his style of preaching is Scriptural merely be cause 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. Of course, in one sense all Scripture is good, and we cannot have too much of it; but to repeat Scripture without exposition is an act that may be achieved by a person of very inferior capacity. There is not needed the labor of years for this office. The students in the Mohammedan college at Cairo (the largest theological seminary in the world, numbering 10,000 students) simply learn to repeat the Koran; it is not explained to them, and they are not taught to explain it to others. Having learned it, they go out through the Soudan, everywhere repeating it in the hearing of men. This is their preaching; they do not interpret it or apply it; they make converts quite as much by their inflammable and contagious zeal as through their 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. A truly Scriptural preacher is never dull unless there be some unfortunate peculiarity about his manner which robs the message of the weight to which it is entitled. He speaks with authority, because men, even unbelievers, attach great weight to the words of God.

CHRIST EVERY DAY.

BY THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

The periodical piety that goes by the calendar, and only serves the Lord very little value; it is only a perennial bodily suffering that one of Christ's piety that possesses both peace and power. He is the only healthy Chrision, as they do their umbrellas, for afraid." stormy weather, and hope to have it within easy reach if a dangerous sick ness overtakes them. Others, and quite too many, reserve their piety for the Sabbath and the sanctuary, and Monday they fold it up and lay it away with their Sunday clothes. A healthy, c .nnot be maintained on Sabbaths and songs and excraments; every day has got to be a "Lord's Day" if we expect t, make any real headway heavenward. Fifty-three years ago Ralph live by fits and frames and feelings are off to business without a moment of never fruitfol Christia: s.

opening year let us highly resolve to Ar we temp ed during the day to a make it a better year thin any of its sharp birgain or some keen trans-"I see her (England), not dispirited, pr dec ssors, and let us adopt as our a tion? "Business is business." Yes, \$50 000 has been made, and many obscene matter, seduction, lotteries labored faithfully, and I had the not weak, but well remembering that mef moteo, 'Christ every day!' Ou but what will Christ say? When a small r gifts.

is the gracious assurance, "Lo I am thrust one look from Him ought to with you alway." We think of Him shame us into silence. Here is some as a Redeemer on communion Sundays; poor, suffering creature appealing to we think of Him as a Comforter when our sympathy, and selfishness mutters some terr ble affliction befalls us; way that there is no end to such calls of not think of Him as a constant com- charity. The compassionate Jesus, panion? This is not a devout fancy; it who did not count the cost when He is a delightful fact. And one benefit bought our redemption, says to us, to us from having the continual com- "He is one of My poor children; give pinionship of Jesus this year will be to Him for My sake." There will not right road. We need never take a that knocks at our heart, or a hungry morally dangerous step. We never sufferer who knocks at our door for hence." will be led astray. Our divine Guide | relief; there is not a lone widow who knows the whole pathway from the begs a pittance to warm her shivering "City of Destruction" to the City of limbs, or a neglected child running in the Great King. Wherever Christ rags and recklessness to ruin, but ever clearly directs us to walk, there we the same voice whispers to us, "Inasought to go. It matters not that you much as ye do it unto the least of and I cannot see the end from the be- these, ye do it up to me." That spotginning. Jesus sees; that is enough. less, loving Jesus is by us every day He sent Paul on many a perilous path and every hour. Then how a e we of duty, and when the boiling deep play the coward, the sensualist, he threatened to engulf him Jesus was cheat, or the wrongdoer to cur feet w beside him, and sald, "Fear not Paul; ma ? thou must yet stand before Cæsar. The courage that quailed not in Nero's judgment hall is easily explained by the old hero's declaration, "The Lord stood with me, and strengthened me. What Christ did for Paul He will do for you. Realize that Christ is in the truest and most actual spiritual sense close by you. Ask His direction; let Him lead you. I don't believe that when we put self out of sight, and sincerely desire to do that and only that which is for the honor of our Master, we ever go morally wrong. He that walketh with Jesus "walketh surely."

My fellow-believer, you may walk your daily life journey through all this pening 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. The busy bustle of the counting toom has not hindered the fellowship with Christ of many a godly minded merchant who carried his religion into his business and deals by the Golden Rule. I pity the minister into whose study the Master never enters. Many a farmer has communed with Jesus as he followed his plow, until the acres that he trod "had the smell of a field that the Lord had blessed " Hard toiling and often sorely tried sister, don't you suppose that your Master knows as well where you live as He knew the house of Mary and Martha at Bethany? You may have Christ every day if you wish. Just as surely as Christ met His disciples on that strand of Galilee will He come to us. Just as surely now as then will those who love Him most be the quickest to recognize Him and the first to hasten to Him. He who is the living Truth has never broken a promise, and He never uttered an idle mockery when He said, "Lo, I am with you alway."

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 well be so blinded with tears that t will not be easy to see their way or to spell out God's promises. Days that have bright sunrises, followed by udden thunderclaps and bursts of unxpecied sorrows, are the ones that test our graces most severely. Yet ne law of spiritual eyesight resembles the law of physical optics When we come suddenly out of the daylight into a room even moderately darkened we can discern nothing; but the pupil of our eye gradually enlarges until unseen objects become visible. Even the pupil of the eye of faith has the blessed faculty of enlarging in dark hours of affl ction, so that we can discover hand of love behind the cup of sorrow. and the face of Jesus beaming out of the gloom. We catch the sweet ccents, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. I will not leave you com-Jesus at set times and place, is of fortless." It was in a room of intense veterans said, "I have no bedily strength, yet I am streng. Jesus tian who runs his Christianity through comes to me in the watches of the all the routine of his everyday experi- night, and draws aside the curtains, ences. Some people keep their relig- and says, 'It is I, it is 1; be not

"O, perfect peace! O, perfect rest No care or vain alarms; Beneath our every cross we find

The everlasting Arms." then ought His presence not only to give us constant courage, but shame vigorous, cheerful, working religion 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; the dead foeman. how much more under the eye of Him \*ho is infinite purity? When in the I have observed that those who try to hurry of the morning hour we hasten prayer, Jesus witnesses the petty In setting out for the journey of the I roomy that robs us as well as Ham.

oving Master emphasizes the advers | ut or the irritating word or ill-tempered

## WAR NOTES.

The war is yet very far from its conlusion. 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 demor alized the enemy as completely as was supposed, but that confidence seems to be returning to them. The hope of the Boers has been, and is to-day, the tendency of the average British officer to underestimate his foe. The lesson of carefulness, so dearly learned, seems to be forgotten by some officers in the flush of a string of successes. Monday's despatches tell how Col. Broadoss of life was not heavy and the disaster not severe, for General Colville came up and promptly drove the Boers off, but it shows the necessity of care. ence to the thought that the war was

oractically over:— "Just after the surrender of Conje his sympathy. and the march upon Bloemfontein, we neard 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. I s, therefore, very satisfactory to learn that Lord Roberts is not disposed to allow reliance upon such views to take the place of proper military precautions He has not missed the significance of the very partial and illusory surrender have had enough of the war. He does not forget that Boer commandos might the very one you depended on to sup easily be formed on his line of com munications out of the material which for the moment, has disappeared from view and that the territory behind his absolutely secure.

"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. These squabbles whatnot prevented the collection of a considerable force at Kroonstad and the preparations for a stubborn resistance to the advance of Lord Roberts. We earn from our Cape Town correspondent that recent visitors from the Transvaal report a continuing determination to fight to the end, although many of the Burghers are becoming very doubtful as to the utility of such persistence.

"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. And an effort will be made to keep them in convenient ignorance and buoy them up with fallacious hopes."

Roberts keeps everything to himself. His plans are unknown. Everything is in readiness when a blow is to be struck.

General Joubert is dead. The greatest military force in the Transvaal, the Hampshire, two in Maine, three in bitter foe of everything British and the right hand of Kruger died of stomach trouble; and according to the dying Christ every day! If that be so, wish of the dead general, Commandant Botha leads in his stead. Our own

> artillery who landed in Africa from the Milwaukee about ten days ago have been ordered to Bloemfontein.

MOODY MEMORIAL. - Contributions e b ung wate to the Moody Memorial F nd for heendowment of the North

#### CURRENT EVENTS NOTES ON

After the Majuba Hill disaster in 1881, Lord Beaconsfield took strong touching these matters, and the ground against the abandonment of punishment of offenders. The low the Transvaal war at that time. He earnestly urged the unwisdom of it upon a member of the Gladstone Catholic church is responsible for sket pastorate. g vernment. He said, - "We might by constant employment and en mouth church o a safe day. We need never miss the be all this year a struggling church easily vanquish the pgmy now; we agement of gaming chemes ford anday Nov. 19th may have to fight a giant (wenty years purposes.

President McKinley is receiving illustrating the power of the R much censure for his course in making Church in that "promised land" the anti-canteen law of no effect, for his close association with the whiskey m king millionaires, and for his habit of drinking intoxicating liquors in violation of the rules of the Methodist veigled by a washerwoman inside church, of which he is a member.

The Fox Bay Anticosti people who have b en driven from their homes by W. Menier, will, perhaps, find new somes at Glace Bay, Cape Breton, wh re they can either engage in fishing. which has been their avccation, or work in the coal mine. Their removal from Anne sti will take place bout the first of May. M. Menier and his friends ar probably feeling happier now that they have succeeded in getting rid of the poor Protestant fishermen whose presence was so offen

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 wood with a force of mounted infantry present war. For several years he and artillery walked into an ambuscade has been a close observer of African not more than twenty miles from affairs, and has made a study of race Bloemfontein, losing six guns. The and political questions during a series lay the matter before the Minister while I rem of journeys in the Dutch, Portuguese and English possessions. He has met all the leading men on both sides the question, and has had exceptional of the Civil State ceases." Lord Roberts with all his dash is the facilities for forming a judgment on most careful of leaders. The London the moral questions involved in the Times has the following to say in refer- struggle. And he does not hesitate to express his deliberate conviction that the English cause is just and has

> 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 Saviour. Five more were baptis sons compelled to go to war for the British Empire. He said

"When men do not ealist quickly meetings are held at Tennant's mough, a commissioner will be appointed, and he will visit your homes, knock at your door, and if it is not of arms by those who pretend they opened, he will break it in, for he will have the law on his side. Then he will choose your ablest son, perhaps port your family in your old age, put a uniform on his back, a rifle on his shoulder and send him to Asia or Africa to fight for the glory of England. While the shrieking loyalists of Toronto advancing force must be rendered or Halifax will indulge in banquets and drink champagne, the poor old mother will be weeping at home for the son who has been carried off to

> This is the stuff he and his kind are using to stir up the people whose misfor une it is to have such leaders.

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

A lately compiled Directory of Wor cester, 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. A large proportion are old men and women, and there are very few young members to take their places. There are probably not more than one thousand Shakers, all told, in the United States, with fifteen societies or settlements; two of these are in New York, three in Massachusetts, one in Connecticut, two in New Ohio, and two in Kentucky.

Mr. L. O. David, of Montreal, somewhat prominent French Canadian, writing in the Montreal French papers, gracious Queen sent her kindly letter protests against his countrymen hold of sympathy to the widow, and Lord ing pro-Boer views. The chief reason Roberts added his tribute of respect to he urges is that if they will avoid being an i-British now when as may occur The men of the mounted rifles and b fore long, England and Frence are at war they will be excused from helping E. land against France.

> The amendments to the criminal and found some who were in code, introduced in the Senate by the in the great salvation; the Minister of Justice, deal with such | were quite well at ended, espec matters as printing and circulating the young. Bro. Ellis, the

make surer the enforcement evil is very general and very fi in the province of Quebec. The R

A painful story comes from Au

A Polish girl, Michalma An

fourteen years old, the daught well-to do w rking people, wa gates of the Convent at Cracon estained there by the nuns, parents demanded her release, a no satisf ction was given to the mand, renewed day after day father of the girl applied to the pass the large and The police made inquiries, and the father that the prioress had leed it seemed v them an assurance that the girl v safety, and that she would be ret in the convent until the civil should decide whether the nunsa parents were to have custody. Cracow priests were of opinion the father was not the proper gue On the 16th J of his own child, because he wast aledonia pastors with heresy. He carried the cas coper in special bigher court, and on this court it seld. The church ing into the matter, it was discorpanized about that the girl had been removed nowing a laudable the convent, and that the priores r's service. Eig her nuns refused all further infe tion. The father interested his and souls were bo ber of Parliament in the case hout this time together they travelled to View ort Mouton, so h Polish Affairs. The Minister polite, but all he could answer "At the gates of a convent the is creating considerable stir in A and it seems that the Reichsra be asked to deal with it. Me the father vainly seeks his kide

# DENOMINATIONAL NEW

KARS, K. Co.-I am pleased able to report the good work still on, and souls are coming t the 25th ult., and we are hop see others decide to be christial and Lakes alternately. I hope good accomplished all over the torate. Pray for us.

T. O. DEW

WESTFIELD, N. S .- A few wes bro. West was, at my request here by the Home Mission so assist me in some special serv Westfield. Bro. West is well here, and his services are always appreciated. I am glad to 88 as a result of these meeting were added to the church by b and five or six by letter. This which was organized under circumstances about a year a numbers 29, and there can be no that it is a blessing to this com We have a beautiful building. largely through the generosity

and Mrs. Jas. Cushing. It seems to me that if we col an evangelist like brother West has special qualifications for the of work-in the field all th much good would result. we could do easily if our people see the absolute need from a de ational point of view of "gs up the fragments that nothing I will say no more, as bro. doubtless send you a report work here and elsewhere.

FROM REV. J. K. WEST. completed the "work of an eval assigned me by the Nova Scotis Mission board, it remains for make a report through the

C. F. Co.

As I look back over the P months, I see much for which grateful-the privilege of sometimes where the need was the sympathy and co-opers christian friends, the manifest of the divine presence, evide approval on the part of the Lore harvest; all these have comb make the work pleasant from tian laborer's point of view. home on the thirteenth of Octob I went first to Beaver River, spok + the word with some free a small audience, thence to Ced afternoon and evening, where meetings were held until Not I visited the homes as far as P

ks longer I think been accompl e ordered. Me The next place ke in the eveni etings were beg Sunday the 1

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