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The minister's calls on his people are not true pastoral visits it they are given up to mere chit-chat.

He is not a wise leader of a prayer or testimony meeting who occupies a considerable portion of the meeting hour in exhorting others to be brief.

The Roman Catholic arch bishops and bishops of Canada have memorialized the King concerning the coronation oath, and asking to have it changed to suit Catholics.

The anniversary exercises of Cobb Divinity School (Free Baptist) Lewiston, Me. take place May 12-15. The sermon before the graduating class will be preached on Sunday, May 12th, by Rev. Edwin Crowell M. A., of Yarmouth, N. S.

The Buddhists of Japan are about undertaking a mission in the United States. They thin's the people on this continent are to be commiserated because of the many differences amongst christians, as shown by the numerous denominations. They think they can bring all the sects together.

A christian man in Indiar apolis, Mr. S. Yandes, who has a very large income, keeps his personal expenses at about \$200 a year, and gives the remainder of his income to benevolent objects, chiefly to missions. He recently gave \$150,000 to Wabash College. He is having the satisfaction of being his own executor.

The life of a Protestant does not count for much in places where Rome has the power it likes to have Quite recently a Mexican Protestant, who had been the means of establishing an evangelical church, and was there fore greatly hated by the fanatical Romanists, was set upon on the public road and stoned to death. It only shows what Rome would do everywhere if it dared.

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Phillip will celebrate its thirteenth anniversary on May 5th. It is brotherhood of christian men pledged to personal christian work in behalf of men. It is interdenominational, and seeks the spread of Christ's kingdom among men. It has chapters, as the local organizations are called, in the United States, Canada, Japan and India, and twenty-three denominations are embraced in its fifteen thousand members.

Some of the Adventists are very near. "In the present perplexity died. of the nations, through the Manchurian controversy between Russia and the and the last of the signs promised in Adventist headquarters in Boston, where some of the leaders were assembled to discuss the present situation. Well, we shall see.

times wondered whether they can take thank God for the word preached by patient, gentle manner. Nicodemus country where there is no French to work for the introduction of various ways. His last work was a the denominational paper into the good revival, in which the number to but Christ used discretion, kindness homes of their people. The experi- conversions was large, and the help of and forbearance in dealing with him receiving it to be sure to make their ence of one pastor, quoted by the the spiritual life of the church was and thus won him into the kingdom. Canadian Baptist, may help those who marked. From what he wrote of the are in loubt. He said that in view of work it was evident that he was very are apt to ridicule and despise those the power of a good religious paper to happy in it. Worn by the excessive who are very backward in believing in Canada. One of the questions the shape the thought and life of its readers. Inbours of the revival he turned aside the gospel. Because it is easy for us in untraceable ways, but steadily and to rest for awhile, as he thought. But to believe divine things we think that son is, Does he (or she) speak French? potently, he used to feel, after a day of God made that the closing work of his it ought to be easy for all others to And while it is scarcely probable that ance of FACTS and the necessity o realizes the great task there is in the hardest work in going from house ministry, calling him from the jey of thus believe, but it is not so. to house, as he thought of the paper winning men to Christ to the joy

going into a dozen or score of new which is "in the presence of the homes, to continue in some of them for generations, that no labor he could do could equal it for far reaching influence upon the life of the world.

Italy was long the most priest-ridden country in the world. But for several years the power of the Papacy has been declining. Touching this change, Dr. Robertson, in the Presbyterian Journal, says that "not only the church but the priesthood is thoroughly despised. To be a priest is discreditable in Italy. "Priests are not admitted into society. They have been banished as teachers from the public schools. Theological faculties have been discontinued in the Universities. Even Roman Catholic chaplaincies in the army and navy have been abolished..... Monastic institu tions have been suppressed. All charity moneys have been taken from the Church by the State, which now disburses it. All Church property belongs to the State. The Church is tenant at will. Even the Pope has the use of St. Peter's and the Vatican by act of Parliament alone." This hostility to the Roman.Catholic Church in Italy is explained on the ground that it is a political institution, aiming at the restoration of the Pope's temporal power, and the regaining of the Church's emporaldomain; also, an ingrain distrust of the morality of the institution; and the people are finding a pure Christianity inside the pale of other churches.

REV. GEORGE FRASER CURRIE.

Though there have been two intima tions in our columns within a few weeks of the illness of Rev. G. F. Currie, they will scarcely have prepared readers for the announcement of his death. He died on Saturday, at the home of his brother, in Roslindale, Boston, where he had gone in hope of regaining his shattered health.

At this writing we have no information beyond that conveyed in a despatch from Mr. J. H. Currie, dated Saturday afternoon, saying, -"Rev. G. F. Currie died today," and asking us to notify his parents and brother and sister, at the old home near this city.

He was ill only a few weeks. On the 7th of March he writes us as follows:

"And now I am on the sick list. For a few weeks I have been quite slim in health, and hardly able to keep going Lately I have become weak, until strength has nearly utterly failed me. Yesterday the doctor thoroughly examined me, and has ordered me to rest completely from all kinds of work for several weeks. I have a bad cough, with more or less of la grippe and some pleurisy. But the most serious thing, the Dr. says, is that I have some fever, with strong symptoms of more. And the fever threatens the lungs. So I suppose I must stop, for a while at least, from all work. I cannot write much, for I tire very easy."

The next word we had was from 20th., said: "I get it from good authority that bro. Currie is desperately sick. There are indications of

consumption. The last word we had prior to the announcement of his death was a letter, dated March 29th., from Mrs. Carrie, from which we quoted in the INTELLIGENCER of the 3rd inst. It told that he was then confined to his bed, and was very weak though not suffering any pain or distress. We were hoping to hear of improvement in his condition, and two or three of his going to Boston. We have just now learned that his brother went for him, that he stood the jourdeclaring that the end of the world is brothers home one week when he

Bro. Currie was still a young man, world, we see the dawn of the millenium | being but 39 years of age. He was the Bible is coming to pass," is the his ministry he was pastor at statement made a few days ago at Rusiagornis, Fredericton Junction, Campo Bello, Tracey Mills, Moncton, and Norton in this Province. Since ought to deal with such an one as the special instructions about the Census. last October he had been pastor at Master would have us. That woman The letter has been sent to every voter Chegoggin, N. S. Once before he might have been forever lost, had not Busy pastors have some ministry was a useful one, and many taken her in hand and treated her in a from their many duties him and for his ministration of help in was somewhat skeptical when he first

angels of God.

Bro. Currie was a good preacher. He was not always so rapid of speech They Cost Too Much. as some preachers, but he did not fail n homely, every day righteousness, not shrink from being in a minority. He loved his brethren-loved them

well enough to sometimes tell them their faults, and to have them return the favour. His brethren loved him and did not love him less for his brother y frankness. He loved the Church of Christ, and rejoiced in its prosperity He was attached to his own denomin, do most for the kingdom of Christ He thought the Baptist denominations ought to be united for economy of christian forces and greater efficiency of christian work. He did his work faithfully, and it was not in vain in the Lord. He rests from his labours his works follow him. His brethre in the ministry, and the churches especially those with which he had aboured, will mourn his early death out will also, rejoice that he sees "the King in His beauty.'

To Mrs. Currie and the three little girls the tenderest sympathy of the people will be given, for them many prayers will be offered. The aged parents of bro. Currie are still living, and they, too, feel keenly the death of their dear son. The other members of the family are an only sister, Mrs. W Seymour, a brother at the old home, the brother in Boston at whose home bro. Currie died, and the youngest member of the family, Rev. A. W Currie, pastor at Waterville, C. Co. The members of the family were strongly attached to each other and will deeply feel this bereavement. May the God of all grace comfort them all.

HONESTLY SKEPTICAL PEOPLE.

that there are people who are honest in being skeptical, but I do admit it. Such ones have inherited tendencies which strongly incline them to doubt the truths of the Bible, especially certain ruths. Then, too, in their youth their parents exercised such an influence over them as to develop those tendeneies, making it more difficult for them to believe Bible truth and have confidence in personal Christianity. Many Rev. E. Crowell, who, writing March of this class of people would be glad to believe heartily in divine revelation, but they are held back by their constitutional skepticism. Christians ought to deal considerately with such ones. They should never berate these unthe early part of his work: "I have no sympathy with those people who, because a man is skeptical, cast him off and will have nothing to do with him. I was in an inquiry meeting some time ago, and I handed over to a Christian days ago wrote, asking how he was lady, whom I had known some time, getting along. We had not then heard one who was skeptical. On looking They tell of sufferings endured and of ney, by steamer from Yarmouth, very is a skeptic!' was the reply. I ran to west. They will try to engage in fishwell, and that he had been in his the door and got her to stop, and ing in the waters with which they were visited her and her husband, and in and his friends have had their way. the course of a week, that intelligent ordained at Sussex in 1885. During lady cast off her skepticism and came

out an active Christian.

C. H. WETHERBE.

NOTES ON CURRENT EVENTS.

Speaking of the policy of paying so to say something worth hearing. He much money for such immigrants as had a vein of real humour, which was paid for the Doukhobors - \$40,000. showed itself occasionally in speech besides all that has been advanced to and sermon. He often said a witty them for supplies, not to say anything thing—and said it very easily. He of the private contributions to help had quite marked originality. He them, the Westminster very well says thought for himself, and spoke what that "Parliament should certainly he thought. He knew what he be- forbid the importation of any more lieved, and said only what he believed. of them at the country's expense. He was given to plainness of speech. [They are so completely alien in spirit, He called things by their names. He experience and political consciousness, disliked shams, and at times scored that many years must elapse before a them mercilessly. He did not court beginning is made of real Canadianizathe favour of any class by silence, or tion, a process which will be indefinitey modifying the truth. He believed by postponed by the regrettable practice of placing them in exclusive set and stood for it courageously. He did | tlements. The Evangelical Canadian churches, which are charged with the burden of keeping up gospel services over that vast region, should do their utmost to prevent any further expendi ture on such immigration. The procuring of settlers at the public expense is a matter of business, not of charity, and if any immigrants are to be aided they should be those who will speedily conation, and believed that in it he could form to our institutional organization and take their share in developing it.'

NEWSPAPER MEN. Representatives of newspaper publishing interests waited on the government at Ottawa last week asking for some changes in the newspaper postage | trees so as to protect the canal from regulations. If there must be postage | desert sands and other injuries. on newspapers, they asked that for the be a straight rate of one-quarter of a asked the Government to investigate ed so excellent an account of itself in with a view to ameliorating existing | South Africa.' conditions.

ENORMOUS DRINK BILL.

The yearly drink bill of the United States is now over a thousand million dollars. This enormous amount is what the people of that country pay for the drink they consume. It is not possible to say how many thousands of millions the country is burdened with on account of the drinking cus toms of the people.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

the Danish West Indies by the United low; it has its stock-yard district; it States was thought to be off. But negotiations have been resumed. Denmark's terms are, -- \$4,000,000 to be There are those who will not admit | paid Denmark; the population to decide by vote whether to remain Danish favorable to the United States, the inhabitants are at once to become citizens of that country; the products of the islands to be admitted to the United States free. Whether these terms are accepted, or changed in some respects, the bargain will probably be made sooner or later.

VAGRANT FARMS.

Massachusetts proposes to deal with | and social belief is represented here. the tramp problem in what seems a sensibleway. A number of farms, are to be located in different parts of the State, and under state management, where fortunate ones. They should endeavor tramps shall be given board and lodging, to encourage them to believe as best for which they will be required to pay they can. Mr. Moody said, during in work. The tramps may keep away from Massachusetts.

THE ANTICOSTI PEOPLE. Some of the Fox Bay people who were sent to Manitoba, after having been driven away from their Anticosti homes, have come back to Quebec. around soon after, I noticed the inquirer | death invading their families, and the marching out of the hall. I asked, hopelessness of their struggle in the 'Why have you let her go?' 'O, she place where they were located in the introduced her to another Christian acquainted before being driven away. worker, who spent over an hour in The poor people have had a hard time. conversation and prayer with her. He But what is that so long as Menier hibition party. The problem which Commons,' in hope that it might

CONFIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

It took time, tact and prayer, but if Census Bureau, under Mr. Tarte's a new party, standing for a great a person of this class is honest we frank, to French citizens, gives them with a French name. One that came had a Nova Scotia pastorate. His a wiser person than the first worker to us was received by a gentleman with the greatest is charity. a French name, living in a part of the met Christ in that important interview, evidently, been carefully searched for French names. The letter urges those French nationality clear to the Census The trouble with many of us is, we officers. Everything is being done to magnify the importance of the French he seemed deplorably weak in his to the introduction of western moderate magnify the importance of the French he seemed deplorably weak in his to the introduction of western moderate magnify the importance of the French he seemed deplorably weak in his to the introduction of western moderate magnify the importance of the French he seemed deplorably weak in his to the introduction of western moderate magnify the importance of the French he seemed deplorably weak in his to the introduction of western moderate magnify the importance of the French he seemed deplorably weak in his to the introduction of western moderate magnify the importance of the French he seemed deplorably weak in his to the introduction of western moderate magnificant magn census men ask concerning every perall who speak French will be classed as recognizing existing conditions. What tempting to change the spirit and

French will, doubtless, be used to help show the importance of the French.

Nobody would object to any instructions necessary to securing the fullest and most accurate information on all points with which the Census may properly deal. It does not seem, how- is impressed, so far, at least, as speak. ever, that any such instructions and ing ability goes, that very ordinary appeals have been addressed by the government to any other class of the population than the French. The fact that the letter was marked "confidential" means, it is fair to assume, that it was intended that only the French should know about it.

Roughly speaking Britain produces for export a little less than twice as much per head of her population as the United States, France or Germany. St. Petersburg has now a population of 1,439,000. It has gained 40,000 a year for the last ten years.

The will of the late bishop Sweeney S. John, gives his property, some \$10,000, to his successor for church purposes. It is said that the will is likely to be contested by the sister of the late bishop.

Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, celebrated his 72nd birthday on the 10th inst. He is in good health, and hard at work all the time.

The banks of the Suez Canal are now being planted with shrubs and the power within itself to draw. There

Lord Roberts has accepted the present complicated arrangement there | honorary | colonelcy | of the Royal Canadian Artillery. In his letter of cent per pound. They, also, called acceptance he says: "I feel proud to people need the Gospel and demand is attention to the combine of the paper | be associated in so close a tie with the makers, by which the price of news regiment which has already served depend on its message to bring the and printing paper was advanced, and under my command and which render-

CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE.

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Chicago is a city of contrasts. Some people say it is ugly. Large buildings, nearly twenty stories high, are not very artistic. But there are pretty parts in Chicago. It has some fine parks. The Chicagoans are very proud of their city, and very quick to resent anything spoken against it. They take it as a personal insult. It has crowd-The bargaining for the purchase of ed, muddy streets, for the country is has also its museums, art galleries and eloquent, poetic, philosophic, spiritus Lake Front. It shows civilization in its highest development; and it, also, | and vice. All classes of society are crowded even to standing room to he or to be transferred to America; if represented, from the best to the worst. All social reform movements, and the greatest need for them, exist the conscience. Sin is all the plain here. It is the centre of the social to a man when he is made to reali problem. Gigantic combinations of his opposition is not that of an enlig capital and the strongest organizations of labor face each other. A fight of long duration was declared off a few weeks ago. The result was a compromise. The student of sociology has a field here. Every phase of religious

I have not had the opportunity of hearing as many men as I would wish, as I go out Sundays, but have enjoyed clear strong speech, in which he to the privileges I have had.

I heard John G. Wooley accept the Presidential nomination of the prohibition party. He is a master of Eng- has five minutes to speak. Then a co lish and an adept at sarcasm. His speech was manly and strong. I heard him again in the midst of the campaign. He lacked the charity that low part of the town, all kinds of social was present in his first address. His very earnestness and zeal in opposition cussed. There is absolute liberty, to the difficulties he had met had soured the ruling of Prof. Taylor is obeye him and made him in a degree pessimistic. Yet there was in his speech trouble in maintaining order. Pro the ring of a man who had faith in the Taylor lives there himself. The wo final triumph of right and goodness, is much like the University settlement and who was willing to plant his life By living among the people he seeks upon that faith. Still all men are not friends of the liquor traffic and their midst. He says, "so we call selfish who are not found in the pro- our household and its homestead T prohibitionists attempt to solve does not lend itself to a solution so readily and easily as many of them imagine. A confidential circular issued by the But it is inevitable and necessary that principle, the value of which is not generally recognized, should, in their very zeal and singleness of purpose, forget that of faith, hope and charity

W. J. Bryan addressed the students during the presidential campaign. He settlement. The voters' lists have is an orator, and knows how to adapt himself to his audience. He impressed me as a preacher. He had high ideals, strong convictions, intense emotion and the moral earnestness of a preacher. Yet, like many another preacher, application of principles to the practi- and religion into China. After he cal problems of the day. He did not ing him, and feeling the spirit of the seem to realize the gravity and import. product of Oriental civilization, Frenchmen, the fact that many speak we are going to do in the light of toms of China.

existing conditions he did not answer as a statesman should. I heard him speak to an entirely different audience and could scarcely believe it was the same man. He was talking for votes and spoke as a Demagogue.

I attended several sessions of the quadrennial Conference of the Metho. dist Episcopal Church, and heard several of their prominent Bishops. One talent is in responsible positions. I have heard sermons in our own Con. ference gatherings which were fully equal to those of Bishops Warren and

In this city the minister who succeeds best is neither the man who is always showing how narrow the old is, nor the man who is acting as attorney for the old, and denouncing the 'new' as dangerous. He is the man who has the Gospel, and preaches it. He has a message both new and old, and gives it with all his soul. Johnson Myers, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, is such a man. As a speaker, he is very ordinary. He preaches Christ, and "the common people hear him gladly." He has established four mission stations in connection with his church, and has baptism about every Sunday, Sunday evenings his church is filled. while men of far more culture and ability read essays on ethics and literature to empty seats. Many large churches have congregations of about fifty in the evenings. The parks and theatres are crowded. The church of to-day ought to have

are counter attractions, and no laws to protect the Sabbath or make it neces sary for one to go to church. Th and, after all, the church ought people. The church in cities like th stands in competition with the theater and places of amusement and instruc tion. If the church adopts the methods of the theatre, the latter can outrival it. The theatre can present th stronger attraction in that line. Then if the church should succeed in that way, it is only in doing the work of the theatre. The special lecturer is the different lines can out-class the church in that phase. But people go to church for the Gospel, and its appear to them is, at least, as strong an abiding as that of amusement. Th salvation of the church is in doing he own work. Johnson Meyers is

illustration of this fact. Dr. Gunsaulus is one of the ab preachers I have ever heard. He He preaches from an experience of h own soul and a love for men. Centr affords the most real pictures of poverty | Music Hall, in the heart of the city, him. He does not offend the intell gence of men, and yet his message is ened intellect but the attitude wh an immoral will assumes to the Gos

I attended the Commons of Pr

Graham Taylor one night. The me

ing was conducted much as Sheld describes such a gathering in his bo "In His Steps." Graham Taylor pr sided. The subject was the Boer wa A speaker presented the question in the British side. Then it was throw open to discussion. Nearly all present took the side of the Boers. Each m tain time is given to asking question which the speaker answers. In th Commons, situated in the heart of political and religious beliefs are and he says there never has been a uplift them. He is a social force common centre where friendshi neighborship and fellow-citizen might form the personal bonds of the social unification which alone can sa our American democracy from disru tion, cloven as it is under the increase ing social stress and strain; and whe that brotherhood of which we talk a sing may be more practically lived and inwrought."

Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chi Minister to the United States, 2 the University Convocation address cently. He is a good speaker, clear, strong English, and presents material with great skill. His subj was Chinese civilization. He was servative, self-satisfied and oppo

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