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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

In most human or natural subjects of study a fineness of perfection may be arrived at which is minds; often, too, absolutely beyond the limits of ness, for which his character prepares him. the practicable and profitable. To those even who may be favored with the power and the opportunity to investigate without limit, there is little positive satisfaction in running into the extreme minutiæ of any subject beyond the limit bounding what is serviceable. There is no remunerative power there. And it is easy to push investigation outside of Christianity, have not a deep fringe of unserviceable truths all around their borders. Truth they are, indeed, but truths absolutely hension of them brings neither pleasure nor profit to any one.

This is not so with divine truth pertaining to the Christian life. The farther we carry our investigations in that direction the better for our spiritual life. We shall not soon get beyond the practicable, in the broadest sense, and never beyond the remains profitable throughout its entire infinitude. "Oh, the depths, both of the wisdom and the goodness of God! how unsearchable are his riches, and his ways past finding out!" To our own souls, all divine truth that we ever shall be able to comprehend will be found profitable.

It is against our best interests that we do not Paul would have his brethren leave the first printo be as great as, and to resemble, the difference yet hold men responsible for their acts. between a corruptible or carnal body, and an incorruptible or spiritual one.

This newness of life is parallel with the "living living sacrifices to God, we have nothing left. Our | soul, he can do much "by the washing of regenways. One of the chief exercises for them, as pre-While we present our bodies "living sacrifices." our souls are brought for healing and cleansing, and our minds for investigating and learning more and more of himself and his truth. Thus it is he would not do otherwise if he could. the apostle would have us live, growing in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

Let no one think he has arrived at the limit of what he may know of Christ. The truth is, that the only knowledge of Christ worth anything is what may correctly be called experimental knowledge. Theories are worth nothing of themselves. The truth that does not enter my heart, and give me some of its power, is, practically, not worth a straw in changing me from nature to grace. The best knowledge of Christ, the only knowledge worth anything, is that which changes us from glory to glory into the image of Christ. And until one can be sure that he is certainly and wholly transformed into the image of Christ, he may know he has yet something to learn and experience in Christ. This should stimulate us to great activity in these things. We are well convicced that what we have already learned is good; from that we must conclude that what remains to be known is also good; and when we are assured that much remains yet to be known, our interest and zeal ought to be quickened thereby.

The knowledge of Christ that we want, the experience in him, is not the repetition of any fact we may have passed, but is an advance into new truths and higher beauties. We want to step out upon newer and holier ground. A monotonous is not the most desirable. There are newer beau- just as they are not considered Christians while their address, accompanying their constitution shall find while here. Let us earnestly desire the great advantage to the Church and a blessing to doubt the meaning of all this. The perversion of best gitts, and get upon higher and holier ground the world. We do not mean to say there is a our school frauds, and destruction of our public while we can.

CHARACTER THE ARBITER OF DESTINY

An article on this subject was in course of preparation, when the writer's eye fell upon the following in the Christian Union. As the thoughts are put in very sturdy dress, and deal very clearly with a most important subject, liberty is taken to substitute this, and to bespeak for it a careful

There is a widely prevalent belief that the doctrine of future rewards and punishments reflects final retribution, and a mode of teaching it that is the associated Church don't pray as they might, Another writer in the same paper puts the case love, as well as the justice of God.

men rejoice that God has done what he could to encourage virtue, by making it the condition of blessing and happiness, and has discouraged vice, by making suffering and punishment its inevitable.

There is sound philosophy in Paul's control of the property of the prope

Men also rejoice that we are free moral agents, that we have the power to choose virtue or vice, not the assembling of themselves together, as the gain suffrage by taking an oath to sustain Gov-By creating us under a law of liberty and making ther" of those who profess the same precious faith. reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot ing loss by his neglect.

be held up to scrutiny, and a man's punishment or reward graduated by the number of his deeds, but by the Office of Messrs. Barnes & Co., 58 Prince William | that his free acts of right or wrong will have left | their impress upon his character, and made it good or bad; and the character he shall possess as the esultant of the "deeds done in his body" shall the world we must have tribulation. Men will may prove an act of suicide. determine his destiny for weal or for woe."

Every act which has a moral quality registers tself in the character of the actor, and he will meet with just that destiny for which his charac- spoken against in our hearing. The writings of ter prepares him. And he cannot by any possibi- so-called philosophers and men of science teem imself to evil courses and chosen evil companof the pure and good. He could not be happy there, nor indeed anywhere; but if it were left to ed with the burden of these assaults, the prayer ably go to his own place. Sin and enmity cannot endure the presence of purity and love. This, then, is the invariable law of retribution, viz., that character determines destiny. And be-

and not God, fixes his eternal destiny. There is quite out of the reach of ordinary intellects, and no power in the universe that can keep the soul beyond the scope of the appreciation of most from that destiny, whether of misery or blessed-In the light of these principles, the error of the ommon method of teaching the doctrine of retributton is apparent. That error is that the final retributions of men are entirely under the divine s power to bestow happiness or not; to inflict punishment or torbear. From this has arisen a onception of the judgment day and of the conbeyond that limit. Few, if any, subjects, in fact, duct and disposition of the Judge which many hold to be contrary, to the mercy and love of God -the picture of a stern, unrelenting Judge, fixing spring by an act of his sovereign will, and with worthless in the life we live in. Perfect compre- the power of averting that doom by a contrary

talse and fatal in its influence on the divine character. Whatever else may be the object of the final profitable. The truth of God in Christ is, in re- after death the souls of men enter immediately in-But the point for present emphasis is, that our

Heavenly Father does not determine the destiny he may have done so by originally establishing it over forever. ciples of the doctrine of Christ, and go on to per- as the basis of his moral government, that virtue fection. They had put off the old man with his shall be followed by happiness and vice by misery. deeds and had put on the new man, created after | But this is no decision of the fate of any individ-God unto holiness of life, and he prayed them to ual of the race. It is simply the establishment of present their bodies living sacrifices, holy, accept- men exist, and in which all rejoice as the expresable to God. They had been buried with Christ | ston of the infinite wisdom, love, mercy, and jus-

have seen is impossible. But can he make an un- of life is wanting." righteous soul righteous, and therefore capable of sacrifice." When our bodies are presented daily happiness? For the willing, recipient, believing time, powers, property, and influence, all go with | eration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost,' them. And while our time, property, and influ- and by granting him the gracious aid of the Spirit ence, each in its sphere, are applied to the use God for the unbelieving, unwilling, resisting soul, he any one way when it may do service in many character of an unwilling soul would be to coerce his will, to take away his moral freedom and rescribed by himself, is to learn of him. Whatever | moral government, by violating the law of retribuelse we do or fail to do, that must not be neglected. | tion under which he created men, and which he thereby bound himself to respect in his adminis corrigible soul, "Depart from me, ye cursed," it is because he cannot do otherwise, and not because

NOTHING TO BOAST OF. Men would have had something to boast of i God had appointed some hard thing to be done, through the doing of which they would be saved. Men's eyes are so much upon self, and such estifact of salvation being found in such appointment would be lost sight of in glorying over the performance of the prescribed duty. The great mercy | flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory of God in giving us salvation in any shape, through of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and any means, would be forgotten in contemplating our own deserts arising from our great sacrifice in submitting to the hard conditions. Men would have boasted of doing a hard thing, had it been knows the character and actions of Nathanael; required of them. But for that very reason, or and the first chapter ends with the declaration some other, God has not appointed anything hard to be done. There is no pilgrimage, no penance, no self-torture, as heathens practice. Everything is done for us in fact, there is nothing for us to do. All that is required is that we trust ourselves in the hands of God, and leave our soul's interests

THE PRAYER-MEETING.

Were the prayer-meeting a positive ordinance, were it so situated in the Christian economy that level course, while it is better than retrograding, men must attend it or not be considered Christians, ties to be found in Christ every day, and it is our they refuse to submit to the ordinance of baptism. privilege to find them. The end of them we never it might be,-it most undoubtedly would be a fault in the plan just there; but it needs but little experience in church-work to perceive that in this, to his own hurt. Every ordinance and exercise of the Church has its cognate blessing. Those attached to, or attendant upon, the service of God in social prayer-meetings, are by no means few nor insignificant. How much might be gained in der Jesuit influence for a long time; it is well spiritual wealth, how much might be accomplished | that the struggle should hereafter be open to a in Christian work, were every church member to attend the prayer-meetings. This fact has been urged over and over again we know; still, it dnance, will enter into the heated discussions of against the character of God and is therefore un- seems necessary to repeat it. One great cause, in the hour; but the public cannot be aroused too tenable. It is not denied that this doctrine has fact the great cause of the Church's weakness to- early to the designs of the powerful Jesuit party been so taught as to misrepresent the divine charday, is the lack of prayer. Individuals don't pray, perfectly consistent with the goodness, mercy, and and the consequence is little strength to do Chris thus. The coming question for the press and for tian work, little growth in grace, little burning of the matter of legal toleration? The soundest best arringement for the moral government of men requires that virtue be encouraged by re. body is saved or not. A prayerless Christian is judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls, little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls and little care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls are supplied to the care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls are supplied to the care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls are supplied to the care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls are supplied to the care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls are supplied to the care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls are supplied to the care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism in its remaining souls are supplied to the care whether any judicial consideration of Ultramontanism wards, and vice discouraged by penalties. The one of those who have a name to live while they er to disclose to the public mind a true and safe mind is appalled at even the faint and inadequate are dead. They could not do anything if they basis of a wise protective action. Because this moral anarchy, what irre-rievable ruin would temporary to the prayerful consideration of those We must be both just and wise in dealing with a co ne upon humanity! Wherefore, all thoughtful who feel that their interest is lacking in this mat-

But the prerogation of free choice involves the For, in the first place, there is the special bless- he does not even ask that. The religious and po-But the prerogation of the colore involves the prerogation of the formation of the meeting together in by freely and persistently choosing virtue or vice that men acquire virtuous or vicious characters. Clearly, then, the formation of his own moral clearly in the meeting together in deceive and elude action are so no longer. We are challenged. We are challenged. We are challenged. We are told that the blade now being polished in our presence in the midst of them. Are there are told that the blade now being polished in our presence is not only intended to cut the throat of voice, or influence feel them also,

such meetings who are the most apt to pass them lance which ever has been, and ever must be, the be confined to one nation, it will be less general, laymen to sit and vote in the open Conference is He intends to be heard, and he is heard. He trusts Again, such assembling together is needed for Again, such assembling together is needed for the overt of political perjury, its continued permission by the Government is a wrong to itself, and such assembling together is needed for the overt of political perjury, its continued permission by the Government is a wrong to itself, and such assembling together is needed for the overt of political perjury, its continued permission by the Government is a wrong to itself, and such assembling together is needed for the overt of political perjury, its continued permission by the Government is a wrong to itself, and such assembling together is needed for the overt of political perjury, its continued permission by the Government is a wrong to itself, and such assembling together is needed for the overt of political perjury, its continued permission by the Government is a wrong to itself, and such assembling together is needed for the overt of political perjury, its continued permission by the Government is a wrong to itself, and such as seen utilized for the overt of political perjury. Its continued permission by the Government is a wrong to itself, and such as seen utilized for the overt of political perjury. Its continued permission is a wrong to itself, and so itself, an

scoff at our faith, and seek to draw or drive us away from it. Constantly the Word of God is ity receive any other allotment, simply because he | with open or covert objections and sneers, against a not fitted for any other. For if a man has given which the unaided mind is hard put to it to stand ons until he has become incorrigible by all good unwavering. The influences of the world, decofluences and confirmed in evil habits of conduct, rous, pleasant, unobtrusive oftentimes, but subtle lought, imagination, affection, and desire, he has and insinuating in their poison, are pressing upon adered it impossible for him to enjoy the heaven the believer every day. Now to the man oppress himself to decide, he would choose that state for meeting is a place of spiritual recuperation. Here which he had qualified himself by his formation | he learns that others are tried as well as he, and of an evil character. He would simply and inevit- by similar temptations. He hears of victory over doubts and fears. He meets strong men who believe what others scoff at. He listens to experiences of old and young as to the gracious dealings of cause a man makes his own character, he alone, God with them. By the mouth of many witnesses the truth he loves is established to him. And so the extent of \$700,000,000 our liquor shops (he has friends who had made preparations to receive of sin, has recently obtained special notoriety in e goes out revived in heart, his spirit sweetened by communion with his brethren, and the shadowy

spectre of doubt that troubled him all laid. It is well to remember, too, how necessary the afluences of the prayer-meeting are as an antidote control, that the final allotments of men are fixed to the hardening and debasing tendencies of busipare existence, are many and terrible. The temp tation to overreach, to drive a hard bargain, to be whole current of commercial life sets that way! The Christian man who wants to do a thoroughly honest, godly business, has got to draw his inspiedict. This is indeed a caricature of the Almighty | ration from some other source than the maxims Divine Lord, and in communion with those who,

for prayer to the weary and heart-laden, who are spect of our interests and powers, illimitable, and to a state of happiness or misery, sustains this po- ready to sink beneath the heavy burden of life. ing. The war spirit in Europe is so sensitive and sition. By themselves, and by the all-wise, all- To such the prayers and hopes of God's people inflammable, that it is impossible to predict what loving, pitying God, their destiny is known at are like a refreshing breath from heaven. It is not may result from even so comparatively trifling a Christendom is false, or the notion that God de. they who "forsake the assembling together" at matter. The evil seems to be in one of the most cides the fate of mankind by announcing their | the house of prayer. They know-how well they | harmless places, considered from an international sentence at the day of final judgment must be know!-the value of such meetings. They could point of view, although in Turkey. Russia and nush our inquiries into God's truth far enough, of his offspring either at the day of judgment or opens up new gleams of the glorious hereafter, ish settlement, that no general movement is very at any other period of duration, except so far as when the bitterness and toil of this world shall be likely to arise, unless by some unfortunate move-

by baptism into death, and were exhorted to walk tice of God. Under this constitution of the divine put upon the prayer-meeting, as shown by the will bring some sense of security to Europe in that in that newness of life, as compared with their government, the free agent elects and determines attendance and interest of the members. Out- quarter, his own destiny by freely choosing and forming wardly, all may be fair and stately. The Sunday former life, which was exemplified by Christ's perthe dead by the glory of the Father, as compared | tablished this law of retribution, God is thereby | quent, the prayer reverent, the music fine. But with his former life in a body subject to death and | bound to conform to it in his administration over | unless within the body there is this warm centre decay. The difference in their life was intended men, and can no more interfere with it than he of spiritual activity, this social gathering for mucan interfere with the law of human liberty and tual encouragement and united prayer and praise, The question now is not whether God can assign of little avail all the eloquence and display of the a happy destiny to a vicious character. That we | Sabbath worship! The life is not there-the seat

THE RECORD OF THE ETERNAL ONE.

Abraham and his birth as the king of the Jews, or uncreated-a greater light, even the primeval and Christ Jesus. We find in this Gospel no record | for eternity and appear to be indestructible," of Christ's earthly birth, nothing of Mary's bring mation is placed upon self's possessions, that the ing forth her first born son and laying him in his nanger, Mary and Joseph and Bethlehem do not appear, but on the contrary we read of one who was in the bosom of the Father, that he became truth. There is nothing here of, what all the other Evangelists tell us, the Baptism and temptation. He stands before us at once as the eternal from Christ's own tips, singularly unlike anything any of other Gospels at this stage of his ministry

EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS.

- AN OPEN STRUGGLE AT LAST .- The New York Christian Advocate says editorially: Cer thin well known Roman Catholic politiciars have make judicial appointments more important. organized a political association under the name f a "Catholic Union," and are now seeking to esablish co-operative associations among the "Catholics" in every part of the country. In they state their purpose to be to effect such legisative action as shall secure their "rights," which, they claim, are now denied them. No one can school system, are the first objective points. The Church authorities have approved the purpose and method of the "Union," and the war for political supremacy in this country, by the Romish

As the issue must be made at some time, it may. ration for it has been covertly going forward unobservers. The time-just previous to the Presidential campaign-may not be in all respects the most opportune, as other questions, like that of

hortation to the Hebrew Christians to "forsake ing Government? Is it not political perjury to It is because men have this power of alternative manner of some is." Every believer needs just such ernment when it is known that a prior and su-God has imposed upon himself the obligation to God has a god himself the God has a god himself the God has a god himsel

involves moral character and destiny. If for any reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces are the big reason he coerces a choice of an agent, we cannot include the big reason he coerces are the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also become a coerce are the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also become a coerce are the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also become a coerce are the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also become a coerce and the big reason has been also be has been the plea and mask of our foe; but now

-Defor, we believe it was, wrote a "Biography of the Devil." Not having any particular made that Biography a study. Were we to give | skull on Wednesday night of last week, or rather an opinion as to any trait of that individual's Thursday morning while she was in bed. The character, we should therefore, do so under the | deed seems to have been sometime premeditated, thoritatively denied it should be considered with- or apparent motive. Robbins had not lived peacedrawn. We find, however, in a New York con- ably with his wife. They had lived apart at times, temporary, the following statements respecting | the last time for a short space and quite recently, the doings and character of this notable person- The fault is said to have been with himself, in his age, which, we presume, may be accepted as a fair | cruel treatment of her. He had prepared himself

heart. He bribes honest men; buys up legislaures; pays the expenses of scattering obscene iterature throughout the country. He takes hold of otherwise harmless amusements, and pushes ness life. The temptations which beset a man en- them otherwise to the extreme. He apes fashion, gaged in the scramble for wealth, or it may be for and is patronized by it; is a prominent patron of the turt, and has often been seen at the collegiate boat races. He frequently goes to church, genera little dishonest-how difficult to resist, when the he has been known to contribute. He is a Proteslly preferring costly edifices, to which, it is said, tant to the Protestants, and vet no one contribute so liberally to the Roman Church as he. He was present at the Œcumenical Council, and favored the doctrine of Infallibility. He is mean, hard, unscrupulous, persevering. He is a liar, and the and practices of the world. Surely, nowhere will father of lies; a thief, a scoundrel, a villain, a perhe be so likely to find it as in the presence of his jurer, a blasphemer; but he is polite. He has the faculty of adaptability. He is plausible; skilled extended earthly probation. He had a unique in-

- The difficulty in Turkey seems to be increasnot live without them. The testimony of the Germany are so well matched in strength, all things humblest child of grace renews their courage, and considered, and so equally interested in the Turkment of the Turkish Government, by which one And, finally, the prayer-meeting is indispensable of these is invited to interfere or aid, or some one to the strength and growth of the church. A government is allowed to interfere, to the exclusion church without one is like a body without a living, of the other great Powers. It is to be hoped such pulsing heart. The best measure, indeed, of the a change will be introduced into the adminisspiritual condition of the church, is the estimate tration of affairs in that ill-governed country, as

ed a judgment in which it is declared that episcopal functions can be exercised in Prussia only by first assigns the Church and State separate spheres meetings there was no excitement. We distinctly bishops appointed to the diocese and confirmed by and then assigns the Church the mastery or mis- discountenanced any hysterical excitement, confu the Government. The acts of provincial admin- tressship of both. The Centennary did not pass sion, or noise. In all our meetings there was not istrators are therefore held to be illegal. This de- without a manifestation of that internal dissension a sing'e case of hysterics. Some peeple have a cision overturns the system by which the Pope which marks even those who wish for an Irish tended the meetings may think that we attempted has of late supplied the places of the bishops suspended or deposed by the State.

A writer in the Examiner and Chronicle pointing thus speaks of the Jesuits: "Formerly the Jesuits planation would probably have allayed the control of the chief cities of Great Britain and Ireland. Our out the peculiarities of John's Gospel, shows that were the recognized masters of the educated Ca- fusion, but nobody would hear an explanation, and audiences frequently numbered many thousands, the sublime truths of Christ's mission are more ex- tholic world. The respect which they enjoyed in the embroglio became thoroughly Celtic. The ap but they came, listened and went away with sur has for them, our powers must likewise be applied can do nothing in time or eternity but permit him clusively dwelt upon in that Gospel than in either the world of science was great, though but little pearance of the shillalah would have made the prising good order. Once in London we held a as he requires. Their force is not to be spent in to go to his own place. For God to change the of the others. Thus, with reference to Christ as deserved. To day they are fallen from this height, tableau vivant complete. and their activity is directed to the teaching of Parliament is fast hastening to the prorogation; a scene if that vast assemblage had once risen! But In accordance with its character as the record the lower classes. This intellectual decay of the for does not grouse shooting begin on the 12th, and they sat and heard us as quietly as a church conof the Eternal One, this Gospel, instead of beginorder is becoming more and more clearly maniwould not the bird of the heather resent any deof the more incoming more and more clearly maniwould not the bird of the heather resent any deof the more incoming more and more clearly manias Mark's with his public and official life, or as proportion... Like the Romish Church itself, the Anywise, the sportsmen of the two Houses would quiet, and never greeted us with mockery aed jeers. Luke's with a letter from one friend to another, Society of Jesus is destined to a slow but certain thank no Government for detaining them in town I here was no sign of it in the meetings. When death. The two institutions have ended by be- after that date; nor is it probable that their places we held them in Dublin and elsewhere in Ireland Genesis over again with sublimer and higher remain in the memory of history as tombs contain- 12th, whatever the pressure of public business might men which we addressed were as orderly as any I ing an instinct race, but in which no living being be. The Cabinet have not gained any credit by the ever saw. The reason was because we sought to will any longer abide. Thus the edifice of the slip-shod way they have looked after even their excite no opposition from the Roman Catholics. Romish Church and that of the Society of Jesus own measures. Mr. Disraeli has gone upon the

-MARITIME UNION .- This is the way the Presby-

For many years past the idea of a Union of the sea side Provinces has been entertained by our foremost public men and journalists. It commends itself on the ground of economy. One legislature Government were compelled to bring in a tempowould do instead of three or four. One Lieutenant rary measure. Mr. Disraeli's audacity, not to say Governor would serve us all. We could also dispense with "Legislative Councile." Thus a good many thousands of dollars would be saved. Educationists approve of the proposed Union. "Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the ated, and teachers and trustees would have the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son | free range of all three (or four) Provinces. Then, especially, it would be advantageous to the promoters of University, as the copesione of our common school and high school system, would serve for all the Maritime Provinces. The lawyers could soon assimilate their modes

procedure and make the necessary changes. The wider field open to the Supreme Court would Our Provinces in their separate state require too many minor politicians. We send some men to Ottawa, and some to the local Legislatures. There are many quite willing to serve; but the supply of really eligible man is limited. The result is that perversion of the truth. His policy is to perform very few of our representatives are able to take the a whirligig and then proclaim it progress! stand in the House of Commons which we should like to see them taking.

The Medical Convention last week adopted a resolution moved by Dr. Gordon, in favor of what James Mursell (whose father, the Rev. J. P. Mursell, meetings came to them from all quarters of Eng training of ministers, the use of the press, colportwe may call a Medical Union of the Maritime Provinces. The Doctors know what is advantageous as regards the medical profession, and we may rely Church in this country, may now be regarded as as well as medical union. The churches have al upon their influence being on the side of politica ready acted, and given their practical testimony college, but for twenty years was the Hebrew and perhaps, as well come now. The work of prepa- in each of the Provinces to take the matter earnestin favor of Union. It remains for some public man ly in hand and bring it into the arena of practical

political action. Catholic Conference once called by Dr. Dollinger within a comparatively brief period, exchanged directed, guided and sustained them in their labors, tendance about thirty English and American Clergymen and several archimandrites and bishops of the Other changes have occurred—one of which is the He also thought that the effects of the work done motion made at one General Meeting of Council. Eastern Church. Dr. Dollinger opened the pro-removal of Rev. J. P. Chown from Bradford to of local committees, who would continue to push of local committees, who would continue to push Meeting. ceedings with an addres which lasted an hour. He London-of a more gratifying nature to the it. treated of the relation of dogmatic controversay between the Latin and Greek Churches, and to the whole course of ecclesiastical history. At the contan work, ntitle growth in grace, it the disconnection of the matter of legal toleration? The soundest of the moral government of the moral government of the moral government of the consideration of Ultramontanism in its relation to civil Governments will be needed in order to disclose to the public mind a true and safe to design the commentary of Professor Lightfoot on the latest instance of the kind being contained in the commentary of Professor Lightfoot on the latest instance of the kind being contained in the consideration of Ultramontanism in its relation to civil Governments will be needed in order to consideration of the consideration of intercommunion among the consideration of the matter of legal toleration? The sounders are consideration of the matter of legal toleration? The work is enduring, and the good done is not the consideration of the cons conceptions it is able to form of the fearful results of a different or opposite adjustment of retribution or the suffering of the communions to its privileges in respect of divine worship and Christian sacraments. At the same time an actual fusion or the sacrifice of nation
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Moody has certain gifts which, when used in the choice, that they are responsible and accountable. help as may be derived from this "assembling toge- Government as soon as opportunity will occur."

On behalf of Protestant Churches, thanked Dr. Dollinger for the good results of the Conference in the Christian ritual and doctrine. the hope that the Churches would continue to those, at least, who are not entangled in the bonds and in executive ability he shows a wisdom which world-wide, but dependent of every professional respect that law, or, at least, never to interfere learned or unlearned—none can "forsake" this sapidity, permitted treacherous hands to tear from universal Church. Bishop Reinkens closed the property the Free Church of Scotland and United to the property the Free Church of the property the Free Church of the property the Free Church of the property proceedings with the Te Deum and a prayer in minority, the Free Church of Scotland and United 1. He preaches the great truths of the gospel. works they superintend, have reported it practi-

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

LONDON, Aug. 10, 1875. The centennary of O'Connell's birth has been celebrated in Ireland, and by the Irish in some of our in 1847, the life of O'Connell covered more than the traditional three score years and ten; and in his case there was no little of the "labour and sorrow" which the Psalmist associates with a more

tion of the weekly "rent" from all parts of Ireland er, to be compatible with the noblest form of unossible to a man of finer susceptibilities, and I dare say eventually became a source of mental irritation to him, helping to aggravate the illness turn. He died in Rome, his heart being retained in the Irish college there, his body sent home for of the people, who devoutly prayed for the soul of - The Supreme Tribunal at Berlin has deliver- from the superstitions of the Papacy: yet he was The character of our meetings is perhaps misby no means an Ultramontanist of the type who - THE JESUITS .- An old Catholic professor the dispersion of the guests. A little quiet ex-

> ligence, as the Merchant Shipping Bill was destined not made a scene, and evoked such remonstrances and attentive in their demeanor, from the public press and public meetings, that the consent to remain out of office all his life rather

the successor of Robert Hall at Leicester, survives Syriac Professor in the Baptist College in the Regents' Park, London. Not long previously, the only this, but the poorest classes of people were -The Old Catholic Conference.-The Old H. Hinton and Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel have formally ascribed to the Lord, who, he believed, the lower for the upper courts of the Father's house. keeping them strong and untouched by disease.

tween those who hold, "one Lord, one faith, and | that he was wiser than his critics. one baptism." This is as it should be; and it will, indeed, be both a pity and a reproach, if with primitive pureness of polity, Baptists should fall behind other churches in the charity which is the ness," and the soul of Christian life. FRATER.

CURRENT TOPICS.

MOODY AND SANKEY.

that our friend has dealings with him. But is the has been caught, and will be brought to account. 14th instant, where they were met by a number of means of gaining deliverance from the consequence an office in the Tribune basement). He furnishes night he entered the house and did the work them. On Saturday evening a Tribute reporter Italy. We condense the main facts from a letter houses of vice; gambles, rolls wealth upon his His two little boys, hearing their mother scream, found Mr. Sankey, from whom he received an in- of Rev. T. W. S. Jones, of Naples, ir the Watchfollowers; supplies every species of entertainment came running down stairs, and were near when teresting account of the work as seen by one man. the father dealt some of the last blows upon his actively engaged in it. Mr. Sankey is reported to A thoroughly organized system of brigandage, have said, amongst other things. : Mr. Moody and myself do not wish to appear in

public through interviews, as speaking much about our work. It is our desire not to thrust ourselves forward as if we attached any personal merit to what we have done. Our work has been greatly English towns, with considerable spirit; but the though we have done anything peculiarly praisesuccessful, but we do not ascribe it to ourselves, as Dublin demonstrations were notably the largest worthy. We know and recognize that it is the and most enthusiastic. Born in 1775 and dying Lord's work, and not ours, in which we have been engaged. We have merely gone right, on and reached Christ to the people-that is all.

Mr. Sankey stated that he thought the public would be more interested in what Mr. Moody and bimself proposed to do in this country than in the details of what they had done abroad, which had determining the destiny of men, for this will have been determined long before by themselves, by been determined long before by themselves, by concerned, he was not loth to resort to measures and cities in the concerned, he was not loth to resort to measures and cities in the concerned, he was not loth to resort to measures. which were pernnicious in the extreme. The collectionce; but we have made no arrangements yet. We need rest, and intend to take vacations of from six weeks to two months before beginning our work announced in Conciliation Hall, long after the Re- again. Mr. Moody has already gone home to his peal agitation was practically effete, was too clear- family in Northfield, Mass., and I shall go Tuesday y of a commercial, not to say mercenary, charac- to visit my parents in Newcastle, Penn. After our vacation we shall go to our church in Chicago, which we are anxious to visit, and we shall have lfish patriotism. To trade as he did in the credu- some work to do there. In the Fall, I ca'nt tell ity of the impoverished peasantry, and take their exactly when we will begin our work, on the same ence for his own support, would have been im- general plan which we pursued in England. We have not determined where to begin, but it will probably be in one of the great Eastern cities-New York, Brooklyn, or Boston.

The Press in Great Britain treated us with which compelled him to quit Ireland, never to re- marked respect. We uniformly declined to be interviewed while there, but were treated with great airness and consideration, and we have not had to complain of much misrepresentation. The great burial in the cemetery at Dublin. The place of leading English paper, the London Times, especially nterment was visited last week by large numbers | spoke of our work in a manner and spirit eminently tair and just. Of course, as public men we are the "Liberator," who would have been a far our only object has been to preach Christ. Still greater man in all senses had he been liberated we do not like to have our work misrepresented.

There is one fact that I should like to have the public hear, and that is that in our worse came of the stormy elements than a rumpus | the exercises were characterized by the best possiat the public banquet, the lowering of the gas, and ble order. Mr. Moody would not go on without it. No church services were ever conducted more meeting for men, from which women were excluded. There were 10,000 men present. Just think what

We avoided offending them. will one day be deserted, although they were raised rule of letting the Government Bills take their preached Christ, and that could give offence to of the Reformed Churches throughout the world, chance, and a great confusion has ensued. The nobody. Our business was not to discuss ecclesias-Plimsoll episode arose as the result of this stupid neg- tical questions, but to preach the Saviour to those organized on Presbyterian principles which holds who needed Him. In Scotland we had the same the supreme authority of the Scriptures of the Old terian Wilness epitomizes the assumed advantages to be sacrificed, and nothing would have been done wonderfully orderly and effective. The people als, and whose creed is in harmony with the Confor the protection of the sailor this session, had he showed the utmost seriousness, and were solemn sensus of the Reformed Confession, shall be eligible

HOW THE MEETINGS WERE CONDUCTED. could not meet in one place all who wanted to mendacity, in claiming this turn of affairs as a worship with us, and so we divided them up and leach Church being regulated by a plan sanctioned triumph of the Administration over the Opposi- met in different places. Mr. Moody has preach-The systems of common schools could be assimilated and teachers and trustees would have the tion, is one of those mental feats of legerdemain ed four or five times in one evening, and I have sure him, as a Prime Minister, the contempt of Moody was and then drive rapidly in a carriage succeeding times. He wants to get credit for con- to another meeting, and sing there, and so on until tinuing a Liberal and Conservative policy-in a I had sung at several places. I did not feel great | ren not delegates to offer suggestions, to deliver word to unite contraries; and as this is really im- exhaustion after such labor. I could sing with possible, he uses all his glamour (vulgarly known largest hall in England, which will hold 20,000 terian community; it shall seek the welfare of as "gammon") to make show do the part of people, and has seats for 15,000. I sung so that my Churches, especially such as are weak or persecutreality. The effort is a poor one and actually de- voice filled the building without getting tired. It ed; it shall gather and disseminate information lusive, and a truly high-principled statesman would was very easy for me to do it. I never saw a better place to sing in.

In reference to the results of the Evangelists' have them come. Three hundred Oxford students who at one time was at the head of a Canadian invitation to Eton, another great seat of learning, and their meeting there was one of the most impressive that they held. Members of Parliament interested themselves in the revival meetings. Not Rev. W. Robinson, of Cambridge, died when on a stirred up, and they attended in great numbers, visit to his relatives in the States; and the Rev. J. and evidently with an honest purpose of le ning about Christ. All of their success Mr Sankey uni-

doctrine and practice of Christian that does the utmost credit to these scholars, leavsubject occupied the remainder of to-day's sitting.

The discussion on this subject occupied the remainder of to-day's sitting.

Discussion on this picturesque, interesting; but as Biblical critics ings, attended by 600,000; and in Agricultural Hall, 60 meetings, attended by 720,000 persons. The session of the Conference closed on the 17th, they freely admit that it is not Scriptural. This That the hand of God is in this great religious Archbishop Lykurgus, of Syra, on behalf of the. ought to make decision easy to those who do not awakening we gratefully acknowledge. There is, endorsation—and a most valuable one—of the de-

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price of liberty? Suffrage is power and privilege; and can scarcely be more genuine. The occasion but when forfeited by the spirit of treason, and has been utilized for the vertilation of a veriety of the spirit of treason, and has been utilized for the vertilation of a veriety of the spirit of treason. has been utilized for the ventilation of a variety of way, though the obstructive elements are still ridiculed. The mammoth building erected at his and the world, according to their scope, and the was the virtual Pope of the Connexion. The through a month of meetings. Then the laughers various Methodist bodies may in course of time be ceased to laugh. "Let us praise God for what he various Methodist bodies may in course of time be combined; and in regard to the Baptists, it is first meeting in that city. Such a sentence, the pleasing to see that, with the exception of a small utterance or a mighty faith, exposed him to the age than daily observation affords us, we have not dered his wite by shooting her and beating in her party of "hypers," there is a substantial unity be-

COMPOUNDING FOR CRIME.

Every one knows what it is to compound with creditors for debt. In fact the number of people "end of the commandment," the "bond of perfect- who have personal experience in that line is unpleasartly large. But how to make a composition with the Church, for sins committed, is not generally so well understood. Indeed, Roman Catholics are generally ready to deny that spiritual benefits are offered by the clergy of the Church of These famous evangelists, with their families and Rome for money; yet the fact is undeniable. A

ander the name of " Maffia," has recently disturb-

d Italy, and led to the adoption by the Italian

Parliament of more stringent measures of repression for Sicily. In defending the course of action taken by the Government, Signor Tajani, a deputy from Amalfi, and late Chief Magistrate of Sicily, made some remarkable statements. In seeking to lay bare the cause of the turbulence and violence that afflict the country, he denied that it arose from the decrease of the religious sentiment, as has been alleged. But, formeraly, certain rich Church corporations were in the habit of dealing out food to a host of lazy vagabonds, who, when this provision became unavailable, took to rob bery and brigandage, such as now flourish in connection with the "Maffia." He shows very clearly that this brigandage and crime largely have sprung from the perverting religious views which have been circulated among the people by the priests. He says: "In 1868 there was brought under my notice a curious document, a Pontifical Bull which had already received the "exequatur." And what was this Bull? It was the authorisation which the Roman Curia gave to all the confessors in Sicily to come to an arrangement with those who had committed any species of crime, an arrangement to be made on the payment of money. A thief presented himself and said, " have stolen one thousand lire; they are gone, and I cannot give them back again.' 'Never mind.' the confessor would say, 'have you kept a part for the Church?' There was a long list of crimes which seemed to have been copied from the Penal Code. Every class of crime against persons and property seemed mentioned; to all these there was adjoined the price of the absolution, and this was augmented if, as in the case of homicide, the one killed was a priest, or if a bishop the price was increased still more. This was called the "Bull of Composition." And Signor Tanjani maintains that the crimes of the "Maffia" bear the stamp of this Bull of Composition, for they carry out its spirit in dealing with the people. He says the robber stands arranging with the priest on the right hand, and his victim on the left; and so the arrangement made between the brigand and the

been named after the Bull of Composition. Mr. Jones in his letter gives a list of particulars from the Bull of Composition of 1869, in which, after fixing the price and monetary arrangement. it explicitly specifies the different crimes for which composition in money can be made. Such a sysematic traffic in the business of "disburdening and quieting consciences and souls" needs no comment. Surely he who claims to sit in the chair of St. Peter, by such composition fairly merits the reduke of this same Peter to Simon the Magician: Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast hought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in

PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL IN LONDON.

The Council of Presbyterians held in London ast month, resulted in the formation of an Alliance of Presbyterians, intended to include all of fest, and its influence therefore is diminishing in lay in the commencement of the annual sport? orderly as those within. They were respectful and the Presbyterian form. Twenty-four Presbyterian Churches were represented by sixty-one delegates from Great Britain and Ireland, the Continent, coming prisons for the human mind. They will in Parliament will know them subsequently to the ics, but we were not. The large meetings of Irish- urged a confederation, while the British delegates desired merely an occasional convention. Neither was accepted. The following is the text of the Constitution agreed upon for the organization :-This alliance shall be known as "The Alliance

> holding the Presbyterian system." Any Church for admission into the Alliance. The Alliance shall meet in General Council ordinarily once in Our plan was sometimes to hold five or six | three years. The Council shall consist of delegates being ministers and ruling elders appointed by the Cnurches forming the Alliance, the number from by the Council, regard being had generally to the number of congregations in the several Churches. The delegates, as far as practicable, to consist of an equal number of ministers and ruling elders. The Council may, on the recommendation of a Committee on Business, invite Presbyterian bretheddresses, and to read papers. The Council shall perfect ease in Agricultural Hall in London, the | consider questions of general interest to the Presbyconcerning the kingdom of Christ throughout the world; it shall commend the Presbyterian system as Scriptural, and as combining simplicity, efficithan hold its distinctions and emoluments by pre- labors in Great Britain, Mr. Sankey said that one ency and adaptation to all times and conditions; it tences which every one knows to be a ridiculous thing was certain, that the interest stirred up had shall also entertain all subjects directly connected been universal and genuine, and had pervaded all with the work of evangelization, such as the relaclasses of people. It was serious interest, and not | tion of the Christian church to the evangelization mere curiosity. The Duchess of Suther!and, and of the world, the distribution of mission work, the Several distinguished Baptist ministers have re- other persons of social rank regularly attended combination of church energies, especially in refercently passed away. Among them are the Rev. their meetings in London. Invitations to hold ence to great cities and destitute districts; the land. Even the little villages were anxious to age, the religious instruction of the young, the sanctification of the Sabbath, systematic beneficand occasionally preaches), Rev. E. Vince, Rev. sent them a written invitation to come to that ence, the suppression of intemperance, and other W. Best, and very recently the Rev. Dr. Davies, university, but they could not go. They went by prevailing vices, and the best methods of opposing nfidelity and Romanism. The Council shall seek to guide and stimulate public sentiment by papers read, by addresses delivered and published, by the circulation of information respecting the allied Churches and their missions, by the exposition of scriptural principles and by defences of the truth, by communicating the minutes of its proceedings to the supreme courts of the Churches forming the Alliance, and by such other action as is in accordance with its constitution and objects. No change

opinion they express fully as much as on the quences which his character shich lies said that "We must all appear before the tragedy attending the act itself. Is not disfranchisement the inevitable judicial reson political perjuncial reson political perjuncial reson political perjuncy? And it so, is not the deay's doing. The ceive the things done in his body, whether it be good or bad." Not that each particular act is to good or bad." Not that each particular act is to good or bad." Not that each particular act is to good or bad." Not that each particular act is to good or bad." The question of admitting the act is to good or bad. The question of admitting the act is to good or bad. The question of admitting the act is to good or bad. The question of admitting the act is to good or bad. The question of admitting the act is to good or bad. The question of admitting the present month the world.

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