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EDITORIAL LETTER.

CONFERENCE.

The Forty-Sixth General Conference of the Free Baptists of New Brunswick began its session in Hampstead, Queens County, on Saturday last. On Friday the ministers of the denomination held their annual meeting. Only two or three ministers were absent. Those present were pleased to greet each other after a year's separation. The majority of them had been toiling during the whole year in their chosen fields of labor, and each was able to tall of more or less success. The business of the meeting, which concerns the ministers alone, required the whole day.

Friday evening a large congregation was present in the church. The meeting, presided over by Rev. J. Perry, was devoted to prayer and praise. and was a season of considerable refreshing.

Long before 10 A. M., on Saturday, more than enough people to fill the church had arrived. Rev. B. Merritt, pastor of the church, presided over the meeting, assisted by Rev. T. Vanwart. A very large number of persons spoke in the meeting, which continued two-and-a-half hours. When the time came that the meeting must be closed, a large number, who had not had opportunity to speak, rose, by request, to testify their love for the Saviour. The whole meeting was characterized by a deep devotional spirit, and the hundreds of Caristians present were encouraged and strengthened to continue in the service of Him whom they love as Saviour, and are glad to acknowledge as Master.

The evening was occupied by the Sabbath School Convention and the Educational Society. The Convention was presided over by Prof. G. E. Foster. After opening exercises, the Sabbath School Agent, E. C. Freeze, Esq., read his annual report. The statistics of the report we will publish in the report of Conference proceedings. Addresses on S. S. work were made by Rev. J. McLeod, D. W. Clark, Esq., and Wm. Peters, Esq.

The Educational Society meeting was presided over by the President, E. C. Freeze, Esq. The President read his annual address. The Secretary, owing to lack of time, omitted to read his report. Addresses were made by Rev. S. H. Weyman, Rev. J. T. Parsons, Prof. Foster, and Rev. C.

The weather, up to this time, has been exceedingly fine-not at all like the weather had at Conference time for several years.

Conference business makes rather large demands Hampstead, Q. Co., Oct. 5th, 1878.

CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP.

The absence from the code of Christian morality, of a specific command in reference to the cultivation of friendship, has been made a ground of Scotland there are some men thoroughly in earnest objection by infidels against our most holy faith. in this matter, and their labours are telling. But this objection, while it betrays the hatred of Christianity cherished by those who prefer it, and discovers the difficulty experienced in framing even any plausible allegation against it, is easily met. It is, indeed, true that we cannot point to any precept which requires us, in express terms, to cultivato friendship with our follow mon. And this may seem a great omission to those whose sensibilities or circumstances have led them to attach peculiar value to the possession of a true friend, and whose experience, either bitter or blessed, has taught them what it is to be deprived of a friend, and what it is to possess one. But then, while this omission is explained and vindicated by the fact that friendship, pure and true, is to be ranked rather among the privileges than the duties of life, and that from its very nature it does not admit of precise inculcation, there are enjoined in the New Testament the acquisition and exercise of those ship, and lay the surest basis for the discharge of asylum, and know full well we are tempted to feel laws that create drunkards they should be compelled, dispositions which naturally give birth to friendits obligations, and the enjoyment of its pleasures. And there are also presented the most interesting examples of many, whose breasts reciprocated the sentiments and emotions of the purest friendship, ions and achievements. Has not the Gospel inculand whose lives were the very model of its expresscated humility and sincerity, tenderness and gratitude, sympathy with the afflicted, and esteem of the excellent? And how can these graces fail of __ Motives .- How true it is, as Zion's Herald prison every year for no other crime than that of originating that respect and endearment which says, that man is shaped by his motives. To be drunkenness, and the power that commits them to friendship implies, if their possessors be brought actuated by base or unworthy aims is to make life prison is the same power that has granted (for a into contact with each other, and be congenial in itself base and worthless, to cherish an elevated and good price) the privilege to the tavern-keeper to their tas'es? Has not the gospel also set forth in worthy purpose, to feel a desire to do our part in make them drunk. It is a most marvellous state of the attachment and preference of our Lord for the work of life, to enter into sympathy with the affairs, truly. If a city conneil should grant a John, who is described as "the disciple whom supreme good and participate in efforts to elevate license to a man to allow a fierce tiger to walk at Jesus loved," and for the happy family of Bethany, the universe, is to make the most of ourselves. liberty through the streets of their city, they would concerning whom it is said, "Now Jesus loved Such a life takes on nobleness in the endeavor. In assuredly be held responsible for every death that Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus," illustrious some respects, it matters less what you do than resulted, and for every injury as well. But the examples of friendship? How then can we fail what you endeavor to do. The doing is not always tiger of rum is fiercer and more fatal than any to perceive in these a recommendation of friend- in our power; the motive is part of ourselves. The other could ever be, and yet our city councils turn ship, more instructive and powerful than any pre- subjective influence of the doing is less than of the him adrift without a fear of ever being called to cept can convey.

duct of the Master ;-in every page almost of the cend from our elevation and to grovel in the mire alongside of every prison, where their victims can Sacred Volume we meet with the most striking of an ignoble life. illustrations of the beauty and sincerity of Christian may place us, its part should be fulfilled.

second time, at Rome, treated with peculiar severity by his enemies, and wounded yet more deeply by the defection of professed friends, so constant was the defection of professed friends, so constant was this noble man, that he still remembered him—so the defection of professed friends, so constant was the pounds (arms long), hat-size 7½ (soft hat), foot-size continued at the menace and paused in her content to her principles: nothing is so long coveted by their master, but which distinct the professed friends are retiring from the content to her principles: nothing is so long coveted by their master, but which distinct the pounds (arms long) and the defection of professed friends, so constant was completely proved the Paris Ex
The professed friends and paused at the menace and paused at the menace and paused in her content to her principles: nothing is a fifted to be faithful to her principles: nothing is a fifted to be faithful to her p reputed felon awaiting his execution-so zealous my ministry last year." that he "inquired diligently" for him, and traced utterly forsaken—and so affectionate and liberal, give so much time to thinking and talking about | Can that be true? If it be true, then practically little further on is the Belgian restaurant. Then ford to do so, and sympathetic, that he "refreshed him oft," and the speedy coming of Christ? It seems altogether no church does it. Do none of our churches take comes one of the fifty or more examples of glasscheered his heart by his generous sympathy and unwarranted, and a great waste of time. It seems the word of life in their hands and go to everybody house construction, all presenting some feature of aid : thus earning for himself that highest commen- that a Conference for the discussion of the question in their town or village and invite them personally novelty, such as the carrying off the drip, or condation which the Judge will bestow on those whom of the second coming is to be held in Dr. Tyng's to a fellowship with Christ and his disciples? If so densed water, or some peculiarity in form; and a

Paul could not requite, in kind, his benefactor's noon each day will be discussed. The exercises are and retain but two or three male members. It is The small bridge previously mentioned, between we seek nourishment such as sensible men and generosity. But another mode of expressing friendship was left him and as he was shutup to it by circles are the hold on the records as left him and as he was shutup to it by circles declare that they have lost their power and ship was left him and as he was shutup to it by circles declare that they have lost their power and ship was left him and as he was shutup to it by circles declare that they have lost their power and the prople; that they may be the horticultural classes. It is given up to the horticultural classes. It counstances, so he turned to it with fondness. As What is to be gained, we ask, by such discussion? In longer take hold on the people; that they may feet, is given up to the horticultural classes. It immunity and more than immunity, government the waters of a spring, when prevented from flowfag forth in their natural channel, mount forcibly
up toward Heaven,—as the portion is prevented,
by exhalation, from diffusing fertility along the
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stream of the provented from flowfag forth in their natural channel, mount forcibly
up toward Heaven,—as the portion is prevented,
by exhalation, from diffusing fertility along the
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of course in the first personal dealings with men. They
ded the rate of the most perfect
of the stream of t the waters of a spring, when prevented from flow- Has any new light come upon God's word on this yet be a social force, but are not a religious force presents a charming promenade. On the right were sincere in seeking wisdom; but Paul would Gibertanean trade, since the British possession of

may find mercy of the Lord in that day ;" entreaties | Are we right? which, as the inwrought and fervent prayers of one minently righteous and beloved, were doubtless of much avail, and secured an abundant and eter-

nal recompence to his generous friend.

those who profess friendship, for one another, value. ought we to find the example of Paul and Onesip horus carefully imitated. We ought to be constant in our attachments and engagements with those with whom we have entered into bonds of friendship, whatever be the change in their condition; it is our duty, when they are overtaken by adversity, or oppressed by affliction, or crushed with grief, to minister to their necessities, to refresh and cheer their drooping spirits by extending to them our sympathy and affectionate counsel; and above all, and especially if no other mode of testifying our love be left to us, ought we to draw as it were upon the exhaustless treasury of heaven for the liquidation of our debt, and put forth all "our power with God," in the wrestlings of fervent prayer for the procurement, in behalf of our friends, of blessings from on high. These are the exercises of Christian friends,—these the acts of a friendship cemented by religion, and destined for heaven.

Yes! those who enjoy if take delight in imparting aid, and communicating spiritual comfort, where that is requisite or practicable; and rejoice, when prevented by circumstances from giving, and by Mercies to "supply all their need according to his every Christian. Try them: riches in glory, by Christ Jesus." Oh, happy they 1. I can give my whole heart to God by faith in who thus anticipate the harmony and blessedness | Jesus Christ, and thus secure a special blessing for low travellers Zionward, those to whom they feel ber. thus and who feel thus towads them, is but a little | 2. I can set my brethren a good example, and | beds that surround it—all now luxuriously in enabled, in the confidence of faith, to say of Him, a blessing to the church. of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named "This is my beloved, and this is my friend."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

- WINE-DRINKING. - Referring to the deposition McMullin. Both the S. S. Convention and the the fall of others from like high position, and wishes Education meeting were good, and we have no it to be noted that in each case wine-drinking seems with me. ministers and tippling laymen too are always in port of the church.

Scotland.—Considerable temperance work is on the editor as a member of Conference, which being done in Scotland. Recently a great meeting fact must account for lack of editorial matter in was held in Edinburgh in favour of Prohibition this issue, and also for the shortness of this letter. | Canon Willberfore and other leading men addressed the meeting; and resolutions were adopted expressing satisfaction with the rapid growth of public opinion in favour of local control of the drink traffic, and pledging those present to persistent and united efforts in favour of the Permissive Bill. In

> - SLAVERY IN CUBA cannot, perhaps, live much longer. One of the papers tells that a letter from Havana says that the journals which formerly hardly dared to call slavery by its real name are now discussing means for its abolition. All parties are coming to the conviction that pecuniary compensation to the owners of slaves is quite out of the question The solution of the question must ultimately lie with the Spanish Cortes, and as the home government is so far removed from a direct interest in the system, there is a hopeful outlook for emancipation.

- ABOUT PRAYER .- What George Muller, of the Life of Trust," says about prayer ought to be important. When he was in Baltimore speaking to a number of pastors he said "we must pray a great deal." And then he said : "I know the temptation of the pastor. I am the pastor of a Church of eleven hundred members, and the head of a large orphan on the day's work." "Pray for results," says The law invites him to his ruin, and then punishes

endeavor to do. To aim at noble things is to be account for the irreparable injury that is worked. Nor are our examples limited to the con- noble; to be actuated by mean motives is to des- Let the Legislature provide inebriate asylums

friendship. Take, for example, the case of Paul | - A HARD TIME. - If the following statement be and Onesiphorus. They were Christian friends, true (we find it in a reliable contemporary) some of deaf and dumb, the idiot, and the insane, none of and their behaviour to each other, while sanctioning the ministers of the gospel in the far West have a which forms of disease were of her own creation : friendship, illustrates the manner in which, accord- rough time, and are not over paid. One of them but for the poor inebriate, for whom she is directly ing to the varied circumstances wherein Providence writes that he can not see why he should have to and fearfully responsible, no such provision has pay his subscription for a year in advance, when his been made. Yet it is manifestly far more her Onesiphorus manifested his friendship for the salary is generally from nine to eighteen months duty in the last case than in the former ones, since Apostle by "ministering to him in many things," behindhand. Another wants clothing, and writes: she derives a large part of her revenues from their while he sojourned in Ephesus preaching the Gos- "If any good people will take pleasure in sending very creation. There should be a strong demand pel, assisting, probably, both in the supply of his me a decent suit in which to appear in the pulpit, made on our law-givers for this reform.—Ex. temporal wants and the furtherance of his spiritual | it will help me forward. My clothes are worn out labors. And when the Apostle was a prisoner, the in the Master's service; family large; salary so very this noble man, that he still remembered him—so sixes. I am doing foundation-work for the Master, courageous that "he was not ashamed of the and trying to endure hardness as a good soldier for work that the Gospel shall not merely be put with—niture in keeping; and the white curtains at the We are here but a little while—a few years at Apostle's chain," nor afraid to own him, though a his sake, and can report eighty conversions under in the reach of everybody, but shall actually be windows, the gay red tiles, the flowering creepers. most: and we cannot indeed afford to depart from

him to the dungeon where he was lying as one | - The Coming of Christ.-Why is it some men one church in five thousand does." He rewards for their kindness to His people. "I Church, New York on the 30th and 31st insts., and then our churches fall very, very far short of their few yards further is the grand central lawn of the plants day depend on the subject of preaching, said that many peo-Church, New York on the 30th and 31st insts., and on Nov. 18. A correspondent of the Standard says, duty. Then it is not strange that we hear of old grounds and the Bridge of Jena, which leads to the must have, they feel, something that will hold their Incarcerated and enchained, poor and destitute, "Three topics in the morning and two in the after- country towns in which the churches are dying out Trocadero.

Christian at Work gives when it counsels preachers | And thus the Church grew and was glorified. And here we have an example worthy of imitation. in standing up to preach to think more of the peo-Beneficence and intercession indeed are incumbent | ple whom you will soon address than of the particu- that every person within the limits of its local inupon every one, and every Christian feels that he is lar forms in which you will clothe your speech. fluence has the Gospel carried to him? We would blessings for himself, is forgetful of his fellow sin- not be too careful for his speech. The issues of hamlets and homes that know no Sabbath; how it

- MORTALITY OF INFANTS IN LONDON.-In the London Times a correspondence has been going on for some time in reference to the mortality of infants as affected by the existing law, which, it is contended, by allowing the lives of children to be insured, and the sum of £6 to be paid in the event of death before the age of five years is reached, offers an inducement to the poorer class to criminally neglect their offspring. The system of insuring the lives of children is very widespread among the working classes, who are otherwise notorious for their improvident habits. This fact, coupled with the great infant mortality among the same classes, points, if not to deliberate murder, at least to a calculating indifference to the preservation of the lives of their children. It has been suggested as a remedy, that no money shall be allowed to be paid on the death of a child under five years of age, and that acreased facilities shall be offered for endowment assurance, by which a sum is paid not at death, but on a child attaining a certain age.

- "What Can I Do?"-In response to the inmay seem unnecessary, in beseeching the Father of leader mentions some things that may be done by not without a plan.

of heaven. Their bliss in having among their fel- myself, and for the church of which I am a mem-

3. I can, through faith, be courageous and that lake, or rather the two lakes, for there is one cheerful, and thereby strengthen and encourage

the church in its herculean work.

4. I can pray for the prosperity of the church and God hears the prayer of faith. 5. I can, by a godly life, illustrate to the world the saving power of the gospel, and thereby lead

6. I can induce others to attend divine services | this little pavilion, and many are the francs that

to have something to do with the fall. Tippling 7. I can give part of my earnings for the sup-

fortunate enough to have a vacation, and who are | mounts the building. its authority and value.

THE LIQUOR LAWS.

Since the law givers of our country will make we have not time for our own private meditation, by public opinion, to make laws for the protection prayer, and reading of the Scriptures; but this is a of these drunkards. It is an acknowledged princigreat mistake. The more work I have to do in a ple that a creator is bound to care for that which day the more time I must take for prayer and medi- he creates. The law creates the drunkard, and the tation before I begin it. I must have a good morn. law, therefore, must care for the drunkard. As it George Muller, "expect results, work for results!" him for having accepted the invitation. There are thousands of men, women, and boys committed to be not punished, but be nursed and cared for, and restored to health, to their families, and to their country. The State has provided for the blind, the

DO OUR CHURCHES WORK.

he prayed, "The Lord give mercy unto the house of with our hand on the plough. There is too much its founder. This is not the whole nor the first which are collections of most every conceivable sage I must continue to deliver to you. While I Mediterranean Sea into a British lake, we can gain Onesiphorus," "The Lord grant unto him that he work to do to waste time in vain speculations. part of what he Church was organized for. The machine, implement, tool, and accessory used by have been away I have is : "They went everywhere preaching the Word." ground is brilliant with flowers. -Good Advice. -Preachers, as other men, need | The story of the great apostle is that he visited not | advice sumetimes. That is good advice which the | merely from city, to city, but from house to house.

Tell us: Has your church so organized its work toria has given \$25,000 to the temperance cause. bound to do good unto all as he has opportunity, To be sure there is a great deal in words, and the like to know how many such churches there are. and to offer up prayers and supplications for all men; manner of saying things is not of trifling importance. We should like to know the story of a church in something like what we call local option, we preand comfort? Can be possess the spirit of Christ, so when a man is about to address an audience of as brought to them. We should be glad to tell the three and a half millions of her population there who, when he draws near the mercy seat to ask dying men on the issuess of eternal life, he should story how such a church visits the outskirts, the are only 450 places for the sale of liquor. ner who, weak to resist temptation, bowed down eternity can be as easily covered up in a mass of reports their individual condition and history, and with sorrow, crushed by secret grief, alone, exposed verbiage as a last year's ground-nest can be con- sends not the pastor alone to visit and advise with "Between the years 1860 and 1870, under license. easy victim to to despair? But especially among concealed the sermon and the nest are of equal church who can best reach their hearts. Have we manufacture of intoxicants increased 305 per cent. many such churches | Is there more than one in (more than twelve times as fast), pauperism increas- with Him His glory. We preach not Jewish signs ing that the population is already too great, and five thousand? If not, why do our churches com- ed 130 per cent., persons actually in prison 220 per or Greek wisdom, but Christ crucified. plain of their coldness and death? Again, what | cent. This was followed by one year of local option says the Record of the Church in the days of its first | when saloons decreased one-third, drunkenness, 33 love? "They went every where preaching the per cent., and convicts committed, 25 per cent. Word." And, once more, how was it that St. Paul could take the elders of the Church in Ephesus to record that he was "pure from the blood of all men"? It was because he could testify unto them that he had taught them both "publicly and from house to house."-Independent

OUR PARIS LETTER. Rambles and sights on Champ de Mars-Architectural displays from all quarters of the globe-A peep in the various buildings.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Paris, Sept. 19, 1878. If a guide, living or printed, be required to intro-

railway station, on the right hand are the British annexes, with a large and well appointed cafe restaurant, and behind that beautiful lake and the broad expanse of grass, trees, shrubs, and flowerinferior to what they experience, when they are so help them to grow in grace; and that will be bloom-directly facing the visitor. The grounds I propose to sketch occupy all the space between on each side of the grounds and the river.

Close to the gate referred to is a very small these novel limbs. There is always a crowd around right arm in a sling, but he can use it when eating. find their way into the box in the front. Next to larger scale, where may be seen the ambulance and the hundred contrivances which science and ingenu-- PULPIT PREPARATION .- A United States re- ity have created to migitate the horrors of war as

required of them than before they rested. It also Pavilion, having a very fine collection of specimens been laboring for the past year, together with the has something to say about the preparation neces- of the produce of the forests of the Pyrenees on communities in which they are located, are cheersary to a proper discharge of pulpit duties. "There this side, and at the further end a handsome ing me every Sabbath with their appearance at the study to build men up in the truth. Doubts tites, and in the distance a nobly painted glass but I am happy to know that my brethren in the prove all things.' Faith cannot be maintained of the wine of Xeres and Malaga, of liquers, and port to the Lord's work. which is built only on the common consent of Chris- of essences. The pillars, the arches, the brilliant tian men or on the piles of ancestral piety. People ceiling and windows are all formed of bottles full at Lutes Mountain made me very happy by giving want better reasons for believing a truth than that or empty; the corks and capsuls are also pressed to me a tangible expression of their confidence in me their fathers held it, or that it has never been chal- into the service. This pavilion presents the most as their pastor. Having desired me to meet them at ged in their denomination. Periodical and remarkable example of commercial decoration that their meeting house I was pleased to be there, and ther literature is constantly manifesting an icono- I have ever seen. It has been carried throughout really comforted to find assembled not only the lastic spirit, and only that which is solid and real with such skill, that it calls forth exclamations of members of our church, but also a large number of can resist assaults." Men have not yet passed be- surprise from every new visitor. Apart from the the members of sister churches. yond the attractions of the truth in Jesus, and decorative part, the whole of the rich but littlearranged with the same skill as the bottles within May God bless them. the building. Opposite the door in question is a kiosk for the sale of the famous productions of Havana, from the most delicate little cigarette to the lordly cigar, wrapped each in its metallic coating and costing as much as a good dinner.

Near at hand is the exhibition of the little principality of Monaco, surrounded with palms, plan- £33,000,000 sterling a year raised from the liquor cept the Redeemer. It requires confidence in the tains, and other tropical plants and flowers, and trade. This is more than one-third of the national glittering in the sunshine. Within, the central revenue and the nation cannot do without it. But portion is occupied by a fountain of a peculiar the British people can afford to waste their subtwo or three inches of perfectly limpid wat c, and | Canada cannot afford to adopt a Prohibitory Law. out of this leaps four pairs of small jets not above freshness. In the centre, and towering far above our homes embittering our lives and spreading inthe little jets, is a fine fan-palm in a great tub. The principal exhibit of Monoca is decorative to give up her poppy monopoly, and her supply of earthenware — flower-pots, jardinieres, cache-pots, opium to China. Millions of human beings are and a hundred little fancy objects, pierced and ruined by the trade. No matter; there is money covered with flowers and ornamentation of all | kinds, -not classic, but pretty-not highly artistic, slavery till they had wasted five hundred thousand but not expensive. There are, however, many ex- lives and a thousand millions of dollars! amples of carved ivory of a very superior character till too late, and life itself is the forfeit. Some canornamental work, not figures; a large, oval not afford to observe the Lord's Day as a day or mirror frame of great beauty, and many examples rest, beneficence and worship. Some cannot afford

It is a gay little place the kiosk of Monaco. Opposite is a pretty rustic bridge formed of wellselected branches with the bark on-in painted and everywhere afford to do what is right and duticast iron! It is an abomination; enough to spoil ful and Christian. Politicians as well as others can the day for an aesthetical art critic, but finds ad. afford to do so. They can well afford to revemiration in the eyes of poor, unsophisticated rence the Lord's Day and observe all the ordinanmortals; and on each side of this bridge, which ford to deal justly and righteously. There is nothspans the temporary sunken roadway already men- ing in the Universe so strong as the Law of God. tioned, are English cottages, which present a curi- There is nothing more certain than that this Law ous contrast with their neighbors. Of these cottages one is a model workman's residence; the carried to everybody within our parish limits." "If and other plants make up a very pretty English you do that," was the reply, "you will do what not picture. By the side of these is a small stable, light and in Him is no darkness at all sit becomes further representing Mr. Lascelle's system. A light and in Film is no darkness at and we can af-

command is not, Draw; but, "Go!" The record gardeners; and every conceivable corner or slip of would be good for my congregation, divided as it is money power on European and Asiatic politics.

TEMPERANCE NOTES - It is said that within the last year Queen Vic-

- Sweden has a Permissive Prohibitory Act.

- Says Hon. Wm. Baxter concerning Indiana:

- Bessbrook, Ireland, a town of 4,000, where there is no liquor shop, there is no poor-house, pawn-shop or police station. In Tyrone county, with 10,000 people, where no public-house is allowed, there is not one policeman. In Saltaire, with 5,000, table beer was permitted for one year, but and a regular fool can write six." produced so much disturbance and degradation that it had to be prohibited.

- Dr. J. G. Holland, talking to the assembled boatmen of Alexandria Bay the other day, said : 'I neither drink wine nor give it to my guests. Sixty thousand men in America every year lie down in the grave of the drunkard. Drink has murdered duce a visitor, on his first entrance to the Champ | my best friends, and I hate it. It burdens me with | for the second slice. The concise statement and | church in the Capital of the United States over the de Mars, to the contents of the simple and admir-ably planned building there, such aid is much more every honest man should put his heel. I do not be compared in the Capital of the United States over the development of a single line of thought, and its carnest enforcement as a present, living truth, can every honest man should put his heel. I do not be compared in the Capital of the United States over the carnest enforcement as a present, living truth, can every honest man should put his heel. I do not be compared in the Capital of the United States over the carnest enforcement as a present, living truth, can every honest man should put his heel. I do not be compared in the Capital of the United States over the carnest enforcement as a present, living truth, can every honest man should put his heel. necessary in the case of the outlying portions of ask you to put your heel on the drunkard, but to more effectiveness than either the rambling talk or spect to color.' That church is the Congregational; distance or expediency from speaking, or when these quiry, "What can I do for the church?" a class the grounds. They form a mighty maze, thought and where ever I go I give that credit to Congregathat no man of your number will dare to trifle with that wearies in the presentation is like the salt Entering by the Porte de Grenelle, opposite the | your opinions and sentiments on the subject."

tional churches in Vermout only 60 have regular cesses of a people awakening to a sense of their pastors . . . An eighty-year-old woman at Sharon, as an evidence that the tendency of humanity Vt., is suffering from her second attack of whoop- upward. The aspirations of the Socialists are blammost exclusive American population, there are 112 | accustomed to free thought, much less free speech. building which belongs to a philanthropic society. families that never attend church, and 14 that have which may be called world wide, the claim of hum-This society supplies the maimed with artificial no Bible.... Valentine Baker Pasha now holds anity to make their own laws. The policy that atarms and other contrivances, and one or more per- the command of eighty battalions in the Turkish tempts to stifle it will be short-lived. sons may be seen working here with the aid of army.... The Emperor of Germany still carries his

... The Provincial Exhibition opened at Fred-

DENOMINATIONAL.

DEAR BROTHER MCLEOD, -- I am pleased to be ligious paper reminds the pastors who have been much as possible. The now famous red cross sur- able to say that the Lord is blessing me and helping me over the hard places that I find sometimes in which was already "excessively taken by a number now returning to their work, that better work is Opposite to the society's sheds is the Spanish my life path. The churches with which I have of riotous and disordered persons of mean and base Book," in which he strongly advises the practice of never was a period when there was such a need of entrance under a grand portico. Within, a curious meeting and their hearty enjoyment of the services. first line he spoke of "this vile custom of tobacco; the best possible preaching as now, and indolence sight presents itself—the visitor sees an architectu- And as I go from house to house, and meet with nor did he spare his invective until, in his closing was never such a crime in a Christian as in this age. ral screen and well-turned arches, noble columns, a the people in various ways and places, my soul is With the skepticism that is abroad in the world, lofty ceiling, glittering like that of the Palace of comforted and my hopes inspired by the unmisand with much serious doubt among professed Ispahan, a transept, one side of which reflects the takable tokens of progress among them. Here as thereof nearest resembling the horrible Stygian Christians, there needs to be solid work done in other, more columns covered with brilliant stalac- elsewhere the people feel the pressure of hard times, smoke of the pit that is bottomless." Not many More than a thousand children have studied in must be met and the preacher must be prepared to window. The glass is real, but the color is that churches do not seem disposed to abate their sup- whose "singular wisdom, rare learning, and experi-

On the first day of this month, the dear friends | tribute.

The well spread tables were liberally patronized, short of the largest one ever raised at the South- possibility of the near future. urges that it shall be preached in demonstration of worked treasures of Spanish soil-coal, ores and after a very pleasant evening spent in a most that of 1859-60. From the annual cotton statethe Spirit and in the power of a felt conviction of minerals of all kinds, as well as agricultural pro- sociable and happy manner, I was presented with a ment of the New York Commercial Chronicle, for ducts—are exhibited in the most effective manner. fine silk hat containing \$28.46, and about \$30 in cotton crop for the cotton year just closed was very fever sufferers. For sweet charity's sake no one Leaving the building by an opposite door, facing produce this amount to supplement their subscrip- large—some 4,811,265 bales compared with a crop who receives a dollar of such offerings should ever the lake, is found the rushes and canes of Phillition for my services. This donation was most the previous year of 4,485,423 bales. Of the crop lift his voice against any fellow-man who seeks propine Islands, timber and casks, fibres and rope timely, and I assure you that I am vory grateful. of the past year 3,340,160 bales were exported to

CURRENT TOPICS.

WE CANNOT AFFORD TO DO IT.

England cannot afford to give up the revenue of stance on strong drink; to raise up a vast army of other engineer and conductor that may be running character; the bottom is composed of decoration criminals; to punsh drunkards; to spread misery, any freight or gravel train at the time. It requires Of course not; for she too obtains much of her revenue from the various taxes on strong drink. But watch on the road. No saint was ever taxed to a yard high, but the water falls back on the hard we can afford to have drunk ards staggering through meet such demands. Sometimes, as we have learn-wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,"—not one of tiles with a force which keeps the whole in constant our streets; to have them in our jails, prisons, hosed, watches lose time when every minute lost costs these but may be instilled into the young mind movement, and creates a most delicious sense of pitals, asylums and penitentiaries; to have them in a precious life. Why will not men believe God? tensest misery

England's East India Government cannot afford in it and we cannot do without the money! The United States could not afford to abolish

The busy overburdened man cannot afford to rest of minute flower carving of the highest excellence. | to give to the Lord His due, or yield to His claims. By and by under the heavy hand of adversity you will "afford" to lose all.

The truth is that men and nations can always ces of the religion of Christ. Governments can af-

THE REV. DR. HALL ON MODERN PREACHING.

(S. A. Journal.)

attention whether or no. We must see to it that

in classes. There are poor people in it, although that is not the popular impression. But, thank God, it is true. To you, to help you to bear your burdens, what shall I say? I shall preach Christ crucified for you. For your sakes he became poor. You are rich, therefore, in the prospect of an inorruptible inheritance. And to the class that is will keep them from the sins which wealth brings ? have the same number of Romanist journals, fortyfor can he be a Christian who shutteth up his Neither is it of chief moment. A man warning a which the roll is kept not merely of its members sume. Sweden was scourged and crippled by the fied. And what shall I say to the many young journals only 113 are Roman Catholic, while in bowels of compassion against his brother in neces- multitude of danger would not turn over this phrase and families, but of its non-members. We should drink-traffic, but by her Permissive Prohibitory men who attend this church, and who, in this great sity or distress, and refuses to minister to his relief and that phrase and polish up this or that utterance: like to hear how they receive the faithful message Act her people have so used their power that among city, are surrounded by so many temptations? I South America only 11 out of the 1,000 newspapers know nothing but Christ crucified, and honest al- represent the dominant religion. legiance to Him. Not education, nor self-respect, will hold them up. Faithfulness to Christ will. The strongest motives for unselfishness and purity to the rude shock of adversity, is ready to fall an cealed by a covering of fallen leaves. And when so them, but to each one the brother or sister in the while the population increased 24 per cent., the Nothing but Christ crucified Jesus died and is Nothing but Christ crucified. Jesus died and is

(Morning Star.)

The Interior, we see, is having a bout with the wo-sermons-a-day question. It thinks that, on the whole, one is enough and says : About so much cream rises on the clerical pan in loses nothing. As Robert Hall said, "a very common sort of a man can write two sermons a week,

which shall enlist the interest and employ the activities of the church and congregation. But in many places and under certain circumstances two sermons are almost indispensible. After all, quite Strong drink is the curse of the country and the age | a timely and important a point is that of the sermon's length. The man who compresses the result of his week's labour into two sermons of fifty minwhich has lost its savor.

SOCIALISM IN RUSSIA. (Christian Standard.)

The fact that the Liberal papers of Russia counrights are always terrible, they are always grand, THE USE OF TOBACCO.

(Sunday School Times.)

That the use of tobacco became common among Britain, wrote a little book against the "drug" a little manual, entitled, "The Soldier's pocket English he did not fall back upon any royal prero- will have a mighty influence upon all in the Island. words, he called it "a custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerreigning sovereigns of today set their people so clear them. This society also works in Sweden. Somean example, in this matter, as did the monarch to

FREE VS. SLAVE LABOR. (Golden Rule.)

under free labor has been most remarkable. From lighted by gas. Think of it, ye housekeepers! statistics just published it appears that in the Without getting out of bed, turn on the steam, and eleven years following the war the production was be toasting hot in five minutes. No soot! No dirt! 150,000 bales more than in the same period preceding the war. Last year's crop was only 12,500 | No setting of clothes on fire! Such is the sober oreign countries, and 1,546,298 bales were taken by United States spinners. The yield for the labor under the same skies with himself. present year promises to be the largest ever known, if it can be safely secured.

(Christian Advocate.)

ar as quitely as at home. This quietness involves engineer, whom we never saw, and of whom we only know that he belongs to a class many of whom are given to drinking. It requires confidence in every ily out of a small saiary, have money to secure a tery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idoperfect time-piece. It requires faith on every old

RUSSIA RETIRING FROM CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Russian evacuation of San Stefano has been impleted, and, according to General Skobeloff, not a single Russian will remain between Constantinopl and Tebanlow by to-morrow. Thus the first act in the retirement of the Russian troops from the European dominions of the Sultan will be com- or nine hundred families, embracing about 6,000 pleted. The event is a suggestive one, and persons, to the Arcot Mission of the Dutch Reawakens thoughts of the altered condition of formed Church. These, with the 5,422 at the affairs with respect to the Turkish Empire which Telugu Mission, make an aggregate of about 33,000. A few months ago and Turkey was prostrate at the It is probable that a large portion of these have feet of Russia; the troops of the Czar were advanc- been drawn to Christianity as a result of the aid ing upon the Turkish capital, and it looked as if the rendered during the famine. ahommedan power in Europe was on the point of being extinguished. But when the world was ex-Russia and of the Turkish commanders under their influence, sailed into the sea of Marmora and within sight of the minarets of Stamboul. The presence of this fleet was a challenge to Russia and nature of the change, whether temporary or fixed, a warning that Great Britain would not permit gradual or sudden, will open a new field for specu-IS IT POSSIBLE?

(Christian Messenger,) of tumult and confusion must be attributed to the have been already converted to Christ. have a continuation of this freedom from disorder The Rev. Dr. John Hall, New York, in speaking be done. The above fact stands out a permanent

> ENGLAND'S MONEY POWER. (N. Y. Post.)

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THINGS IN SHORT METRE.

BY PEN AND SCISSORS. |

Europe has about 14,000 newspapers and periodicals, of which only about one in fourteen are Romcomparatively rich, what shall I say to them that will do them good, except Christ crucified? What an Catholic in tendency. Great Britain and France What will comfort them when they must give up two, but in Britain it is 42 out of 2,500, and in all that the world seems to hold dear? Christ cruci- France 42 out of 2,000. Of North America's 8,500

"A congress of fathers of families is to be held in Brussels for the purpose of petitioning the King of emanate from Him. There are sorrowing hearts the Belgians for the pardon of the 15,000 deserters here, too, and to them what can we set forth that from the Belgian army, who had fled to other counthe resurrection; those who have gone shall share press of the country is opposed to their desire, saythat work is difficult to procure. If 15,000 men were added to those seeking it, the pinch would be still more severe."

The last great invention is the Telemahon, a contrivance by which power can be transmitted long distances by electricity, in volume sufficient for six days. Spread over two slices, and you spread | business purposes. As an illustration, it is stated it thin. Put it all on one slice, the congregation that a water-power, say the falls of Niagara, could be utilized at almost any distance, and it is estimated that the power of these falls alone is equal We admit the force of the above and agree that to that of all the coal consumed in the country in a in many places the omission of the second sermon year. It seems chimerical. But when such heads may be well provided a service be substituted as Edison, Chandler and Wallace vouch for it, we can only wait for details.

It is stated that out of one hundred and three churches for white people in Washington, the one Congregational church alone has colored children in its Sabbath School and colored pew-holders. utes, in the aggregate, need have no fear of a cream | Frederick Douglas says of it: "There is but one be compassed in the short half hour with scription : 'Freedom to worship God without re-

Three hundred apes, four feet high, "great brutes and as savage as wild beasts," have taken prossession of Augurpara, a village eight miles from Calcutta, Four men now living at Castleton, Vt., have had sel the adoption of constitutional institutions as the and having ejected the inhabitants have billeted between them 20 wives. . . . Stanley is to deliver a only preventative of Socialistic triumph shows themselves on the orchards and gardens of the hundred lectures in England . . . Of 167 Congrega- clearly which way the wind blows. While the ex- hamlet, whence they direct various offensive strategic movements, night attacks and predatory raids upon the neighborhood. They attack children and even full-grown women without fear, selecting ing-cough . . . At Jamaica, Vt., a town with an al- able, because they are the grude ideas of masses not always the female and weaker sex as the special objects of their violence. The villagers dare not shoot one, the police are not strong enough to interfere,

Nearly every newspaper within the last few weeks has had some paragraph or article referring to the island of Cyprus. Seeing that it has come under the wing of the British Government, we are deeply in-Englishmen at the beginning of the seventeenth terested in every thing pertaining to its history, its century was not due to any lukewarmness on the part of its opponents. No less a person than King James the First (for whom the present King James | prospects. It may be gratifying to our readers to version of the Bible was named), not content with know that the Governor, Sir G Wolseley, is a conheavily taxing every pound brought into Great sistent total abstainer. Ten years ago he published condition." King James called his pamphlet "A total abstinence principles. We fervently hope Counterblaste to Tobacco," and in his vigorous that the noble example of this true British soldier Alas for Cyprus, if it comes under the wasteful effects of the beer barrel!

Sunday-schools or mission schools have been maintained in Palestine since 1809, by the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews. times four thousand persons, largely Jews, attend ence," the translators of the Bible paid so hearty a the services of the Rev. Messrs. Wilkinson and Adler, its missionaries in Gottenburg.

While the running of our machinery by electricity may be far in the distance, the men are at our doors The recuperation of the cotton crop of the South | who propose to heat our houses by steam, as they are

The Chinese of San Francisco have contributed tection and a home and an opportunity for honest

The Levant Herald says that the word Pasha means "the feet of the Shah," and that the application of it to officials is as old as the time of Cyrus. He called his judges his "tongues," his police agents The confiding public goes to sleep in a railroad his "ears," his tax-gatherers his "hands," his officers charged with the administration of internal affairs his "eyes," and his warrior-chiefs his "feet."

The Morning Star asks the following pertinent Are parents as careful of the character of the books and papers their children read, as of the comonfidence that these men, who must support a fam- pany they keep? All the works of the flesh, "adulthrough bad literature, It seems a great pity that those who have the young in charge should be careless in this matter, especially when there is such

an abundance of good reading in the market. To the Episcopal Church at Madras, India, there have been 22,000 additions in a little over six months. There has also been an accession of eight

It has been discovered that the Gulf Stream, whose ecting the final catastrophe, a British fleet entered | banks of water have been regarded as much more he Dardanelles, and in spite of the protests of stable than the rocky bed of any terrestrial river,

week days, who came for visiting the marvels of human art and industry, listen attentively to these The question, Is Prohibition of the liquor traffic possible t was effectually answered on the day of the late election. We had prohibition for one day. light and in Him is no darkness at all: it becomes There was no disturbance. Everything went on as Exhibition, a room, where a great work of God is quietly as if it were Sunday. Of course the absence | going on. Hundreds of Roman Catholic Parisians

The New York Observer has an artical on alcoholand crime, the plea cannot be urged, that it cannot sim, in which occurs the following paragraph: It is one of the most wonderful facts in the moral and social history of the human race that "society" will tolerate and encourage such destructive vices

wishes, entailed the communication of invaluable blessings. While recording his kindness, and thus giving occasion for what he did being told as a memorial of him, wheresoever the Gospel is preached, morial of him, where soever the Gospel is preached, morial of him, where soever the Gospel is preached, morial of him, where soever the Gospel is preached, morial of him, where soever the Gospel is preached, morial of him, where soever the Gospel is preached, morial of him, where soever the Gospel is preached, morial of him, where soever the Gospel is preached, in an eloquent strain the preacher the to despise God and to defy His tains and feasts? All true, sometimes; and all earned there to despise of the adjustment of the angels. Which England thro' her bondholders exercises over the angels. Which England thro' her bondholders exercises over the collection of exotics, arranged most effectively by taken the product of the angels. Which England thro' her bondholders exercises over the collection of exotics, arranged most effectively by taken the product of the angels. Which England thro' her bondholders exercises over the collection of exotics, arranged most effectively by defined thro' her bondholders exercises over the collection of exotics, arranged most effectively by defined thro' her bondholders exercises ove

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