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THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER 27, 1866.

The Power of the Christian Ministry.

A gracious Providence has appointed a great variety of agencies having reference to the best and highest interests of our common humanity; but among them all, none occupies so prominent and influential a place as the simple preaching of the Gospel of Christ.

It may be safely affirmed, that the public teachers of religion have contributed more than any other class of men to raise the tone of morals; more to promote social and civil order; to tame the fierceness of human passions; to produce refinement of taste and manners; and to advance the interests of sound learning.

HUMAN WEAKNESS MIGHT THROUGH GOD.

Nothing says Dr. Guthrie, "is more remarkable in the Bible than to see how God, as if to teach us to trust in nothing and none but himself, selects means that seem the worst fitted to accomplish his end. Does he choose an ambassador to Pharaoh? it is a man of a stammering tongue.

But the preacher's work has nobler objects than these; objects which claim his supreme affection, and his unremitting efforts; objects no less important than the glory of the infinite God, and the immortal interests of men.

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Rum-Wrecked.

How many splendid fellows by nature and education have been helplessly ruined by strong drink. Our city records furnish some melancholy examples recently. We forbear to name them; but here is the testimony of a Western writer—

Christians fathers and mothers, members of Churches, ministers of God, lift up your voice as a trumpet against the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

The Papacy Trembling.

The mighty changes which have been produced by the recent continental war, have filled the Papal Hierarchy with fearful apprehensions for the safety of the "Holy See."

Drunkenness in Liverpool, England.

The Abbot, in a leading article, describes the condition of a large per centage of the people of Liverpool as being wretched and degraded beyond all conception. This author says, that it is the most drunken, most criminal, the most pauper oppressed, and the most "death stricken town in England.

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columns as a tribute to the memory of the deceased. It notices the funeral services at great length. It states that Mr. Robinson's age was 65. We have room for the Church Witness' account of the funeral, and have specially to commend the catholic spirit in which it is written:—

It is with unfeigned sorrow that we record the death of one of the most estimable of our city-ministers, the Rev. SAMUEL ROBINSON, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, who for eight years has been the spiritual pastor of the Brunswick-street Baptist church. This event occurred on the morning of the last Lord's day, and his funeral took place yesterday, when his remains were followed, from his late residence to the church, where he had so long faithfully ministered, by a large concourse of people, representing all the various communions of Christians among us.

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The Rev. Mr. Bill then delivered a short impressive address, in which he deservedly spoke of his departed friend and brother as having been one of the brightest moral lights of this city, whose faithful walk and conversation had profoundly impressed the community in which he dwelt, quite unconsciously to himself; and he summed up his character in words applied to Barnabas of old, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and faith, and much people were added unto the Lord."

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EDUCATION.

Much of the time of the Association was taken up in considering the subject of Education. The report on the condition of our seminary was very favorable. It has now about 70 pupils, with a prospect of being overgrown in the winter. It stands second to no school in the Province. Those who wish to enjoy its advantages should apply at once. It is conducted with economy, and yet no pains or money is spared to make everything what it should be.

Secular and Religious Miscellany.

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The Christian Watchman, of Mississippi, states that the Roman Catholics have resolved to revise their English version of the Bible, and circulate it freely among the people. They have also begun in New York city the publication of tracts on a large scale, which they are to spread throughout the country.

An immense brickyard, 800 feet long and about 400 feet wide, is about to be established at Chicago, Ill. It will contain machines for the manufacture of 200,000 bricks a day.

Doing Good.—Dr. Johnson used to say, "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once will never do any." "Little by little" is the way in which Providence opens to us opportunities of usefulness. We may not rule a city, but we can rule our own spirit. To found an university may not be in our power, but we can give a cup of cold water in the name of Christ.

"Do you consider lager beer intoxicating?" "Vell, ash for dat, I gant say. I tink feelf to seekly glass a tay, und it tosh not hurt me; but I don't know how it would pe a man wash to make a bog of hissie!"

Minnesota will produce this year, it is estimated, 16,000,000 bushels wheat.

It is estimated that at least a quarter of a million of immigrants will land at New York alone during the current year. The recently published returns show that in the first half of the year we have received 125,000.

Queen Emma of the Sandwich Islands has started for home via San Francisco.

Rev. Mr. Carey was expected to deliver his excellent lecture on "James Montgomery," early in the week, at Chatham.

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ENGLISH AND FOREIGN.

Since the rejection of the Reform Bill of the late Government of England, the advocates of the measure have mustered their forces on all hands. Mass meetings are being held in the most prominent places attended by hundreds of thousands. Immense processions, with their significant banners and charming bands of music, give distinct utterance to the enthusiasm of the people. John Bright, of course, is acting a prominent part in the mighty movement, and seems terribly in earnest. The middle and working classes of England have set their hearts upon an enlargement of the franchise, and they will agitate until they get it. The sooner the aristocracy give way in this contest, the better it will be for them. Britons will be free.

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CHOLERA FACTS.—A multitude of children in London have been left orphans by the recent visitation of Cholera. It is ascertained that in Mile-end, Old Town, alone one hundred and twenty-five families have been cut off by this devastating disease. There were one hundred and forty deaths in one week in August. The scourge has been terrific in Bohemia alone have been killed by it. In Brussels its ravages are terribly severe. It has broken forth with devastating power in Naples. In one public school for girls it swept off thirty-four out of eighty in the short space of three hours.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—The King of Prussia has written an address to the people thanking them for their part borne in the war, and congratulating them on victory and peace.

The abdication of Ludwig I., King of Bavaria, is now regarded as certain.

TRISTE, Sept. 20.—The British legation at Athens have authoritatively denied that Great Britain urged upon the Government of Turkey, the cession of the Island of Candia.

FLORENCE, Sept. 20.—It is now known that the party favorable to the republication of Italy is at the head of the great riot near Palermo.

ROME, Sept. 20.—The riot among the brigands near Palermo was not so serious as was at first apprehended. No alarm is felt.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—The Prussian army returning from the war made a grand triumphal entry of the national capital to-day amid great rejoicing and enthusiasm.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—La France announces that it has copies of the Saxon treaty, and that by one of its provisions King John is to abdicate the throne in favor of his son.

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