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WINTER.

By Rev. Allen Frame.

graver thoughts. These quarterly changes are suggestive to a devout heart.

Poets sing the praises of all the season ter, so bleak and barren, the emblem of desolation and death. Leaves have fallen, and birds no longer sing among the branches. The forests are all stripped and bare, save the Winter wind sighs a mournful dirge for the departing year. There is something grand in the baldness and nakedness of the earth. The hills are stripped of vegetable life and present a bolder aspect. Rocks are laid bare from the fall of the leaves, and the the Saviour? naked, exposed cliffs present their rugged sides and front. Their majesty inspires awe As we study the bony structure of the earth m to get nearer to the heart of nature. pests of the seasons, and the human imaginaection is filled with a wild delight.

bet While Winter is stern and rugged it is also ing Turkey and the Turks; and a score of andft and gentle as the dew. There is a tender ture uty in the falling snow which covers up of which were ephemeral, appeared in rearoun shields the scars and the wounds of naman a; and with this soft mantle gently drawn may remember a notice of one of these works. beautyid, her naked form is covered from hubrous aight. There is more soft, dove-like army; and another of Sir Edward Creasey's rain. Ain the falling of the snow, with slumthe hand ound, than in that of the pattering ed in whitnd this beautiful robe is created by with the peace, which is generally regarded A second of God that the earth may be array-

ur peculiarity is that it makes life ie. A severe temperature begets gorating. It sends the blood the ponderous trip-hammer, weighing tons, his Northern explorations. He enswered, find hundreds of interested readers. "The silence of the Arctic night." And Dr.

scapes to the charm of a picture. When the last days of November come, the frost is keen and searching, and reaps a grand mirable, we had almost said brilliant, resumé band of music and escort to the depot. Or This preaching told. It was plain, direct harvest with a keen blade every night. A few weeks longer, and Winter is with us. Then tory account of the Greeks and Albanians, by Freshman who suffered for testimony; and tions, or in controversies about which the there is another experience, other delights. The bracing air; the clean, clear, and per-Ottoman rule. Mr. Clark has carefully studied under such a sense of college tyranny that he fectly white crystalline snow; the revelation of forms hidden during Summer growths; the sharp outlined hills, cut and lying clear interesting and valuable account of the histolis abandoned; and the Faculty, advising the against the sky-vary our experience, and ry of modern Greece and the condition and students in chapel to do so no more, has done against repudiation of national promises. give new zest to life, fresh animation to our prospects of its people. The subject is too about all that that kind of "parental relation" In certain communities the pulpit has been existence. Nature shows less of fine flesh tempting to venture into, even to make an ab- can do. And, really, it is too much to re- equally outspoken against the social drinkand blood and delicate tinting in Winter, stract; and whoever begins to read the initial quire a college faculty to control, in multi- ing-usages and the curse of the liquorthan in other seasons; but more of solid bone chapters will only regret that the account is tude, a crowd of young men, not a few of traffic. Public sentiment has been leavenand muscle and the anatomy of human pow- so short. The author sees, what all intelli- whom have never been controlled individually. ed by such preaching, and sobriety has er, which is founded on substantial reality. gent Americans and what some of the most The ease is made all the worse, too, because taken the place of drunkenness and dram-The mind shares in this brisk feeling, and eminent French statesmen begin to confess, it is becoming so much a custom now in our sympathizes with the body. This fits it for that Greece is the key to the whole situation; public schools, to haze boys passing from a talks and duties incident to the seasons. The and that when England turned her back on lower grade to a higher, by pumping cold ly, and addressed themselves plainly and sun makes his daily visits shorter as the Win- Greece at Berlin, she did a great wrong to a water on them, or the like. So the youngter comes on, and the shortest are about the struggling nation, and postponed the settle-sters are fitted for college, and go there full 21st of December. This leaves less time for ment of the Eastern question for another of that notion. Must the evil then be let active duties and out-of-door labor, and as decade, and possibly for another war. Mr. alone as hopeless? If so, we confess that population sound on the main question." the sun declines in the west, the sky is robed Clark is not blind to the faults of the modern there are mobs in our country that cannot be in calm, purple splendor. At such moments Greeks; but he appreciates their talents, and suppressed; and justify Carlyle in declining method of preaching on every vital topic? how quiet and soothing are the objects of the sees how much their unfortunate condition to visit America because he is afraid of our If the pulpit is effective when it speaks out

perfectness of joy as are shadows in land-

The peculiarity of the Winter as compared grows almost enthusiastic and eloquent in estly concerning a difficulty that so many it not speak just as convincingly against with other seasons, is the repose which it af- dwelling on their possibilities. He says they good and skilful men have tried in vain to every sinner's guilt in robbing God? All fords, and the opportunities for the highest "are one people-one in national character, master. But there are very few things that the minister should the reader fail to lay to heart the most obends of man, viz: his spiritual interests. The one in feeling and sympathies, and one in cannot be done; and I suggest preceding seasons have absorbed time and their patriotic aspirations. Crete, Thessaly, strength in securing the means of life, and in Samos, and Macedonia are but parts of their in our public schools. That can be done, and carrying on commercial pursuits. Now here common inheritance, withheld from them as I know of one school where it will be stopped. comes a season for rest, improvement, and yet by arbitrary power, but sure, whenever 2. Parents need to be clearer-headed and restoration. The Winter is the end of sea- that grasp is relaxed to join themselves to firmer on this subject. They must not delesons, the consummation of earthly action for Greece, and so in due time to expand the gate all control to college officers from the sense and to conscience. Such preaching with every worker, merchant, stitute himself a committee of one, and so in due time to expand the gate all control to college officers from the the year, as death is the consummation of Kingdom into a large, prosperous, and opu- time the boy enters college. They should let converts souls. It commands the divine Christian, not to improve and make the make a thorough examination of his over life; it is the period of death, of cold and lent State.' frost, and silence and darkness. The action The third part of the work is devoted to they take part in rowdyism (except in self-de- praved and guilty sinners "sound on the is to suffer loss.

of the vital forces in nature is suspended, the Slavs, the Bulgarians, the Montenegrins, fence) or carry fun to the extent of clear vio- main question," which is a surrender of

ists-speak to their foster-child, the soul of excite interest instead of stifling it, and make away. man. The utterances of the last are like the action of these different races in the 3. Let the Alumni cease telling stories at those of the old man, hoary and about to de- recent war intelligible. They help explain Commencement dinners of their own college scend to the grave and rest with the dead. the standing puzzle of the whole Western pranks. A student jogged sharply by a friend, As we step over the threshold from one season to that of another it is proper to mark the The dead repose of the Winter forests and world, How it is that less than a million Ot- a few days ago, for a bit of vandalism that transition. We should take a slower step and the Winter fields; the snow throwing its pure tomans have so long succeeded in holding in got him into trouble, replied, "Do you supthe mind should be steadled by the weight of and protecting mantle over the earth; the subjection and oppressing most cruelly all pose I am going to let my father outdo me?" but there is discord when they approach Win- of our trial and joys-are part only of the tive independence, and how the increasing sults of our late rebellion and of the betrayal here and there a few tall pines, through which and its demerit in the sight of God, it is only they emerge from their ignorance and super- should simply be askamed of themselves for

EUROPEAN TURKEY.

tween Turkey and Russia, which ended so noval of her robes enables us to read disastrously to the former, concentrated the he lineaments of her awful face. This stern interest of the civilized world on the States aspect is heightened by the storms and tem- and peoples ruled by the Sultan and the Sublime Porte. Intelligent people everywhere inquired for trustworthy information respectbooks, some of which were valuable, but most sponse to the popular demand. Our readers by Col. James Baker, formerly of the English army; and another of Sir Edward Creasey's terest excited by the war has not subsided as merely a truce-a breathing spell between two campaigns in a conflict which was begun by the Grand Vizier Selim II. over three hundred years ago. The "Eastern Question ner exhilaration. The cold, fros- was raised over four hundred years ago, when Constantine Paleolagus appealed to the Pope est pulsations from the heart for aid in resisting the attack of Mahomet through the veins. The vital force is new, II. on Constantinople, in 1453; if not two and common duties are performed with a hundred and fifty years before, when the city keener relish and richer enjoyment. There was besieged by the Crusaders, and was finalare four negative voices which utter their dic- ly captured and sacked in 1204. And it will tum, and the reverberations thereof echo and remain an open question until the Cross disresound 1 2 ugh the regions of space and the places the Crescent on the Mosque of St. Socaverns, the universe. These are silence, phia. For this reason every work which darkness, cold, and death. But these act a throws light upon the history and condition more prominent part in the Winter than any of European Turkey and its heterogeneous other season. They impress the mind like peoples, will be welcomed as a valuable contribution to the literature of the time. The the force of which is felt through one layer or Races of European Turkey, by Rev. Edson L. stratum of metal after another, moving the en-tire mass. Dr. Kane was once asked what Tost imposing spectacle to him in late to meet with deserved recognition and Mr. Clark has set out to answer the ques-

part of the year. From the hour that the ful idea, or producing one book which, for ardly cruelty, infernal barbarism. Summer begins to shorten its days and register the increasing change along the horizon membered by succeeding ages. This strange usually added to the item. How? By calling have been preaching loyalty to honor just Summer begins to shorten its days and reg- either style or substance, deserved to be re- But "the Faculty is following it up," is over which the sun sets, further and fur- and miserable decay of the intellectual life of before them students who will either boldly ther toward the South, we have a gentle and society and the Church, which marked the lie and say they know nothing about it, or as they preached loyalty to the nation's thing unique in human history. The like of decline to reveal their knowledge. Perhaps civil war. Lincoln used to acknowledge it has never occurred elsewhere, either before they get suspended for their silence, but that that the pulpit was the chief buttress of or since." It was mental asphyxia. This ad- only makes occasion for a grand frolic with a the Union cause. is followed by a very complete and satisfac- possibly the Faculty calls upon the very to the purpose. It did not deal in abstracfar the most important of the races subject to he, though black and blue from abuse, is yet average hearer does not care a single straw. the best authorities, and has brought together pooh-poohs at the whole thing and declares it within the compass of three hundred pages an was all a bit of harmless fun. So the inquest has done to make them what they are. He mobs! It is becoming that one speak mod-against cheating our fellow-man, why may

absence of lassitude, with the bracing of the these populous provinces. And they show action; the cheerful fire and the companions have made within half a century of compara-results of hazing." There are some good recountry's pleasures of our Wintry climate and prosperity that has resulted from their free- by Judas. nome. And as each Winter seems shorter, dom has stimulated the ambition of the othand each year makes the number less, and as er races. Could they unite, the Turkish yoke monly the chief instigators, but might be inwe have not forgotten the bitterness of sin would snap like a reed in a whirlwind. As strumental in suppressing the whole thing, reasonable to inquire, Where shall we spend stition and semi-barbarous ways, their jeal- urging the less experienced to maintain "traeternity? Will it be in a blessed home, with ousies diminish, and they refuse to be used ditional customs." But if that is a vain apeternal Summer in the soul; or a Wintry, as the agents and tools for keeping each other peal, then I suggest for the whole of them, cheerless abode, with evil and misery as our in subjugation. The chapter on the Gipsies, of their savage blood," is one of the most in- the committers of it. War teaches geography. The contest beteresting in the volume, and indeed one of the best brief papers on the subject.

gress of Berlin, and his intelligent and saga- gether to hang a little brother by his heels cious comments upon the Treaty deserve or bury him alive, and have a habit of that careful attention. He thinks the most im- kind, and I, as father, have utterly failed to portant effect of the treaty is the drawing of arrest the proceedings; then has the little a permanent dividing line between the Greek | fellow no protection as a citizen of the Unitand Slavonian peoples, and the distributing ed States? My neighbors will soon deterof European Turkey between them. The si- mine that matter for me. So should the citilence of the treaty respecting the Greeks, ex- zens in the town where the college stands. cepting in a single provision, is remarkable; If one of their citizens should come to pass but this provision opens the door to all pos- four years, or one, with us in Rome, we sible improvement. No person in the Turk- should not stand quietly by to see him buried ish empire can hereafter be excluded, on the alive, tortured by a mock duel, dragged from ground of difference of religion, from the ex- his bed at midnight, in Winter too, and put ercise of civil or political rights; from the under the town pump, nor hauled by his heels public service, functions, and honors; or from down long flights of stone steps. Civil gov-This provision will eventually result in trans- the college towns can afford such care, for ferring the control of all that remains of Eu- most of them live chiefly by means of the have the brains, the intelligence, the capital. the restless activity, the keen sagacity, the violated and to find the guilty. They do practical skill; and now that all disabilities know of those little mobs and that citizens suffrom acquiring complete mastery of the em- haps is annually tertified. Let detectives be pire. The work is written in a clear, terse, forcible style, with passages of real eloquence. the civil court, forthcoming testimony or the It commands respect by its dignity, candor, lockup, will soon limber their dignity. If the scholarship, and mastery of the subject with authorities are resisted or tricked in any way, which it deals. It is a real contribution to call out the military, as for any other mobthe literature of the subject it elucidates. It Just so soon as the colleges of the land find are maintained at an expense of about \$27,is published in a handsome volume of 530 that the civil authorities do not esteem them pages, with an excellent map, by Messrs. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York.

COLLEGE DISORDERS. By Rev. James H. Taylor.

There are some reasons why nothing more Hayes, who has also wintered in the Arctic tions, What is European Turkey? and Who should be said on this subject. One is that incorrigible home to stay, and that the civil regions, states that the most fearful experi- are the modern Turks? In order to answer the Press now gives but one voice. Whatever authorities of the town will apply civil law, ence is produced by the intense stillness or these questions intelligibly he is obliged to low causes any paper espouses, not one desilence which prevails. "The moonlights of go back to the breaking up of the Roman em- fends this. Then, too, it is characteristic of law, on the part of students as well as others, this period (Winter) are the most grand and pire and the establishment of the Eastern rowdies everywhere to wax zealous the more and an end of all this must come. So long as sesive of anything I have ever witnessed. Empire at Constantinople. He gives a rapid the public seems to be annoyed. Notoriety we palter with it, it will continue. Declare The clearness of the air, the white surface of sketch of Byzantine history from the reign of is part of the motive. Besides, I see it in any ward in any city exempt from civil law, the snow and ice, give an effect monotonous Justinian, at the beginning of the seventh print that there has been very little hazing and cheerless, but truly grand." But there is century, to the conquest of Constantinople by new element—it is silence. The sky itself, Mahomet II. in the middle of the fifteenth. Freshman was taken to a remote spot by a the entire sweep of the visible heavens, is He lucidly explains the causes which made dozen courageous Sophomores, and hung by coldly blue. The rocks, uncovered by the the final collapse of this brilliant empire in- his feet to the limb of a tree until he would evitable. The moral decay, the jealousies and make certain humiliating promises. Another stinted oaks, are colder and seem grayer antagonisms of races brought into juxtaposi- was put into a coffin, lowered into a grave than usual. The sober warmth of brown and tion but unable to coalesce, the impassable and the dirt shovelled in until he was nearly ruseet have taken the place of more gorgeous barrier between the ruling class and the rul- smothered. One was made the victim of a colors. These changes in nature's tone we are ed, are specially dwelt upon. But the intel-mock duel, and cruelly frightened. Other in- -as, in fact, disguised attempts to cheat, to accept if we would relish new pleasures. lectual life died out. He says "The Byzan-stances still are too shameful and too well and thus they have helped greatly to keep The saddest period of the year, and the most tine Empire presents the strange and unparknown to allow mention by me without unteresting the most influential portion of the populaintense feelings, are the last weeks of the an- alleled spectacle of a highly civilized people, pleasant personalities. And these things get tion sound on the main question." So nual circuit of time, and when the sun has unfettered by the system of caste, possessing spoken of as students' "pranks, mischief, writes "The Nation"-a paper which is sunk so low that it seems that it is about to and carefully preserving the literary treasures jokes, college hazing." There is a little gain usually much more "sound on the main disappear from our sight toward the Southern of an earlier and better day, yet existing for in calling things by right names. Three to a questions" of finance than on those of thepole. This period produces most fully the seven hundred years without discovering one dozen men pestering and half-killing an innosense of desolateness and dreariness of any new truth, developing one important or fruit cent one ! Call it sneaking meanness, cow-

1. Let all hazing be stopped among the lads

and all the currents flow with sluggish speed, the Servians, the Bosnians and Herzegovin-lation of the Golden Rule, they will instantly their hearts and lives to the Lord Jesus ians, the Wallachians, and the Gipsies. It leave college, or be cut off from any support. Christ. Preaching about theological aband the Seasons—God's four natural evangel- respecting these peoples into chapters which from college. Very well. Such are better

4. College Presidents and Professors must

5. The Juniors and Seniors, who are con

6. We must be completely done with the traditions, or religion, or literature, or writ- from the application of civil law, or that such ten language"-with nothing to bind them to- application is of doubtful expediency. Law gether but the indelible, unchangeable strain lays hold of the abettors of crime, as well as

The college a family, with the Faculty as its united head! Granted, if you please. Mr. Clark gives a full account of the Con- But if three or four of my children band tothe exercise of any profession or industry. ernment is for just such uncivil deeds. And ropean Turkey into Greek hands. The Greeks students. Nor should they wait to be called upon. It is their duty to know that law is are removed, there is nothing to hinder them fer it, that a young ladies' boarding school peremployed if need be, and in the presence of cities of refuge, but communities to be controlled even at the cost of life, there will be

some hanchts on this subject Let it be well known, as an infallible certainty, that the Faculty will maintain all laws that are peculiar to college life, or send the in grim sternness, to all violations of civil

THE PREACHING THAT TELLS. By Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler.

general rule, throughout the who the American pulpit to the cause of nation-

sense and to the conscience of its auditors when it spoke out against dishonesty, and selling. Whenever and wherever the ministry of God have grappled with sin bold squarely to men's consciences, they have made "the most influential portion of the

Now is not this fact a clue to the right

The minister who would awaken sinners crucified Christ.

While God's people are assembling in be preaching for souls. Men and women come to be saved, and not to be lost. They To their common sense, their consciences, the Holy Spirit's blessing our hearers may become-many of them will become-"sound on the main question" of salvation for all eternity.

LETTER FROM CHICAGO. The Fire Insurance Patrol.

In this, as in other large cities, the different insurance companies which have risks to protect, have organized, and are maintaining at their own expense, a Fire Patrol. The work of this organization is not to extinguish fires, except in their incipiency, but to protect property, especially from damage by water and from pillage. There are two Companies in this city which 000 annually, and they save the insurance companies which employ them, many times that amount. The celerity with thich they respond to a fire alarm is marvellous and almost incredible. "Seeing is as this. derclothing, their outer garments are left on an excellent school at Mount Forest. in the wagon, and they put these on as they are driven madly through the streets

There are many moral reflections and have known better than to ride that beg lessons suggested by this recital. Let not without a snaffle." The Interior's slei bring distinctly and vividly before his au- vious, most important, and most neglected reached the catastrophe, but they are ditors the claims of God, the criminality lesson of all, that in order to the highest dently in for it. and ingratitude and wickedness of resist- success in any work, not the hours only, ing God, the infinite blessedness of obeying but the moments of time must be faithful-God, and make his appeal to common ly improved. As with the Fire Patrol, so It would be well if every man were to their sons know that, certain as gravity, if blessing. It has the effect of making de-best of the minutes as well as the hours, life, even though the report should

fire departments in the world,

Recently in this correspondence, a pass-

ing reference was made to the travels of Nature, and Providence, and Revelation, compresses a vast deal of useful information | Some would take advantage of this to get away | structions interests a select and cultured | Captain Jonathan Carver in the Northwest. few, but does not spiritually benefit even The volume of his Travels which lies bethem. It rarely builds them up in godly fore me contains a map of North America, which is a rare curiosity. It is just one hundred years old, having been made in must proclaim God's Word against sin and 1778, eleven years after he had completed unbelief, with the same cogent directness his Travels. It is drawn to the scale of that many of our pulpits used against a about 260 miles to the inch. Virginia, dishonest currency and national swindling. North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia keen air; the increased power of thought and what progress the Servians, in particular, cease remarking that "There are some good The infinite beauty, sweetness, power, and and Florida, are each represented as exendless joy of a Christian faith should be tending from the Atlantic to the Mississipset forth in the same clear convincing style. pi. Lake Michigan is extended longitudi-Christ himself preached in this way, to the nally from southeast to northwest and not common sense and the conscience. Paul from southwest to northeast. Lake Huron came right to the point—when his points takes the shape of a large flat turnip, with went like arrows into the hearts of Roman | the long and slender tap-root extending governors and Greek philosophers. Peter south. The sources of the Columbia river preached the naked truth until it "pricked (called on this map "River of the West") the hearts" of three thousand sinners in and the Assinniboine are represented as Jerusalem; before night they were "sound not more than one hundred miles apart, doom, having spurned our best Friend, Jesus | the strangest of peoples, "without history, or | idea that the college community is exempt | on the main question" of accepting the | when they are nearer one thousand miles distant from each other; and Carver's map knows nothing of the Rocky Mountains the Week of Prayer and subsequently to separating them. Louisiana is representask for the outpouring of the Spirit, let us ed as embracing the territory lying immewho hold the sacred trust of the ministry diately west of the Mississippi, which is now embraced in the States of Louisiana. come to church to be made better; they Texas in part, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, Nebraska, and Kancome for practical instruction, and not to sas. New Mexico embraces within its be tasked with intellectual abstractions, boundaries the territory now bearing that They want the living truth for living uses. name, a large portion of Texas, Colorada, Arizona, Utah, and Wyoming, while New and their hearts, it is our privilege to Albion stands for California, Nevada, Orepreach the most marvellous and precious gon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. and glorious Gospel that God's wisdom It is interesting to compare this map, could devise. When it is preached faith- which claims to be made "from the latest fully, simply, and closely, it will tell. By discoveries," with any map of our country as we know it to-day. Nothing more strikingly shows the growth which has been realized in a century. The changes in the map of Europe, of which we hear so much are as nothing to the changes which have taken place in the map of the United States. It took the Hebrew State five centuries to reach its maximum of power during the reign of Solomon; the Assyrian Empire twelve, Rome seven, Greece ten, and England seven hundred years to grow to the full measure of their imperial greatness; while in one century we have acquired a territory probably as large as any of these empires, and population and resources greater perhaps than the greatest of them. It should comfort our millenarian friends. who can see nothing hopeful in the present condition of the world, to reflect that no nation since the beginning of the Christian Era, has been so thoroughly Christianized

Such a one as Paul the Aged. believing" while you are seeing, but when Our Ministerial Circle receives a benedicthe vision has vanished, and one begins to tion every week from the presence with us reflect upon it, he is almost ready to doubt in our meetings of the Rev. Jotham Sewall. his senses or his watch. We made up a "Father Sewall," as his brethren affecclerical party of a dozen, to go and witness tionately call him, recently preached, not the mustering of one of the companies for for the first time, but for the first time in a fire. If my story should get me into his eighty-eighth year. "His eye is not trouble, I can confidently rely upon every dim, nor his natural force abated." Not to one of these dozen brethren, to come to him yet do the words of the Eastern sage my defence by endorsing as true every seem to apply when he said "The body is word that I say. This then is the story: a mansion infested by age and sorrow, the The men of the force are in their beds, in seat of malady, harassed with pains, hauntthe second story of the building, their wag- ed with the quality of darkness, and incacountry, the ministers, in all discourses in on is beneath them, the horses in their pable of standing long; such a mansion of which they touched on public affairs, have stalls, and the door through which they the vital soul, let its occupier always cheertreated financial heresies as a form of sin drive out into the street closed. Suddenly fully quit." Father Sewall's mansion gives there is a crash, the covering is violently no outward sign of being thus plagued and jerked from off the men as they lie in their haunted, and while he is doubtless always beds, trap-doors are thrown open, and lad- ready to quit it with cheerfulness, yet, so ders dropped, down which the men run, long as it stands, it appears to be his good and jump into their wagon, watchmen at- purpose to dwell in it with cheerfulness. tach the horses, the front door is thrown The beauty of his old age is as "the beauopen, and the force is ready to drive forth ty of God." In his participation in our into the street, all in the space, not of three discussions, he evinces a clearness, activity paid by this able journal to the fidelity of minutes, which might well be regarded as and vigor of mind, that would be notereasonably quick time, but of three seconds. worthy in a middle-aged man, and which Will you be sworn? the reader asks. Yes are surprising in one of his years. He has sir, and without flinching. It is even so, five sons who are ministers, two of them as a dozen orthodox watches held in hand, occupying professors' chairs in colleges. genial sadness. It may be as requisite to the last thousand years of the empire, is someadmit that they know but then dignifiedly life and liberties at the outbreak of the last thousand years of the empire, is someadmit that they know but then dignifiedly life and liberties at the outbreak of the last thousand years of the empire, is someadmit that they know but then dignifiedly life and liberties at the outbreak of the last thousand years of the empire, is someadmit that they know but then dignifiedly life and liberties at the outbreak of the last thousand years of the empire, is someadmit that they know but then dignifiedly life and liberties at the outbreak of the last thousand years of the empire. in an instant of time, does the whole busi- erated fathers who, though not so old as ness, except attach the horses, and load Father Sewall, yet wears "a crown of the men into the wagon, and I am not quite glory." He is in such active service teachsure but that it gives them a shock, and ing and preaching at Mount Forest, a few thus imparts its own fleetness to their miles out of the city, that we see him but movements. The men sleep in their unseldom. With his daughter he is carrying

A Christmas Picture.

The Interior sent out its Christmas to the place indicated by the fire alarm. greeting to its readers in a number that "Time works wonders," we all know, but was fairly ablaze with poetic gems and picwho, until recently, ever imagined that torial illustrations. Dr. Gray and his assuch wonders could be wrought with time? sociates Drs. Halsey and Thompson work The talk about "annihilating time" ceases hard to win and to deserve the large measto be a rhetorical extravagance, and be- ure of success which they secure. Among comes almost a reality. So quick have the illustrations of the last number, was been the movements of this Patrol that the picture of a sleigh-ride with a span of during the past year they have themselves horses whose behaviour suggests, if it does extinguished thirty-three fires, many of not justify a criticism made once by "an which probably, if they had had a few expert." A livery-man was once observing more minutes in which to make headway, a remarkable painting which represented might have been very destructive. They Absalom as hanging to a tree, while his have done this in spite of the fact that, mule, bearing in his features every possiprompted by a terrible experience, Chicago ble mark of vice, was galloping away has now secured, and has in thorough The jockey surveyed the picture in silen working order, one of the most efficient "Bless my soul," he at last exclaim "he's in a pretty fix; but he ought

> Investigations are the order of the be made public.

and the Apocalypse of John.

We have now come to a third group of tance. Alzog says of him: writers, the Ante-Nicene Fathers. Among these some strong men were advocates of Chiliasm in its various forms, but as Neander says, "It all points to a spreading from one region and out of one source.'

important of them all, on account of his general orthodoxy and soundness of judgment; but he was misled by Papias, whom he highly esteemed and whom he quotes not only in the less gross one (v. 36) of the same style, probably from the same source. He also quotes from the apocryphal book of Baruch iv. 36 and v. (as if from Jeremiah), as well as from the Apocalyse of John, the Prophets and Gospels. If we could regard Irenæus as adopting all the ideas that he cites from these exra Biblical sources, we should charge him rith being one of the grosser sort of Chilits, but inasmuch as his own language is oderate, we would rather conclude that he as striving to adapt Chiliasm to the ortho-

state of glory in heaven; thus (v. 32):

"It behooves the righteous first to receive the promise of the inheritance which God promised to the fathers, and to reign in it, when they rise again to behold God in this creation which is renovated, and that the judgment should take place afterwards. For it is just that in that very creation in which they toiled or were afflicted, being proved in every way by suffering, they should receive the reward of suffering; and that in the creation in which they were slain because of their love to God, in that they should be revived again; and that in the creation in the creation in which they endured servitude, in that they should reign. For God is rich in all things, and all things are His. It is fitting, therefore, that the ereation itself, being restored to its primarval condition, should without restraint be under the dominion of the righteous."

"In the times of the kingdom the earth has been of the inheritance which God promise of the inheritance which God promise of the hearth and its transformation to be the

state of glory in heaven; thus (v. 32):

under the dominion of the righteous."

"In the times of the kingdom the earth has been called by Christ [to its pristine condition], and Jerusalem rebuilt after the pattern of the Jerusalem bove. In the Apocalypse John saw this city descending upon the new earth. This is after the times of the kingdom, when there will be a general resurrection and judgment of the dead, great and small. Of this Jerusalem the former one is an image, that Jerusalem of the former one is an image, that Jerusalem of the former earth in which the righteous are disciplined beforehand for incorruption, and prepared for salvation. As man rises actually, so also shall be be actually disciplined beforehand for incorruption, and shall go forward and flourish in the times of the kingdom, in order that he may be capable of receiving the glory of the Father. Then, when all things are made new, he shall truly dwell in the city of God."

Irenæus thus makes the main purpose of the

Irenæus thus makes the main purpose of the Millennium to be ethical, in disciplining and preparing the risen saints for heaven. Ziegler calls attention to the fact that Irenœus does not believe in the conflict of Satan at the close of the Millennium, and does not cite the Apocalypse in this regard. His strong opposition to Gnosticism, the ethical preparation of souls after death, the spiritual resurrection to heaven, the allegorizing method of interpreting the Scriptures, inclined him to the other extreme of literalism in interpretation, an undue emphasis of the physical, a post-Millennium, and of the ascent of souls to

heaven until after the Millennium. As the Chiliasm of Irenæus was derived transmitted in a moderate form to his disciple Hippolytus.

The other great theologian who adopted the Chiliast theory was Tertullian, who derived long discarded error again respectable in the it together with his other Montanist notions | Church of Christ? from Asia Minor—the fruitful source of early s if it were of equal authority with the Apocalypse of John and the Hebrew Pro-

phets:

"We do confess that a kingdom is promised to us upon the earth, although before heaven, only in another state of existence: inasmuch as it will be after the resurrection, for a thousand years, in the divinely-built city of Jerusalem, 'let down from heaven,' which the Apostle calls 'our mother from above,' and while declaring that 'our citizenship is in heaven,' he predicted of it that it is really a city in heaven. This both Ezekiel had knowledge of, and the apostle John beheld. And the word of the new prophecy, which is a part of our belief [Montanist], attests how it is foretold that there would be for a sign a picture of this very city exhibited to view previous to its manifestation. This prophecy indeed has been very lately fulfilled in an expedition to the East. For it is evident, from the testimony of even heathen witnesses, that in Judgas there was suspended in the sky a city early nibited to view previous to its manifestation. This prophecy indeed has been very lately fulfilled in an expedition to the East. For it is evident, from the testimony of even heathen witnesses, that in Judwa there was suspended in the sky a city early every morning for forty days. As the day advanced, the entire figure of its walls would wane gradually, and sometimes it would vanish instantly. We see that this city has been provided by God for ually, and sometimes it would vanish instantly. We see that this city has been provided by God for receiving the saints on their resurrection, and refreshing them with the abundance of all really spiritual blessings, as a recompense for those which in the world we have either despised or lost; since it is both just and God-worthy that His nts should have their joy in the place where have also suffered affliction for His name's sake. Of the heavenly kingdom this is the pro-sess: After its 1,000 years are over, within which period is completed the resurrection of the saints, who rise sooner or later, according to their deserts, re will then ensue the destruction of the world d the conflagration of all things at the judgment; shall then be changed in a moment into the estance of angels, even by the investiture of an

Tertullian's Chiliasm is thus of a Montanistie type. As Montanism with its new Prophecy and holy place of Pepuza was at once ing in Christ, understand the divine Scriptures in and liturgy effectually excluded Chiliasm treated by the Church as a heresy, Tertullian will hardly be claimed as a pillar of orthowill hardly be claimed as a pillar of orthodoxy in this particular. From Tertullian cording to the understanding of the apostles, entertain the hope that the saints will eat indeed, but that it will be the bread of life," &c. suous form to Commodian and Lactantius probably; although Lactantius seems to have had broken out at Arsinoe through Nepos and the temporal reign of Christ on earth and to necessary to admission to membership, in establishing religious services of our faith than those of the Word of God or any Chris- synod, convinced the errorists, so that they God over the world. The suffering Church would receive the worldly of every grade, ganized. He was its first elder. He thought tian writer; thus Institutes vii. 24:

"When He shall have destroyed unrighteous-ness, and executed His great judgment, and shall have recalled to life the righteous who have lived have recalled to life the righteons who have recalled to life the righteons who have inventors at thousand years, and He will rule them with most just command. They who shall be alive in their bodies shall not die, but during those 1,000 years shall produce an infinite multitude, and their offshall produce an infinite multitude, and their offspring shall be holy and beloved of God; but they
who shall be raised from the dead shall preside
over the living as judges. But the nations shall
not be entirely extinguished, but some shall be
left as a victory for God, that they may be the
occasion of triumph to the righteous, and may be
subjected to perpetual slavery. About the same
time, also, the prince of the devils, who is contriver
of all evil, shall be bound with chains, and shall
be imprisoned during the 1,000 years of the heaventy rule in which righteousness shall reign in the

lypses rather than from the apostolic writings style, having been called the Christian Cicero, Nice, Chiliasm had been virtually suppressed ardent longing. The desire to go to his as among the impenitent.

Schwane says of all these men: passage given in connection with Papias (Adv.

Hær. v. 33) and shown to be connected with the Apocalypse of Baruch, but also another no less gross one (v. 36) of the same style, problems, which is a prossible of the problems of the proble sous, who have nothing more to repent of, and thereby show that they indulged in no Chiliastic expectations."

as Chiliasts without warrant: thus Cyprian, life and doctrine all along the line of the cenwho in his Exhort. to Martyrdom XIII, interprets the first resurrection of Rev. xx. 4, 5, with reference to the ascent of the spirit after death thus:

"What a dignity it is to depart gloriously in the midst of afflictions and tribulations, in a moment to close the eyes with which men and the world are looked upon, and at once to open them to look upon God and Christ. Of such a blessed departure how great is the swiftness! You shall be sud-denly taken away from earth to be placed in the dex Christian faith by making the Millennium introductory and preparatory to the highest heavenly kingdom." "All live and reign with christ, not only those who have been slain, but even whosoever, standing in firmness of faith, and secondarily upon the authoritative symbols adopted by Christian Councils Sym in the fear of God, have not worshipped the image of the beast, and have not consented to his deadly and sacrilegious edicts."

symbols adopted bods, and Churches.

The Christian Chi

> of Tyre might be claimed with better reason, dom, from various writers, showing how they Chiliast's that we know of; for he teaches tles' Creed. These generally embrace a refermonth represents the seventh Millennium of from Ignatius of Antioch (107): of the earth and its transformation to be the mies are put under his feet." Christ, while the wicked are destroyed with narianism

Victorinus of Petau is also represented as a Chiliast by Jerome, but he must be mistaken, as the Commentary on Revelation that has come down to us under his name, and seems to be genuine, represents Satan as bound from the First Advent to the end of the age; the first resurrection as the spiritual resurrection of Col. iii. 1: the Millennium as representing the completing of the number of the per-

The last quarter of the second century and the first half of the third was thus the golden ponement of the ethical preparation until the age of Chiliasm. It has never had such great theologians to advocate it in any other period of history as Irenœus and Tertullian. If these could not make it orthodox, if their great

> origin in Jewish and Ebionite Apocalypses had been fatal to it in the second century.

probably the earliest Provincial Synod to ar- exclude Premillenarian views. ray the Churches of Asia against it, and we

of Chiliasm to Cerinthus. The error does not Thus the Clementine liturgy: appear subsequently in the Church of Rome.

The ancient school of Alexandria, the most potent in influence in the early Church, shows no trace of Chiliasm, indeed its tendencies were rather to the other extreme. Origen rebukes the Chiliasts sharply (De Princip. ii. 11):

"Certain persons then refusing the labor of thinking, and adopting a superficial view of the letter of the law, and yielding rather in some measure to the indulgence of their own desires and lusts, being disciples of the letter alone, are of opinion that the fulfilment of the promises of the future are to be looked for in bodily pleasure and luxury; and therefore they especially desire to have again, after the resurrection, such bodily structures as may never be without the power of eating and drinking and performing all the func-tions of flesh and blood, not following the opinion we shall then be changed in a moment into the substance of angels, even by the investiture of an incorruptible nature, and so be removed to that kingdom of heaven."

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and long-continued burial.

THE ANTE-NICENE CHURCH AND PREMILLIENARIANISM.

It is an easy thing, we know, to find fault, so in is now drawing near. All expectation does not exceed the limit of 200 years. The subject itself declares that the fall and run of the world will shortly take place, except that while the city of Rome remains, it appears that nothing of the kind is to be feared. But when that capital of the bearing with it views as to the Second Advent derived from Jewish and Ebionite Apocading from Jewish and the whole community, was indicated to his overthrow—for the mass of writing from the apocading from Jewish and the whole community, was indicated to his one accept the door when the spir

historic pessimism to leap over sixteen Chris- Brethren. tian centuries to find in the three earliest a purer life and a sounder doctrine. The Church of Christ has not gone on from bad to worse and worst through nineteen centuries; but with Christ, its King, at its head, and the Other Ante-Nicene men have been claimed Holy Spirit in its heart, it has advanced in turies, and will continue so to do until the end of the world. The best of the Ante-Nicene fathers were more or less involved in views which would be regarded as errors in later times, and we judge them leniently prior to the historic formation of doctrine in the symbols of the Churches. Indeed Christian doctrine has never depended upon the authority of certain theologians, however eminent, but primarily upon the sacred Scripsymbols adopted by Christian Councils, Syn-

The Christian Church early began the work We need only compare this with the lan-guage of Tertullian given above, to see the were the baptismal creeds given by Dr. Schaff essential difference of conception. Methodius in his massive work on the Creeds of Christenalthough his views differ entirely from any gradually assimilated into the so-called Aposence to the Second Advent. The earliest is

Irenæus himself gives the orthodox faith in

from wrath, being caught up soul and body to one of these formulas, showing no Premille-

narianism:

"And his appearing from heaven in the glory of the Father to comprehend all things under one head, and to raise up all flesh of all mankind that according to the good pleasure of the Father invisible, every knee of these that are in heaven and on the earth and under the earth should bow before Christ Jesus our Lord and God and Saviour and King, and that every tongue should confess to him, and that He may execute righteous judgment over all; sending into eternal fire the spiritual powers of wickedness, and the angels who transgressed and apostatized, and the godless and unrighteous and lawless and blasphemous among men, and granting life and immortality and eternal glory to the righteous and holy who have both kept the Commandments and continued in his love, some from the beginning and some after some from the beginning and some after their conversion

"He will come again with glory to take the saints into the enjoyment of eternal life and the celestial promises, and to judge the wicked with eternal fire, after the resuscitation of both with the restitution of the flesh."

These formularies of faith are to be regarded as giving the views of the Churches; the Chiliasm of Tertullian and Irenæus is thus manifestly merely their individual opinions according to their own summaries of the faith of their times.

The Apostles' Creed so-called gives the orthodox view of the universal Church as to the salvation of loved ones left behind? from Papias and modified by him, so it was names and influence could not prevent it the Second Advent in the words "From thence from being branded as heresy, what hope can he shall come to judge the quick and the dead," our modern Premillenarians have after so which is then taken up into the Nicene Creed ing also there. many centuries of making this ancient and without change, the Council of Constantinople from Asia Minor—the fruitful source of early heresies. Thus he quotes from this new heresies. Thus he quotes from this new horizing to it in the third century, as its suspicious rise again with their bodies and shall give acis that a time to cease to pray? ount for their own works, and they that have done good shall go to into life everlasting, Claudius Apollinaris, bishop of Phrygia, at and they that have done evil into everlasting nce opposed it in its birth-place, calling fire." These creeds seem most effectually to with assurance and joy; the interchange turns round and pays \$8,100,000 for the sup-

Along side of the creed formation there was know of no subsequent writer in Asia Minor also a liturgical formation. In these early lit- not even more so hereafter?" or Greece who adopted Chiliasm except Mon-urgies in connection with the Lord's Supper we Victor of Rome wrote against them, and often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup redeemed know nothing of what takes eye, until every citizen shall see and feel was followed by Caius, who traced the origin ye do show the Lord's death till He come."

"Being mindful, therefore, of His passion and death, and resurrection from the dead, and return into the heavens, and His future second appearing wherein He is to come with glory and power to wherein He is to come with glory and p udge the quick and the dead, and to reco

The liturgy of James also: "His second glorious and awful appearing, when He shall come with glory to judge the quick and the dead, and render to every one according to his works."

The liturgy of Mark:

"His second terrible and dreadful coming in which He will come to judge righteously the quick and the dead, and to render to each man accord-ing to his works."

Thus it is manifest that the liturgies agree with the creeds in the expectation of the second advent to universal judgment, and not to introduce a millennium kingdom. Indeed the liturgies are pervaded with the idea of Jesus, as their King, present with them in selves that the earthly city of Jerusalem is to be that most solemn service of the sacrament. "Such are the views of those who while believ- This consolidation of Christian faith in creed martyr times, before this consolidation of doctrine, it was not unnatural that the Jew- subject of uniting with the church. Some ciate Judge of the Court of Sessions, and in Dionysius the Great, finding that Chiliasm ish Christian spirit should look forward to leaned more upon the Sybilline prophecies Korakion, went to that place, assembled a period of the supremacy of the kingdom of Others require nothing of the kind, and and order, and in due time a church was orrepented and retracted their heretical opin- ever longs for the triumphant Church. But ions, and he stamped out Millenarianism once when the Christian religion became domifor all in Egypt. He also wrote an elegant nant, and remained the supreme force on and elaborate work against it, which was earth, it was again natural that these views highly esteemed in ancient times, but has and hopes should be regarded as realized in been lost with other treatises on this subject, the historic Church itself. Accordingly Milpro and con, owing to the subsequent lack of lenarianism had its time and office, as Dorner interest in Millenarianism after its effectual says, representing a noble and valuable prin- piety for themselves or others, and more His that royal charity that never said an unciple, which must not be ignored in its con- than this, repudiate and scorn both the kind thing. His was that royal patience that In the Eastern Syrian Church Chiliasm flict with its great opponent Gnosticism. In profession and the practice." seems never to have obtained a foothold: the a man like Irenews, therefore, we can forgive teachings of Addai were maintained. The it; for he does not allow himself to be mis- is invading the churches that require never opened his lips to murmur. The church Churches of Palestine and Syria were little led by it into its extreme consequences, but some evidence of a change of heart. The in Alameda owes far more than it can ever troubled with it, owing to the early exclusion rather strives to modify it and give it an troubled with it, owing to the early exclusion of Ebionitism, except among the early exclusion of Ebionitism, except among the common people of God. After His coming the righteous shall be collected from all the earth, and the judgment-seat, it will correctly appresigned underly, the builder, may dwell together with the out this city when he says: 'And the city which out this city when he says: 'And the city which together with the out this city when he says: 'And the city which out this city when he says: 'And the city which out this city when he says: 'And the city which he says: 'And the city which out this city when he says: 'And the city which out this city when he says: 'And the city which out this city when he says: 'And the city which third century, we find Chiliasm in a few emistare, and the sun and moon.'

"I have already shown above that when 6000 years shall be completed this change must take in find the common of Ebionitism, except among the common of the church are third direction. He does not make it the essential thing in his theology. So long as the Christian soul embraces in its conception the conception of the crurch are the church are divided on this subject, when candidates present themselves for admission.

One deploring the worldliness of the church as assistant the churches, asks, rather doubtfully, the question, "Is the Church gaining ground?" bays another, "We have not heard of a church are third direction. The church gain is the church are the church are the church are the church are the 3000 aske influenced by extra biblical traditions from all parts of the theological system; for, as whether he or she had been born again." He had a high respect for others' order that it may accomplish its work.

derived from Jewish and Ebionite Apoca- Lactantius is valued for the purity of his that before the first Ecumenical Council at King and Saviour, with invincible faith and a great work of grace in the Church as well but as a theologian he is of trifling impor- in all parts of the Christian Church, and no presence was stronger than the longing for tance. Alzog says of him:

"He accomplished little in the development of christian doctrine, is inaccurate, and falls into groups of the says," It all points to a spreading from one region and out of one source."

Irenœus is the earliest and indeed the most important of them all, on account of his general orthodoxy and soundness of judgment; and the was misled by Paplas, whom he lightly steemed and whom he quotes not only in the services and the substance of the Holy Ghost. These synodical committees met in New 19 parts of the Church, which is development of the advent of the Judge; but the modern of the Judge; but the save her from being overwhelmed with worldliness, the Church must raise the enthroned, or that His Church, with the Holy Spirit's the slightest taint of Millenarianism.

It is manifestly absurd for any one to claim of the world; and asserting the slightest taint of Millenarianism.

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It is manifest one of that most august assembly of Chris- the advent of the Judge; but the modern free from the ungodly, we need not expect, WESTMINSTER.

THE FIRST PSALM.* Tune "Balerma."

How happy is the man who runs In wisdom's pleasant ways, Ungodly counsel careful shuns, Through all his peaceful days.

In sinner's ways he never stands, Nor will with scorners sit. But he delights in Thy commands The page of Holy Writ. He like a tree with watered root

Shall bloom in beauty fair, Bring forth abundant, goodly fruit, His leaves undying are. No peace ungodly men shall find.

But driven by Thy hand

Like chaff before the angry wind, With Thee shall never stand. He knows the way the righteous go, The way of his commands,

Ungodly ways lead down to woe, They perish by his hands. South Amenia, N. Y., Dec. 18th, 1878. *This version was made by the late Abner Burn-ham, formerly of Sharon, Conn., who died in New York in 1868, leaving a version of the pealms as far as the 36th, none of which has been published heretofore.

"DO SAINTS IN HEAVEN PRAY?" mans, verse 34, tells us that Christ, sitting chapels may possibly reach the sum of \$5,at God's right hand, makes intercession for | 000,000 a year. us, and that "the Spirit also makes interession for us, with groanings that cannot 75 per cent. of all the pauperism and crime ties as usually understood. be uttered." As the Word saith that Christ of the city. Let us see what it costs the shall all be made into His likeness, it does not seem impossible that His brethren, now with Him, will do as He does. Besides, tain what are called the public institutions the Word says the redeemed are "priests the almshouses, hospitals, and prisons; and city. unto God."

are intercessors.

selves continue to pray after entering say \$4,000,000; and three-fourths of this sum heaven, their prayers continue to inter- is \$3,000,000. And then for the support of the ing the interim, at any regularly-called meetcede: for these are held continually in the police and for the courts of justice, there is ing at headquarters. hands of the living ones who stand before required every year \$6,000,000; and threethe throne, before the face of the Lord God | fourths of this sum is \$4,500,000. Almighty.

The "souls under the altar" prayed for

And why not? When saints have come

A writer says impressively, "Prayer emis our greatest happiness here, and why them; or, to put in this way, the city treas-

One of the reasons given why there is observe the remembrance of the words "as probably no prayer in heaven, is that the and figures, and hold them before the public place on earth. The writer above quoted their force, and be stirred up to do his duty asks, "Why should not the departed know in the premises? all about the affairs of this earth? They are in the society of the angels, who do know, and who could inform them. The Epistle to the Hebrews tells us that we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses." And Christ tells us that those subject to seasons of illness, but his mind who have gone to be with the angels are

like them, equal unto them. are holden by that save his own.

HELEN BRUCE,

JOINING CHURCH.

By Rev. Robert H. Williams. "Just listen! Mary talks about joining to California, in the wild, feverish rush of new dress."

if they made application to be admitted.

are ungodly, but generally they never pretend to think of such a thing as inward that inherits God's pension of a crown of life

That the Church will ever be entirely

slow to adopt any plan to make it easy to withdraw. But as long as we admit all who apply, with or without evidence of conversion, there ought to be an easy and "Regulations" were adopted. These method of getting rid of an element that will best explain in a few words the objects in threatens to change the whole character of view: the Church,

By Lewis E. Jackson.

It is generally supposed that the number of grog-shops, licensed and unlicensed, in this Home Missions, and shall undertake no work city, is not far from 8,000. If these were without its approval. placed in a continuous line, on one side of an avenue, at the rate of 10 to a block, and 20 to unify, stimulate, and superintend the work blocks to a mile, you would have 40 miles of of the women throughout the Church for grog-shops. If they were planted evenly on Home Missions in all its branches; including both sides of the avenue, there would be a the raising of money for teachers' salaries. double row of 20 miles.

Let us give some comparative figures: 8,000 grog-shops to 1,000,000 population; that ed by the Board of Home Missions. is at the rate of 1 grog-shop for every 125 men, women, and children. There are-taktogether of all the denominations-489 places of religious worship; that would be 1 church for every 2,045 men, women, and children. In figures thus: Population 1,000,000, grogshops 8,000-1 grog-shop to every 125 persons; population 1,000,000, churches 489--1 church to every 2.045 persons.

The money spent in the 8,000 drinkingplaces for liquor, is variously estimated, but We know there is praying in heaven, be- may be safely set down at \$60,000,000 a year. cause Paul, in the eighth chapter of Ro- The cost of running the 489 churches and

The grog-shops are generally charged with Correction, require \$800,000 annually to mainthree-fourths of this sum is \$600,000. In ad-Again: If the redeemed do not them- eties and institutions, disbursing annually

Now add together these three items, \$600-000, \$3,000,000, and \$4,500,000, and we have the sum of \$8,100,000 as the actual annual vengeance; may not other souls pray for cash outlay directly chargeable to the liquor traffic. To this bill we might add many mil-Though the chief voices of heaven be lions more for the destruction of life and those of praise, it seems that there is pray- property, and for the loss of time and laborthe legitimate results of this traffic.

But some one will ask. Do we not get some adding the clause "of whose kingdom there to the place where they can "know the thing from the Excise Law in license fees? will be no end." So the Athanasian Creed adds mind of the Spirit," where they can make Yes, truly; the liquor-dealers, or such of Its association with Montanism was fatal to the Nicene "At whose coming all men shall intercession" according to the will of God," way contribute perhaps a total of \$300,000 annually to the city treasury—that is to say the city receives in license fees the sum of Board of Home Missions every March. braces communion with God; the asking s300,000 from the liquor-dealers, and then of thoughts with the Father. As such it port of the paupers and criminals made by ury pays out \$27 for every dollar received.

Will not every paper publish these facts

JUDGE SAMUEL A. HASTINGS.

This beloved elder of the Alameda (Cal.) Presbyterian church entered into rest on Sab bath evening, June 30th, 1878, aged nearly was bright and cheerful to the last. From early youth he has been identified with the A man may sit down and cover his head Presbyterian Church. He was ordained an and say "None can see me"; but no eyes elder in one of the churches in Western New York, and admitted to the church in Albany under Dr. Kirk. He belongs to a thoroughly Presbyterian family, two of his brothers being Presbyterian elders. His was the type of piety that is not affect-

church as she would of buying a new dress." 1849, and engaged in business in San Fran-'Yes," says Mary, "I can join church a cisco, he brought his religion with him, and great deal more easily than I can buy a made it felt as one of the pioneer members of the Howard Presbyterian church. The fires These words, overheard in conversation, swept away his warehouses; then he became express the views of a great many on the Justice of the Peace; then was elected Assochurches believe in a change of heart as 1859 came to Alameda. Here he was effectual for it, prayed for it, gave to it, and worked for It is true of some churches, as was said it. He was always in his place in church and many a time in his last years he came when 3863, 23 Centre street, New York. is, not that a large part of their members half the church with a little excuse would sessions of our own Church are divided realize to his love, to his prayers and fidelity. The church has missed him in his sickness,

MISSIONS" OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

It is known to many that during the meeting of the General Assembly at Pittsburg a

York, Dec. 12, 1878, and a "Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions" was organized, and the following "Plans of Work"

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1. This Committee shall be called the "Wo-FACTS AND FIGURES FOR TAXPAYERS. man's Executive Committee of Home Mis-

sions" of the Presbyterian Church. 2. It shall cooperate with the Board of

3. Its object shall be to diffuse information. the distribution of "boxes," and aiding such other objects as may be suggested or approv-

4. It shall serve as an organ of communication between the Synodical Commiting all the churches, chapels, and missions tees and the Board of Home Missions. The work in detail shall be carried on under the advice and sanction of the Pastors and Sessions, the Presbyteries, Synods, and the Gen-

eral Assembly. 5. The Presidents and Secretaries of the Synodical Committees shall constitute this Woman's Executive Committee," together with such additional local members, taken from the Synodical Committees, as may be necessary to carry on the work.

6. Its officers shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, two or more Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer-all annually elected, and with du-

7. The Secretaries shall keep up constant is the first-born of many "brethren," who community to take care of the paupers and correspondence with the members of the criminals. The city authorities represented | Committee in every part of the United States, by the Commissioners of Public Charities and who shall send a report to headquarters at least every three months.

8. The headquarters shall be in New York

9. An annual meeting of this "Woman's What is the office of a priest? Priests dition to the public provison for these classes, there is a host of private charitable soci- shall be held, at which time the election of officers and of the local members shall take place. Vacancies can be filled pro tem. dur-

10. No change can be made in these plans of work, except by a two-thirds vote of those present at the annual meeting. Regulations.

1. Every meeting shall be opened with eading the Bible, and prayer.

2. The Committee shall meet on the first Tuesday of every month, at 10:30 A. M., from Oct. 1st to July 1st, and also upon call of the President. These meetings are to be held at 23 Centre street, New York, and members of the Committee from every part of the country have welcome right, of course, to be present, and to vote upon any question.

3. Three shall constitute a quorum 4. An annual report shall be made

5. Every member shall be invited to pray for the cause of Christ in our own land every Sunday morning, just before divine service.

6. Each Synodical Committee may carry on the work as approved by their Synod. 7. If sufficient special donations to meet expenses for rent, freight, postage, and stationery be not received, money for these pur-

poses may be taken from the contributions to the general work. 8. Additions or change in these Regulations may be made after one month's notice, at any

regular meeting of the Committee. It will be seen from the above that this Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions" is framed in strict accordance and connection with "the Scriptural and sufficient links which inhere in the system of the Presbyterian Church"; and having received cordial endorsement from the Board of Home Missions, with which it proposes to cooperate, it hopes to secure the confidence of the pastors and sessions, and of the women throughout the Church.

Societies already at work will no doubt be willing to report what they are doing, where it will be of service to others; and as the president and secretary of each synodical committee, as hereafter and annually appointed, will become members ex officio of this "Woman's Executive Committee," it is believed that by such systematic union the efforts of Presbyterian women for Home Missions may become, by the blessing of God, more efficient than ever before.

The officers elected stand as follows: President, Mrs. ASHBEL GREEN.
Vice-President, Mrs. J. S. SCOVEL.
Mrs. J. B. DUNN.
Cor. Secretary, Mrs. F. E. H. HAINES,
Mrs. WM. ALLEN BUTLER.
Rec. Secretary, Mrs. J. D. EBDLE.
Treasurer, Mrs. MARY E. BOYD.

Letters desiring further information may of them some time ago, "The peculiarity prayer-meeting till disease forbade it, and be addressed to any of the above officers, Box

> F. E. H. HAINES, Secretary 23 Centre street, New York, Dec. 21, 1878.

In his late charge, the Bishop of Durham said: "In a visit which I once made, when a suffered without a murmur. In the severe young clergyman, to the churches of Belgium, This latter view is prevailing widely, and pains he passed through in his last illness he so remarkable for the grandeur and elaborate carving of their pulpits, my attention was especially attracted by one well suited to enforce a solemn lesson on every one who might occupy it. There arose from the back of it a gigantic figure of death, stretching its gaunt leton form over the head of the preacher, and holding in one hand a scythe, and with One deploring the worldliness of the burches asks rather doubtfully, the quesest, for I must soon reap mine. tion, "Is the Church gaining ground?" across the continent to hear him read the Bi- the brevity of the opportunity and the inestistake which render the mable interests at ministerial office of such urgency that no season may be missed, no effort spared, in