woetry.

[For the American Presbyterian.] A Hymn.

"Be merciful unto me, O God! Be merciful o me! for my soul trusteth in Thee."—PSALM

Be merciful to me, O Lord! In Thee my soul doth trust: Be merciful to me! Thy word Is sure, for Thou art just.

Be merciful to me, O Lord! Grace, pardon, peace I need; Cancel my guilt, fulfil thy word, "Break not a bruised reed !"

Be merciful O Lord! In me Sins like high mountains rise:-Higher the Grace that dwells in Thee; It reacheth to the skies!

Be merciful to me! these tears And sins o'erwhelm my soul: I perish, Lord! Dispel my fears! I die! O make me whole!

"O God be merciful to me A sinner!" For HE died Through whose great name I "pray" to Thee, And now am "justified."

"Be merciful!" is still my plea, My soul still trusts thy word, And evermore will cry, "To me Be merciful O Lord !

> [For the American Presbyterian.] To Die.

To die and feel the kiss Pressed in fervid love's embrace, Growing cold and even colder, In the death damp on my face.

To die and pass from earth; Merge this restless woe in sleep, Feel the bond of pain unloosen. Cease to watch, to hope, to weep.

To die and cease to live, To conquer sin and time and care, Like a child in childish slumber, Pass-O doubting spirit where?

To die and see the clouds Gather o'er a soul in night Breaking gently in the morning.

G. P. A.

Gaitorial.

Crowned with everlasting light.

ROYALTY IN ENGLAND.

THE enthusiasm exhibition by the English people on the occasion of the recent auspicious marriage of the prince of Wales to Princess Alexandra, daughter of Prince Christian, of Denmark, is worthy of notice. The people of London especially made the most extravagant demonstrations of welcome, but the day was honored by the inhabitants of every village and hamlet in the island. From the time the Princess Alexandra came in sight of the British coast, she was the object of overwhelming attentions on land and on water. Civic processions, addresses, decorations, endless crowds perpetually cheering, attended the cortege to its journey's end, and the wedding day was wound up by an illumination which drew together such crowds as, in spite of their good will, proved destructive of human life, and in some de-Within our limits, it would be in vain to attempt any adequate description of the events gather all the particles which have belonged of the day, or of the attitude in which our to us in the course of years, and bring them cousin John appeared on the occasion. His rejoicings appear to have been quite as awkard as they were earnest. From the twelve or fourteen columns, mostly in fine twelve or fourteen columns, mostly in fine cousin John appeared on the occasion. His marred by the Queen's band tuning their instruments, and the organ giving some preliminary spirts and whisiles, while the Archbishop was at prayer. The princess herself is represented as having been more than once startled by the immensity and close proximity of the surging crowd during the procession, and once "she was seen to remove with her own hands the head of a youth. who got entangled in the wheels and was in evident danger of being crushed." In one place, it is said, "the Princess for a moment seemed alarmed, for the people could have best be conveyed in the words of the Re-

sion of by the mob; and one carriage had its springs broken, and was made a complete wreck. Occasionally it was inexpressibly painful to witness how women and boys were knocked about. The shrieks of women—some of them with children in their arms—were often heard above the prevailing hum of the multitude. Some were dragged out in a fainting condition; others were seen to fall, and in that all the danger lay, for they ran the risk of being trodden to death; but men would pick them up and replace them on their teet, or bear them in their arms to the outskirts of the crowd. At one time a baby was held up in the crowd, and it had all the appearance of being dead or dying. At time a baby was held up in the crowd, and it had all the appearance of being dead or dying. At another a woman was seen to throw a child, about a year and a half old, into a passing carriage to save its life, and she was then swept into the vortex of the crowd herself. The poor child was afterwards the crowd herself. The poor child was afterwards taken to a relieving officer. The procession is detaken to a relieving officer. The procession is described as having fought its way through the crowd towards the Mansion House. On arriving in front of the Mansion House the procession paused for of the Mansion House the procession paused for of the Mansion House the procession paused for opresent her Royal Highness with a bouquet, to present her Royal Highness with a bouquet, the Carriage was alarming. An officer of the Life royal carriage was alarming. An officer of the Life royal carriage was alarming. An officer of the Life royal carriage was alarming. An officer of the Life royal carriage, fell heavily with his horse, in consequence of the greasy state of the ground. The Prinquence of the greasy state of the ground. The Prinquence of the greasy state of the ground. The Prinquence of the greasy state of the ground. The Prinquence of the greasy state of the ground. The Prinquence of the greasy state of the ground. The Prinquence of the greasy state of the ground. the carriage, fell heavily with his horse, in consequence of the greasy state of the ground. The Prinquence of the greasy state of the ground. The Prinquence of the greasy state of the ground. The Princess sprang to her feet, and manifested considerable but alarm, when both rose unburt she evidently expebut ala

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neaven-illumined way.

guards of divine truth.

up opposition to all the laws and usages of

unrighteousness and provoke revolution in

all the departments of Satan's dark empire.

It keeps up a ceaseless warfare against sin

and unrighteous practices in high places and

in low. Compromise is a word unknown to a

pure Gospel. And it is ever agitating and

disturbing the minds of men with reference

to all great moral and spiritual enterprises,

that at length He whose right it is may come and reign over a kingdom of universal

CHAPLAINS.

was held in this city, under the auspices of

the Army Committee, auxiliary to the Chris-

tian Commission, to promote the good work

of furnishing religious reading and religious

church audience room was crowded in pews

and aisles. Major Gen. Curtis presided. Ad-

dresses were made by Gen. Curtis, Gen.

In explaining the work of the Christian Commission, with its Army Committees in

army committee stated that, at a late meet-

ng in an Eastern city, a Major General had

the army had proved a failure." Not doubt-

ing that the system thus consured had fallen

far short of accomplishing what good men

the system of Chaplains" with much more

ustice than against "the system of Major

But as soon as there was oppertunity, the

dignified presiding officer rose and said that,

while he did not know which of his brother

Generals it was who had made the observa-

tion just quoted, he could not, in justice to

his own sense of right, neglect to testifiy that

having seen some service, and having had

considerable observation of chaplains, in the

field, and in camps and hospitals, he regard-

ed the chaplans under his command as gene-

rally, faithful, laborious, and exceedingly

We soon listened to a thrilling address

from Chaplain Chidlaw, and while he neither

aunted his own achievements, nor decried

others, he gave such illustrations of the chap-

at family altars, or elsewhere.

mistake for chaplains.

Reflections.

useful men."

and humane visitation to the army. A large

mere volatility of temper or love of pageantry. The masses of phlegmatic Englishmen need far more to rouse them to such a pitch than would be required by their neighbors over the channel. They are worshippers of rank and loyalty by instinct. They were rendering it their sincere homage. They were expressing their unfeigned delight at the prospect of the perpetuation of the kingly race among them. They would think themselves diminished and brought low if they were without a king. The Review

"Perhaps no nation was ever so deeply agitated by one universal impulse of sympathy, congratula-tion, and joy, as the British people have been within the last few days. Everything has given place to the indulgence of those transports, which affected the millions of our population with a real, though innocent and benignant intoxication. The public imagination was fired with the spectacle of the bridal pair and with the thought of those fell public imagination was fired with the spectacle of the bridal pair, and with the thought of those feli-cities, rich and varied, which seemed to be wreath-ed into a coronal for their brow. Youth, health, manly grace, delicate female beauty, splendor of fortune, dignity of lineage, and the majestic halo of prospective royalty, all combined to make the PRINCE and PRINCESS of WALES objects of con-gratulation."

There can be no question, either, that the British people see in this marriage no mere alliance of expediency brought about by diplomacy alone, but a true union of youthful hearts. It seems to have the merit of sincerity and the promise of domestic happiness and purity. Every family in Great Britain has been rendered more secure, every domestic tie has been consecrated by the beautiful and unsullied example of Victoria's household. The people see in this marriage of affection a promise of the continuance of her virtuous and potent example for a generation to come. We sincerely trust the

bright expectation may be fully realized. Many poets have celebrated the joyous occasion. The poet Laureate, Tennyson has written the following stirring welcome: Sea-kings' daughter from over the sea,

Saxon and Norman and Dane are we.

But all of us Danes in our welcome of thee,

Alexandra!

Welcome her, thunders of fort and of fleet! Welcome her, thunders of fort and of fleet!
Welcome her, thundering cheer of the street!
Welcome her all things youthful and sweet!
Scatter the blossom under her feet!
Break, happy land, into earlier flowers!
Make music, O bird, in the new-budded bowers!
Welcome her, welcome her, all that is ours!
Warble, O bugle, and trumpet blare! Flags, flutter out upon turnets and towers!
Flames, on the windy headland flare!
Utter your jubilee, steeple and spire!
Clash, ye bells, in the merry March air! ish, ye cities, in rivers of fire Welcome her, welcome the land's desire,

Sea-king's daughter as happy as fair, Blissful bride of a blissful heir, Bride of the heir of the kings of the sea, Bride of the heir of the kings of the coa,
O joy to the people and joy to the throne,
Come to us, love us, and make us your own:
For Saxon or Dane or Norman we,
Teuton or Celt, or whatever we be,
We are each all Dane in our welcome of thee,
Alexandra!

Correspondence.

THE RESURBECTION OF THE BODY.

BY REV. E. E. ADAMS.

CHRIST arose bodily from the dead to die no more. So shall the bodies of his people be raised literally for we shall be raised as HE was raised. Objections are urged against this view. It is maintained that the mutations of our material nature are so great. -that in the course of an ordinary life-time gree frustrated the object of the display. We lose our identity or change it many times -that therefore it will not be possible to print, of the Weekly Review, which are de- life; and if it can remain identical through voted to the day, we learn that the street the changes of twenty or fifty years, may it ornamentation of London was clumsy, the not also through the greater change of death civic procession a failure, and the arrange- and resurrection? Consciousness is the true ments for managing the crowd, scandalously identity. We are conscious of being the defective. Even the concluding part of the same creatures that we were years ago. But profoundly solemn marriage ceremony was the natural body is to be raised a spiritual body. All its materialism is to be so transformed, or so refined, as no longer to be un-

der the laws of its present existence.

Moreover, all required for our complete resurrection is, that we be raised with our conscious personality. But if God would preserve every atom of all that has ever constituted our natural body; if he would call forth from the sum of materiality whatever pertains to each being, and return it to its owner,-will any one say that God cannot do it? Will any one aver that the Being, who-at the close of every winter-summons touched her." An idea of the crowd can its material food to every blade of grass, every tree and shrub and flower of all the myriads which cover the fields and fill the "Walking over the heads of the people was not only possible, but was absolutely done by a gentleman who left his seat in a public stand, and instead of reaching the pavement, as he intended, to cross the street, found it easier walking over the heads of the spectators. Here carriages and vehicles, brought to a dead lock before the hour fixed for the stoppage of the traffic, were forcibly taken possession of by the mob; and one carriage had its springs broken, and was made a complete wreck. Occa-

is a higher law than all human law, a constilis abundant occasion for the labors of the The ancient empire of Peru contained a tution above all human constitutions—it is Christian Commission, with all their delegates, population of 30,000,000 souls, and the the model law, the perfect constitution, found and all their army committees. None appre- country was cultivated in a manner of which

tablishes the great doctrine of human liberty. lains. Here it meets, as it always has met, with the 5. It is a mistake for speakers at army have scarcely picked its scanty food, were most desperate and malign opposition—yea, meetings, or elsewhere, to aim to give effect shaped into terraces, and tilled with elaborate t provokes it. Power unchecked, is always to their addresses by decrying chaplains as care. The andeneria, as they were termed lisposed to assert its wicked dominion over a class. It will be more just and more use- by the Spaniards, rose one above another. weakness—"Might is right," has ever been ful, to represent the Christian Commission tier over tier, up the steepest acclivities of the tyrant's creed. Hence all the civil and work as a needed and welcome, indeed an the hills. No ground was neglected on which spiritual despotism that has taken its gory indispensable, auxiliary or supplement to the a blade of corn would grow; and harvests way through the ranks of men. Chains and chaplaincy. This more just and considerate waved on heights now visited only by the fetters imposed upon the free, human spirit, course will not prevent suitable efforts, by candor and the eagle. When subsistence cannot endure the presence of a pure Chris- those who can furnish well-attested facts, to was secured taste was gratified. The hangianity. It touches them with its wand of relieve the service of incompetent and unfaith- ing gardens of the Andes were the delight of freedom, and they fall at the touch. The ful chaplains; and it certainly will increase a people who, by fixing their habitations in Gospel approaches that dark sea of blood the probability of obtaining better men in the most picture sque situations, evidently apwhich interposes between man and his right their places."

citizen of the State, as a candidate for the need a chaplain's admonition; where in des- of their former population. The valley of royal honors of eternity. And against all despotic interferences with this right, Christ in his Word protests with trumpet voice. He opposes all laws designed to coerce the laws designed to coerce t spirit, or limit the heaven-born prerogatives stanced? Who of us all does not know that 30,000 individuals who paid tribute; there of moral being. Hence a Christian nation our country's salvation depends greatly on are now only 425 people, of whom 320 are must always be a free nation, just so far as saving our army from demoralization? Let negroes. The city of Cuzco, which numit is Christian. Tyranny and despotism can us constantly pray for God's blessing upon bered 200,000 inhabitants at the time of the only have rule in the absence of all the safe- all agencies for the evangelization of our Spanish conquest, now contains only 20,000. armies, not forgetting; as prominent, if not A vast territory, extending from the Amazon

The direct effect of the Gospel is to stir chief, among these, the Chaplaincy. St. Louis, March 31st, 1863.

A PLEA FOR THE DOXOLOGY.

In some of our churches the doxology, the most beautiful part of our worship is entirely omitted, or the concluding stanza of the last hymn sung in its place. As, however, a country which possessed no external commany hymns are not addressed to God, but merce, and where emoney was unknown, gold to the soul, the world, or fellow-christians; and silver could have been valued only as it is possible for a church omitting the dox- ministering to luxury, or as applicable to ology to conduct an entire service without one expression of direct praise to God. On a recent Sabbath evening, a meeting to assemble for public worship having heard tions in gold and silver of flowers, fruits, inthe word and united in prayers and spiritual songs: is it not proper that the congregation with hearts full of gratitude rise and join in ascribing praise unto God the Father, Christ the Saviour and the Holy Spirit the sanctifier, one God the creator and preserver of all, who of his mercy heareth us. The tain that they have wandered into the re-Psalmist says "Let the people praise thee Strong, Chaplain Chidlaw, Mr. K. A. Burnell O God!" and in various portions of the gions of romance. No object so much exand Mr. Jones, the Secretary and Chairman of the Army Committee.

In explaining the work of the Christian

O God!" and in various portions of the holy Scriptures are the people called upon to unite in praise. All church worship should be congregational, each individual should be congregational, each individual feeling himself a participant, not an idle different cities, the worthy chairman of the spectator.

It is believed that no congregation has consented to the omission of the doxology, remarked that "the system of Chaplains in but that the choirs have dispensed with it considering it old-fashioned. For eighteen hundred years many have believed and worshipped much as we do. Shall we now give desire, I still wondered whether so sweeping a condemnation could be pronounced against faith because holy men have held the same in past time?. The doxology carries us back to the days of our forefathers; and from the mountains which offered them shelter from their persecutors, we hear their songs of praise, we see them stand before rulers and kings for Christ's sake, and remember that by the grace of God they were made more than conquerors; and our souls mounting upon the wings of their faith, unite with the redeemed on earth and in heaven in ascribing blessing and honor and glory and power unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb forever.

Selections.

ANCIENT PERU.

lains' labors as show that such chaplains as ne, are doing a great work for the country and for the souls of her brave defenders.-There are doubtless few possessing the pecu-Titicaca, and 12,930 feet above the level of Christ commands me to believe in him, or to iar gifts of Bro. Chidlaw, but there are not the sea, are still to be seen the ruins of vast trust him. I feel that there is no reason in few animated by the same Christian devoedifices which must have belonged to a myself why I should be allowed to trust him. ion, and working just as faithfully. Let any who doubt, ask Bro. Chidlaw whether be feels ashamed of his associates in chap-life. These consist of immense monolithic altogether apart from my character or from ne feels ashamed of his associates in chapdoorways and masses of hewn stone, on any preparation that I feel in myself, I obey ancy, as a class, Bro. Chidlaw remarked, which the Incas themselves are said to have the command, and sink or swim-I trust with evident pain, that he had seldom, or with evident pain, that he had seldom, or never, heard chaplains specially prayed for, gazed with astonishment. Coloscal male and Christ. Now, that is faith; when, with the female figures, crowned with turbans, indicate eye shut as to all evidence of hope in our-On a subsequent occasion, listening to our of Peru under the Incas, and the very curious the arms of an Omnipotent Redeemer. earnest and useful brother Burnell, (a layman,) giving an account of his labors in the nospitals at Memphis, and in the army before Vicksburg, I observed that when con- sation, if not to a separate race. It is re- one's self upon him; or, as the old Puritans versing with the soldiers, and giving them markable that this very ancient civilisation used to put it (using a somewhat hard word), religious counsel, with much success in in- should have had its seat in a region so ele- it is recumbency on Christ—the leaning of teresting them, they were apt to call him vated as not to be very propitious either to the whole weight upon his cross; ceasing to 'Parson," or "Chaplain," mistaking him for a minister. It seems, after all, to be such earnest Christian laymen whom the soldiers tion, being a plain, almost constantly frozen, and resting wholly upon the rock of ages.

135 feet above the lake. Some subsequent The leaving of the soul in the hands of Jesus 1. Doubtless many men have obtained pos- mac, near Lima, afford additional evidence of As the water flows from the pipes, so does tions as chaplains of regiments, who sadly the remote civilisation of Peru. On a conical grace continually flow from him. By faith lack both the intellectual and the spiritual hill, 458 feet above the level of the sea, are I bring my empty pitcher and hold it where ualifications which would make them fit for the ruins of a temple, which, if the stories of the water flows, and receive of its fulness, t. From the mode of appointment, depend- the Spaniard are to be believed, must have grace for grace. It is not the beauty of my ng so much on the will of regimental officers, even surpassed in splendour the more cele- pitcher, it is not even its cleanness that this was to be expected. Certainly the offi- brated Temple of the Sun at Cusco. It was quenches my thirst: it is simply holding that cers of some regiments would hardly be con- built of sun-dried bricks, but all the riches of pitcher to the place where water flows. Even idered capable of making a good selection of the country must have been layished upon its so I am but the vessel, and my faith is the pastor for any Church. Is it quite proba- interior decoration. The massive doors were hand which presents the empty vessel to the ble that, in every case, they have desired to plated with gold and studed with precious flowing stream. It is the grace, and not the obtain a really godly man for their chap-2. There are many regiments whose offi- tion of the Deity, a pure and simple Theism a trembling hand, and much of that which I cers do appreciate the moral and spiritual is supposed to have been the primitive re- seek may be lost through my weakness, yet benefits of the Gospel, faithfully preached to ligion of Peru, which was afterwards cor- if the soul be but held to the fountain, and

in the immutable and eternal Word of God, ciate these labors more highly, or welcome China now, affords the only example. Sandy iving and abiding forever. Christianity es. them more cordially than the faithful chap- plains were rendered fertile by irrigation, and mountain-steeps from which the liama could preciated the scenic grandeur of their counwhich interposes between man and his right their places.

to himself and his right to know and worship

6. We ought to pray for the Chaplains. try. The palaces of an ancient nobility are yet. his God, and stretching forth its divine rod Ministers at home know, that some of the to be discovered by their crumbling walls. in over the dread surface, a path is opened be-fore the hapless sufferer and victim of op-pression, and he passes dry shod over the army, sharing the privations and exposures effaced every trace of former cultivation. and toils of the soldiers, and smid great dif- Boundary stones indicating a very minute The clarion note of the Gospel is liberty; ficulties and trials and temptations, anxious- subdivision of the land are still to be met liberty everywhere, liberty at all times—lib- ly watching for souls. Let us not forget with in every part of Peru; and innumerable erty in its largest and most comprehensive them in our pulpit prayers. huscas, or vast burial-mounds, attest the forsense—if so be God is honored. "If there- Some churches have released beloved pas- mer populousness of the country. The fore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be tors for temporary service in the Chaplaincy; western coast, once one of the most popufree indeed," is the true proclamation of universal emancipation, never to be recalled or modified. Man, under God, has a right to the control of himself—his own person, as a sons or fathers where, in temptation they the Pacific, do not now contain a tenth part

to the Andes, and from the shore of the Pacific, to the sources of the Paraguay, is now almost as depopulated as if it had been smitten by a destroying angel, or had fallen under the scourge of a Genghis Khan.

The representations of the conquerors of Peru must of course be received with considerable reserve. They were thrown into a state of temporary delirium by the wonderful wealth that met their eyes on every side. In ornament and to the arts. It is quite credible, therefore, that the royal garden at Cuzco possessed fountains of solid gold, and imitawith a plethora of gold-dust, we may be cer-

which, sparkling with the finest emeralds, was placed to catch the first rays of the sun as it rose above the mountains and to fill the edifice with dazzling light. This sacred emblem, before which millions had bowed in adoration, fell by lot to one of the adventurers, by whom it was afterwards lost in play. It was ultimately broken up by the military ruffians, who plundered indiscriminately temples, palaces, and tombs.—London Quarterly.

SIMPLICITY AND SUFFICIENCY OF SAV-ING FAITH.

The road to heaven, my brethren, is BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS. It is not by welldoing that you can be saved, though it is by ill-doing that you will be damned if you put not trust in Christ. Nothing that you can do can save you. Albeit that after you are saved it will be your delightful privilege to walk in the ways of God and to keep his commandments, yet all your own attempts to keep the commandments previous to faith will. but sink you deeper into the mire, and will by no means contribute to your salvation. The one road to heaven is BY FAITH IN CHRIST. Or, to make it plainer still, as the countryman said, there are but two steps to There was, however, an earlier civilisation heaven—out of self into Christ; and then, n Peru than that which is supposed to have out of Christ into heaven. Faith is simply been introduced by the Incas. Near Lake explained as trusting in Christ. I find that

a people very different from the population selves, we take a leap in the dark, right into sculpture, together with its minutes detail and high finish, points to another phase of civilias being a leaning upon Christ—a casting of the respiration of man or to cereal produc- stand by the strength of one's own power, upheaval of the country has probably is the very essence of faith. Faith is receivchanged its climatic condition. The remains ing Christ into our emptiness. There is of the great temple and the city of Pacaca- Christ like the conduit in the market place. and, as it contained no image or representa- soul. And though I hold that pitcher with

thorn-crowned head of him whom God hath the Amer. Theological Review. set forth "to be the propitiation for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world."

Sinner, I tell thee that all thy sins, be they never so many, cannot destroy thee if thou dost believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. If now thou castest thyself simply on the merits of Jesus, "Though thy sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool." Only believe. Dare to believe that Christ is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him. Take him at his word and trust him. And thou hast a warrant for doing it; for remember it is written, "The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." Thou art commanded to believe; therefore, be thou never so black a sinner, the command is thy warrant—oh, may God help thee to obey the command! Now, just as thou art; cast thyself on Christ. It is not the greatness of the sinner that is the difficulty; it is faith; they believe, in fact, nothing noth-the hardness of the sinner's heart. If now ing is holy to them, nothing they revere or thy guilt becomes as nothing in the eye of God, when once he sees the blood of Christ sprinkled upon thee. I tell thee more: if thy sins were ten thousand times as many as they be, yet the blood of Christ is able to atone for them all. Only dare to believe that. Now, by a venturesome faith trust thyself in Christ. If thou art the most sick of all the wretches that ever this divine physician essayed to cure, so much the more ask, What guarantee have we for the future glory to him. When a physician cures a with regard to the education and training of man of some little disease, what credit doth he get? But when he heals a man who is wildly—the waves in the fiercest conflict all over diseased, who has become but a threatening to swallow up everything; what putrid mass, then there is glory to the physician. And so will there be to Christ when

for all. Remember, sinner, that all the while on the rising generation the ideas of 1830 thou dost not believe in Christ, thou art adding to thy sin this great sin of not believing, which is the greatest sin in the world. But if thou obey God in this matter of putting thy trust in Christ, God's own Word is guaranteed al priesthood in the house in the midst of that thy faith shall be rewarded, and thou shalt find that thy sins, which are many, are all forgiven thee. By the side of Saul of Tarsus, and of her out of whom was cast dren. However, it is a fact that, out of a seven devils, shalt thou one day stand. With great number of families, called Christian the thief shalt thou sing of love divine, and families in reality and truth, children have with Manasseh shalt thou rejoice in him who gone forth who have broken through all recan wash away the foulest crimes. Oh, I straints, and taken their standpoint just oppray God there may be some one in this great crowd to-day, who may be saying in his heart, "Sir, you have described me. I do feel that I am the blackest sinner anywhere, the feel that I am the blackest sinner anywhere and the feel that I am the blackest sinner anywhere and the feel that I am the blackest sinner anywhere any the feel that I am the blackest sinner anywhere any th but I will risk it, I will put my trust in Christ law than by grace—more exercised the rigand Christ alone." Ah, soul, God bless thee; our of the Old than the love of the New Testhou art an accepted one. If thou canst do tament; or have they given them more spirthis this morning, I will be God's hostage itual food than the children could digest? that he will be true to thee and true to his that he will be true to thee and true to his Can you scold a child—a boy—that he does Son, for never sinner perished yet that dared not pray? that he does not love Christ Jegolden faggots, and vast granaries bursting to trust the precious blood of Christ.—Spur-

MIRACLES NECESSARY.

distinguished, in Christianity, between what words without power. It was indeed a natit has in common with natural religion, and ural and healthy reaction in a lad of fifteen what is distinctively its own. The pre- years of age, when he said to those who persent question has no reference to the former; secuted him with their endeavours to convert so far as that is concerned, the evidence is him, and make him a Christian; 'I will do in itself; but it is no part of the evidence of everything you tell me, obey you in every-Christianity, as such, being no part, distincthing; but one thing I will not, cannot dotively, of Christianity itself. It is in respect I will not be a Christian, and will never beto the latter that we ask, does it apart from come one.' This boy was considered to be miracles, or by mere self-evidence, assert its quite lost; but he was made a Christian; own truth? The things concerning which and in after life, when this youth was rewe inquire, whether they are self-evident or moved from those who had, by their false not, are of the class including the following: love and care for his soul, created in him a That the Eternal Word was made flesh in disgust against the very name of a Christian, the person of Jesus; that the death of Jesus and was placed under other circumstances, was the redemption of the world; that Jesus among those who never talked of Christianis the Almighty Ruler and Judge of the ity, but acted Christianity; when he saw the world; that the dead will be raised by him simplicity, truth, innocence, grandeur, and at the last day: are these things, independently of testimony, true to the reason of tian, and thanked God on his knees that he mankind? -The question gives its own ans- had learned the value of the unspeakable wer. "Nothing", says Dr. Hodge, "in the apprehension of rationalists, can be more abrents might learn what a lovely and tender surd than that the blood of the cross can re- thing faith is—how delicate the spontaneous move sin". We preach Christ crucified". rise of it in the soul of man. said Paul, "to the Jews a stumbling-block, and to the Greeks foolishness". The Gospel certainly never made its way by recommending itself to the intuitive consciousness, or in a communication to the Chicago Advocate, the natural reason, of man, apart from ex- tells this incident: "The late Rev. James ternal evidences of its truth. No more pal- B. Finley and his family came home from pably untrue assertion could be made than camp meeting, worn down with fatigue and that Christianity, in its supernatural pecu- loss of sleep, and brought with them a young ligrities, has its evidence in itself, meaning preacher as a guest, who was a slow, imperthereby that it has no need of external proof. fect reader. As the family was late arri-There is nothing", says Calvin, "that is ving, supper was late, the night short, and more at variance with human reason than all anxious for repose, but none could think this article of our faith (the resurrection of of sleeping without worship. The young the body). For who but God alone could preacher was invited to lead therein. He persuade us that bodies which are now liable selected for the evening lesson a chapter in to corruption, will, after having rotted away, Luke, containing over seventy verses, and or after they have been consumed by fire, or blundered on till he reached the last end. torn in pieces by wild beasts, not only be re- and then prayed through the bill. After all stored entire, but in a greatly better condition? Do not all our apprehensions of things James, who was a learned old man, remarked reject this as a thing fabulous, nay, the greatest absurdity in the world?" Truly, only tage of having the sacred Scriptures divided God himself, bearing witness directly to the into chapters, for if the young preacher had truth of Christianity, could justify or war-rant belief in it. Reason, nature itself, de-mands that God himself, by supernatural works, or some equivalent means, attest a supernatural revelation, such as Christianity claims to be. They are its natural and proper proofs: "I should not be a Christian", Pontiff is sorry to die without blessing Italy, said St. Augustine, "but for miracles." Ex- but don't see how he can help it. He cept for miracles, there would not have been cannot betray God and the Church. He is sin in not believeing on Jesus Christ. "If not severe upon Victor Emmanuel, compar-I had not done among them the works which ing the pressure that has urged on the King none other man did, they had not had sin." to that which the Pope himself found to be Claiming to be the Messiah, it behooved our irresistible in 1848. At the mention of the Lord to authenticate his claim by miracles— Emperor of France he is gravely silent, but preannounced notes of Messiahship—which, the name of Prince Napoleon makes him if he had not wrought, the Jews, in rever- redden with anger. Intrigues for the sucthe regiment, and exemplified in the life of a pious and faithful chaplain, and they have, in many instances, found such chaplains.

3. Such chaplains, countenanced and supported by such officers, find most precious opportunities for useful labor, and are generally honored and loved by the men of their charge.

4. Besides all that chaplains can do, there

and looking for every blessing to those open apart from the evidence of miracles, ought it veins, to that poor bleeding heart, to that not to be discredited?—Rev. Dr. Skinner in

Dr. WICHERN ON FAILURES IN EDUCA-TING CHILDREN RELIGIOUSLY.

A Winter course of popular lectures has been held during the past season in Berlin; the lecturers choosing their own themes. One of the course was delivered by the celebrated Dr. Wichern, of which the follow. ing interesting account is given in an English periodical:

Dr. Wichern stated in the opening of his

address, that a deep-rooted and all pervading

struggle was going on at the present time; in fact, evil and good were measuring their strength, Everything is questioned. Nothing exists against which opposition and contradiction had not been heard. Countless fear; the fundamental truths of our faiththe Bible, and everything which men generally love and respect, they hate, revile, and mock at. Connected with this is their con stant cry for liberty-personal, individual, unrestrained liberty to act as they like, as every one personally likes, without the slightest respect to his neighbor or to the whole. Obedience, piety, respect, and esteem, are thrown off entirely. Parents consequently our children? Public life is a sea raging are we to do that our children, about to be thrown into this raging sea, may not be drowned? Everyone who has had to do But to put this block out of the way once with education, knows what a powerful effect sus, and punish him for not doing it? How can you expect to gain by violence what ought to be the spontaneous and genuine production of free affection? A great fault it is, when the Christian life is considered as quite a distinct and seperate sphere apart Is Christianity its own witness through its from and beyond the daily life and converindividuality as a revelation, or its constitu- sation, instead of considering it as the leaven tive elements? "Evidences of Christiani- which ought to penetrate every deed, word, ty!" says Coleridge, "I am weary of the word," "The truth revealed through Christ and enlivens every thing. Nothing is so has its evidence in itself." Let us patiently dangerous as the over-feeding and over-loadinquire as to the fact concerning this: Has tng the mind with religious instruction; Christianity, its evidences in itself? We have nothing so dangerous as cant Christian

> AN ENDLESS READER.—Bishop Morris. was over, Rev. Robert Finley, father of

ITALY.—The correspondent of the London Times says the Pope is dying. The failing