

THE NEW YORK PULPIT ON THANKSGIVING.

Readers in this vicinity have perhaps been so fully informed in regard to the celebration of Thanksgiving in Philadelphia, and the deliverances of our city pulpits, that a glance at the utterances of the ministry of our sister city would be more interesting to them.

Mr. HENRY WARD BEECHER. Text: GENESIS ix. 11-16.—How seldom do nations gain the ends for which they went to war! It was from such considerations that our very friends, in other lands, judging from the fruitfulness of most European wars, dissuaded us from conflict.

Nor do I conceal from myself how nearly we came to a gulph, whose depths no line of past experience is long enough to measure. When I consider the elements at work and all the probabilities that, by threat of war, the South would make peace and union upon the basis of a reformed constitution, maintaining slavery, and putting at a hopeless distance the day of universal emancipation, I confess myself to be impressed with God's immediate interposition in saving us from so great a peril.

Mr. Beecher includes not only the colored race, but woman in the policy of universal suffrage which he advocated in this sermon,—"moderate applause" according to the reporter. The following telling comparison was introduced towards the close:— I have an etching at home of which I am now reminded. It is a picture of a dead boar, near whom are two great dogs—in the death of the boar lies in the death of the human animal.

Rev. DR. BURGHARD, (THIRTEENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH). Text: PSALM cxxvi. 3.—We regard the elective franchise as a trust to be committed to the worthy, irrespective of color. God, by the fiery ordeal through which we have passed, has been teaching us to respect humanity, to regard man as man, irrespective of the color of his skin.

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The Commercial List and Price Current of the 2d inst. has the following relative to the silver mines of Nevada: "The interest in silver mining is increasing rapidly. Scarcely a day passes but brings an arrival from Nevada of new silver properties seeking a market. The companies already established are succeeding well, while the Revenue Extension Silver Mining Company of this city, organized but a few weeks, has met with greater favor than any yet formed in this city.

Dr. FOSS, (METHODIST EPISCOPAL). Text: PSALM cxlvii. 20.—Among the material elements think, for a moment, how important a consideration was the health of the country. Suppose the war had broken out in cholera year. Suppose the prediction of our enemies had proved true, and our soldiers in the South had been decimated by yellow fever. Consider for a moment what might have been the result of a failure of our crops for a single year.

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A NARROW ESCAPE. Extreme peril sometimes occasions an anxiety of mind which ends fatally. The long and hard strain, from the uncertainty of escape, leads to insanity. Mrs. Farrar, in her very interesting volume of "Recollections," gives an illustration:— Only twenty miles from Milford was the pleasant sea-side resort called Turby; little known in my day, but now a fashionable watering-place. It was a small town, of poor houses, built on a projecting point of land, with a fine, hard sand-beach on each side, giving the bathers the choice of the north or the south sands.

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DEATHS. EVANS.—On the 30th of November, at the residence of J. C. Pamphyl Esq., of Prince George's Co., Md., Mary Frances Evans, aged five years and five months.

Special Notices.

A Meeting of the Presbyterian Historical Society will be held in the Lecture-room of the Presbyterian Church, on Thursday evening, December 14th, at 7 o'clock. Those interested in historical research and in the collection and preservation of the records of Presbyterianism, are requested to attend.

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