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Precedents without Power.

EVERY now and then certain views held, or said to have been held, in the earlier days of the Rebellion, by the late President Lincoln and other men who were then among the leaders of the Republican party, are brought forward by our conservatives with great gusto as authorities upon the practical questions now before the country for discussion and settlement.

Now, it may as well be admitted at once, that at the outbreak of the Rebellion neither Mr. Lincoln, nor any of his advisers, nor indeed the country at large, had any just idea of the character of the struggle upon which we were entering.

What, then, is the cause of the decrease of ministers? The most obvious reply is that the ministry is poorly paid. It is a fact that no class of professional men, of equal talents and cultivation, are so poorly paid as ministers.

Everybody knows that during the past five years the cost of living has doubled. How many ministers have had their salaries doubled? And how can those who barely made both ends of the year meet before the rise, get along and support their families now?

The truth is, that in dealing with such questions as are now before the people, we must not shut our eyes to facts. Theories are good enough in their way, but the idea of bringing up a theory long since exploded, overthrown by the Supreme Court, and hastily adopted, if at all, at the very beginning of a terrible struggle, whose character and extent were but dimly apprehended, to control our action now, is unstatesmanlike and absurd to the last degree.

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The Death of Ministers, and Its Causes.

THE decrease in the number of persons entering the Christian ministry is a fact which is beginning to attract general attention. We find it a matter of complaint on the part of all the denominations.

We cannot suppose that religion itself is losing its hold upon the popular mind. Such a fact would be one of the gravest significance. But we see no reason to suppose that it exists.

Nor do we believe that there is any real diminution of respect for the office or functions of the ministry. Good preaching is as much in request now as it ever was. Able and talented ministers find no difficulty in securing hearers; and the truly conscientious, faithful, and devoted pastor is still looked up to with reverence by the community.

We should be sorry to ascribe this decrease of candidates for the ministry to any fault of our voluntary system of religious support. The experience of this country as to the effects of the separation of Church and State has not hitherto seemed to militate against the best interests of Christianity.

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but to steal away members from other denominations, and to divide a support already too limited for those dependent upon it. Missionary funds expended upon such enterprises as these are worse than wasted, for instead of building up one strong church, they help to make three or four feeble ones in the same place.

We have no fear that the ministry is about to be abandoned. The law of supply and demand will operate here as well as elsewhere. As soon as there is really any need for more ministers they will be forthcoming.

The Threatened Difficulties in Baltimore.

IF we can believe the various statements made by the Baltimore newspapers, and take their opinions as exponents of the popular feeling in that city, we must have grave fears lest the scenes of New Orleans are to be re-enacted in the Monumental City.

The elections in Baltimore are conducted by judges and inspectors appointed by the Police Commissioners. This Board is composed of members elected by the Legislature in joint ballot. They are sworn officers, and must, in conformity with their oaths, execute the laws and conduct the election in the manner prescribed by legislative enactment.

Miss Clara Louise Kellogg received a perfect ovation. Her strong and sweet voice seems to improve continually. Her acting last night was superb. She is growing to be the pet of our opera-goers.

Miss Fanny Stockton, we are pleased to announce, sang the part of "The Fairy" in much better taste. The music was rendered quite brilliantly last evening, and the artist was the recipient of many favors from the audience.

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But we most heartily deprecate any such violence. Let the law be obeyed; let it be followed in all cases. But there is no need that there be any imposition submitted to. Let the matter be submitted to the Attorney-General of the State, as there is no Supreme Court now in session.

The Camp-Meeting Outrage near Baltimore. A RIGID and impartial investigation has been made by the United States military authorities into the late outrage upon the colored people attending a Methodist camp-meeting near Baltimore.

From a careful reading of the whole testimony, it is impossible to resist the conclusion that the riot was—first, an attack upon the colored people; and, second, a deliberate attempt to break up the camp-meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on account of the alleged anti-slavery sentiments of its ministers and members.

Through to Fort Riley.

ON the 15th instant, the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, commenced running through trains regularly to Fort Riley, Kansas, a distance of more than four hundred miles due west from St. Louis.

"GRIFTH GAUNT."—We publish on our eighth page to-day an extended review of "Grifth Gaunt," which takes the only possible ground of criticism, and condemns the work as most immoral.

The Opera Last Night.

THIRD APPEARANCE OF RONCONI AND KELLOGG. *Crispino e la Comare* was given in better style last evening than on the previous representation. The audience was the largest and most fashionable of the season, and the enthusiasm was marked.

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Antouucci and Bellini, the rival basses, were, as always, admirable in their roles, and were immensely cheered by applause in the grand in the third act, which was repeated for an encore, amid the most demonstrative enthusiasm.

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