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On Monday we expressed o'dr views on the subject of the new system of preaching in the theatres of our city. We condemned it in all honesty. From the numerous communications we have received we select the ablest, the one given below, from the Rev. Dr. Nadal, of the Methodist Church. It is courteous and of no small force, yet we cannot change our expressed opinion "one jot or one tittle." Performances such as these at the Chesnut Street Theatre last Sunday evening savor too much of "claptrap," and true religion and sensational preaching are as far asunder as the antipodes. We therefore give the opposite view of the question.

FREACHING IN THEATRES—THE EVENING TRLEGRAPH'S ARTICLE.

Messrs. Editors:—We regard your paper as one of the fairest and broadest of its class in the whole country. Even the article which we now propose to criticize gives the clearest evidence of an honest wish in the heart of the writer to serve the cause of Christianity and public morals. You are evidently jealous for the honor and dignity of religion and the Church; but, in our opinion, you are mistaken. Of the character of the services at the Chesnut Street. Theatre last Sunday night we have heard nothing beyond what is found in your article, and shall, therefore, raise no issue with you about the propriety of the "dedication" of which you complain. We simply dissent most heartily from your views concerning the propriety of preaching to sinners in a theatre. I accept your account of the reasons which have induced the "Young Men's Christian Association" to choose this strange place of worship. You justly sum them up by saying that the friends of the movement believe that in this way "the Word of God can be preached to many who would not otherwise hear it." Certainly; that is one of the reasons for building churches, and the particular and strongest reason for building mission chapels and Sunday school rooms in destitute localities. That, in substance, is the reason for the appointment of city missionaries. We must go aiter those who will not come to us. We must use all possible innocent skill to induce men to hear the Gospel and be saved.

Now, Mr. Editor, permit us to examine the objections of your article to this innovation, so called, First, you characterize as "an attempt to small am attempt to bring the sinful world to Christ—to convert wicked men and hear them to the church and the world." It is certainly an attempt to bring the sinful world to Christ—to convert wicked men and hear them to the church. But it is no more

called. First, you can be called. First, you can be considered to convert wicked men and bring them into the Church. But it is no more an attempt to amalgamate the world and the Church than we are guilty of when we rent our pews or furnish free sittings in our churches to persons who are not Christians. The object in both cases is to preach the Gospel to sinners; to win the world over to Christ, not to yield the Church up to the influence of the world. The fact that the church was built for worship, and the theatre for amusement, does not after the case in the least. Christians must be "instant out of season" as well as "in season." If people casnot be brought to church, we must preach to

out of season" as well as "in season. It people cannot be brought to church, we must preach to them wherever we can find them.

Again, the article in question asks "if it is safe to mix opposing elements?" Certainiy not, when the aim or the natural tendency of the mixture is to the mastery of good by evil. But where the aim or the natural tendency of such where the alm or the natural tendency of such a mixture is to purge out the evil, then by all means let the mixture take place. And the result will not be "to weaken the barriers between the Church and the world," but to increase the number of believers, and make the bulwarks of the faith stronger. The barriers of the Church are not intended to keep sinners out, but only to keep sin out, and to defend penitent sinners after they have been brought in. The barriers are not gateless.

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Nor can we feel the force of the argument which would show that the sight of the minister on the stage, surrounded with the parapher-nalla of the theatre," would make the theatre, rather than the Gospei, prominent in the minds of the hearers. The effect on true Christians would be to fill them with gratitude at the contrast between the Gospel and the vanities and impurities of the theatre, and especially at the thought that so many would near the Gospel to whom it had so long been a strange sound. With the regular theatre-geers the result might indeed be, as THETELEGRAPH claims, a mixture of the sacred and profane, of Shakespeare and Matthew. The hymn, as you say, might easily come in contrast with a trivial song of the evening before. But, surely, it would be well to sir a little salt into the bitter fountains of worldly feeling and thinking. Matthew and Jeremlah had better effect an entrance. They must be in before they can be masters. Indeed, the Gospel of Christ is bold. It dares to go into any company, only it will go in its own spirit and with

its own arms, to conquer and purify.

We may be teld that "the attractions of the ordinary churches are sufficient for all who desire." That may be, but the Bride of Christ wishes to save those who have no "desire" to be saved. She would do everything in her power to awaken the desire. She would are power to awaken the desire. She would arrest them in their career on the road to ruin, and beg them to hear the story of the Cross. She knows that, by nature, all are children of

We are not sure that we understand what is meant when the article in THE TELEGRAPH tells us that "the quiet, dignified, orthodox way of going to heaven is quite broad enough for all that desire to travel in it." Does it mean that it is not orthodox to preach religion out-side of a church? When the article in question deciares that "if sinners will not hear the Gos-pel in the regular churches, etc., they had better let Christianity alone," we fear the sinners will hardly heed the exhortation. We beg them, on the contrary, to hear the Gospel anywhere, and from any minister, rather than not at all; for the Word of God is intended to change the perverse mind; and the most curious, profane, scoffing hearer may become a devout disciple. We join with The Telegraph in quoting the Divine words:—"If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead." For the reason furnished by this text, we oppose the purpose for which it was quoted. We say, let them hear Moses and the Prophets. There is no other chance for their salvation. Make them hear; follow them up and down through the carth till they do hear.

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In a word, the argument of THE TELEGRAPH assails the economical principle on which the evaluation of the Christian Church is based. In accordance with this mistaken view, the field and street preaching of Wesley and Whitfield was all wrong; hay, the very Apostles were wrong in preaching in the prisons, by the wayside, by the streams, in the desert, or wherever they found a soul to be reproved or instructed. In this view it is wrong to preach, especially, in any place whose aim is not in sympathy with religion. It is wrong to attack sin in its strongholds, even when invited. Our Saviour ought not to have preached in the house of Simon the Pharisee. It is wrong to go into a drinking house to expostniate with its visitors; it was wrong for the early Methodist preachers to go to the fairs in England and snatch the poor sheep out of the mouth of the lien. So far from agreeing with this view, we hold it to be right to preach wherever men and women are found to listen. If the gamblers of Philadelphia should unite to ask preaching for their class, and should select and fit up their finest saloon for that purpose, we ought to go and preach. And the same would hold of any their class, are their elements to the church members to the content of the church members to

As to the relation of the church members to these services in the theatre, we agree with you. Excepting a choir, or persons to conduct the singing at the service in question, church members ought to attend their own churches. If they should weakly allow themselves to treat the service in the theatre as a mere speciacle, devoting to curiosity what is meant for the work of evangelization, and should thus criminally empty their own churches, the damage to the efficiency of the churches might be balanced against the special service, and the service itself be spoiled—bilgated by an idie, not to say criminal curiosity.

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we agree with you, too, as we inderstand you, in regard to sensational performances in reitigion. They are contemptible in the extreme. The man who seeks applause or notoristy by odd tricks is a mountebank, whether in the pulpit or out of it. But every legitimate method of getting the attention of men to the Gospel should be employed; and if a sensation follows, so much the better.

B. H. NADAL.

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The following is a letter of Joseph N. Peirsol, Democratic candidate for City Treasurer, to a member of the U. S. Senate:—

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[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.] BALTIMORE, Sept. 25. A delegation of the city officials of Baltimore met General Sheridan at the depot in Washing-

ton, and extended the hospitalities of that city to him. The committee consists of Major-Gen. J. K. Handy, Major John D. Hewlet, and Gen. A. Ewalt. On the arrival of the train at Baltimore, at

1:40 o'clock, an immense crowd was at the depot, and General Sheridan was loudly cheered. Barouches were in waiting, and the Grand Army of the Republic and loyal militia were drawn up, and after the General and the committees were seated in carriages, the order of procession was formed and the line of march was taken up for the Philadelphia depot.

The procession moved up Eutaw street to Baltimore, along Baltimore to High, and from thence to the depot. The streets were crowded with spectators, and the General kept continually bowing. There were four carriages in the line. In the first were General Sheridan, Mayor Chapman, Robert M. Evans, and J. S. K: Handy. In the second, two of General Sheridan's staff, A. Wilson Hensey, J. B. Herold. In the third, reporters of the press. In the fourth carriage, one of the staff, Captain Palmer, S. A. Ewalt, and S. J. Caulk.

Republican Meeting at Huntingdon. HUNTINGDON, Pa., Sept. 25 .- A call has been ssued by Milton Lytle, Chairman of the Republican County Committee, for a grand mass meeting to be held here on Friday, October 4. Fx-Governor Curtin, Colonel John W. Forney, Hon. John Scott, and others, are to be the speakers. Old Huntingdon is fully aroused and will give her usual majority this fall.

Latest Markets by Telegraph. Baltimore, Sept. 25—Cotton very flat at 23%c, for middling uplands. Flour quiet, with some export demand, but generally held above shippers views, Wheat heavy: primesoid at \$24562 50; white Corn sells at \$12661 30; yellow, \$132. Oats, 48676c. Rye, in better demand, at \$1406145 for Pennsylvania. Provisions firm; bulk shoulders, 13c. Mess Pork, \$25.50, Lard 1866 15%c.

#### LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS-Judge Peirce.-COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Petrce.—
John Gardener was convicted of a charge of assault
and battery upon Charles Bordeneller. The evidence
was that he purposely collided with Mr. Bondeneller
while waiking in Coates street, from Tweaty-first to
Twenty-second, and afterwards struck him.

John McCahn was charged with assault and battery upon Joseph S. Allen. Mr. Allen. one of the
Sherin's deputies testified that on the 6th of July last
be received a witt of realeyin from the District Comtery upon Joseph S. Allen. Mr. Allen one of the Sheriff's deputies testified that on the 6th of July last he received a writ of replevin from the District Court commanding him to take a certain mare; he took the plaintiff on the writ to the defendant's place to point out the mare; they went to the defendant's place to point out the mare; they went to the defendant's stable; the plaintiff pointed out the mare, and he, the deputy, was taking it out of the stable when he saw the defendant beating the plaintiff with an Iron bar; as soon as the decendant saw him he rushed at him; he produced the writ of replevie, and told the defendant that he was an officer of the law, but to a had no effect, for the defendant directed a violent blow at his head with the bar, which he received on the arm.

The decendant was charged with assault and batery upon Mr. Steinbecker, the plaintiff on the writ. The evidence was the same a the foregoing.

The defense allexed that the deputy and Steinbecker had noright to enter the detendant's stable; and that they did not apprise him of the fact that they had a writ of replevin against his mare, as it was their duty to do. The defendant's stable having been burned but a short time before bits, he had posted a bill before his door, forbidding all persons entering in the premises; and seeing two men at his stable, not knowing who they were, thinking they were abo tho steal his horse, he, very much excited, ran towards them and drove hemaway with a whip, not a bar of fron. The ceputy did not once produce this writ, or tell who he was.

Some of the wilmesses called by the defense testified in support of this allegation and some didn't. Verdict guilty. dict guilty.

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Another military squarele.

Affidavit was made to the Court this morning of the service of a writ of habeas corpus upon Commodore Seifridge, commanding him to produce the body of Michael Keily, whose discharge is applied for on the ground of minority.

Assistant United States District Attorney Valentine stated to the court that he was requested by Commodore Seifridge to read his return to the writ and then read the return, which set forth that Michael Keily had been regularly enlisted in the mayal service of the United States, and tout under a recent decision of the Secretary of the Navy he was compelled to refuze to comply with the writ, and that this was merely the execution of his official duty, and not from disrespect or contempt to this honorable court. William L. Hirst, Jr., who appeared for the relater la the writ, stated to the Court that, though there was a denial of all disrespect to this Court in the return, yet that document itself clearly showed that the Court was grossly insulted. It stated that the Commodore was forbidden by the Secretary of the Navy to produce the body, but did not express an intention of obeying the order of the Court in case the question of jurisdiction should be so decided as to require him so to do. As the return read, it was a flat refusal to obey the writ now and forever, and under all circumstances. What if the Court should grant a rule to show cause why an attachment should not issue for the Commodore? The matter would be argued, be decided in favor of this Court, and still the military authorities would continue to resist its command. The Secretary of the Navy in taking such a course, had played the Navy Yard to prevent service and obedience to all writs of habeas corpus for the bodies of persons in the navy, and he understood, the house of the Commodore of the Navy Yard to prevent service and obedience to all writs of habeas corpus for the bodies of persons in the navy, and, he understood, the house of the Commodore the laws of the lamb was a first langua ANOTHER MILITARY SQUABBLE.

the asked that an attachment issue to bring in Commoders Selfridge.

Mr. Valentine replied that he could assure the Court that Commodore Selfridge was in an unfortunate and, to him, painful position: and instead of receiving represents upon suspicion of disrespect to the Court he rather deserved sympaths. He conscientiously endeavored to perform his duty, and candidy thought himself bound to obey the commosods of his superior officer. But these matters should be transacted coolly and calmid.

There was a grave and important question behind all this, namely, whether the right of issuing writs of habese corpus for persons in the service belonged exclusively to the United States Courts, or was to be exercised concurrency by the State Courts also; and this question should be speedily decided. In order to prevent such unpleasant occurrences as this. He therefore hoped the Court would grant a raig, raturable on Saturday, to show cause why an attachment should not issue to bring in the Commodore.

The Judge and he felt satisfied that Commodore Selfridge intended no disrespectfor offensa to this Court; and as it is and has always been the practice of this Court to act deliberately upon such occasiona, and to give all parties an opportunity to be heard, he would grant such a rule as was asked for by Mr. Valenthes.

This matter being for the present concluded, the

and to give all parties an opportunity to be made would grant such a rule as was asked for by Mr. Valentha.

This matter being for the present concluded, the ordinary lusiness of the day was resumed.

Ann Dougherty was convicted of a charge of the larceny of a pair of shears, a kettle and fist-iron. The goods were recovered on the tenon of the defendant, and were identified by the owners.

George Dingerdocker micaded zullty to a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. The prosecutor and defendant were playing cards, and the former faccused the latter of charing. The lie passed between them, and the prosecutor struck the defendant, who then drew a kulle and stabbed the prosecutor seven times.

MJohn Stockman pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery upon George A. Thompson. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and the costs, and to enter security in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace.

Michael Sharp was charged with the larceny of a hawser valued at \$18. There was no evidence of the larceny of the hawser, but witnesses testified that other ropes that had been stolen from the rafts were found in the hold of a canal boat in which the defendant was arrested.

The celebratant stated that he was on the river on the night of August 19 and had gons asleep in this old canal boat. When he went into the old boat he found a plie of ropes there, which he knew nothing about and which he didn't touch. In the morning parties came so hoard he hoat and raid the ropes belonged to them, and that they would have to agree;

hlm. He replied that he knew nothing whatever about the ropes, and was willing to go with them if they could produce a warrant.

They went asbore to get a warrant, and he remained in the boat until they returned. He was, according to his own protestations, entirely innocent of any dishonesty in the matter. However, this statement was not supported by evidence, and the jury rendered a verdict of guitty.

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