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# RELIGIOUS LAZINESS.

BY REV. ALEXANDER CLARK. There is not only a right way of preaching the doctrines of the Gospel, but also a right way of hearing and doing them. Not merely the head, but the heart and the hand must be orthodox. To be honest in his profession, a Christian must be diligent in his practice. Sound theology shows in common life. Trath is not so much a thing of books as of works.

It is popular to preach man's inability. It pleases mon who do nothing to tell them that they can do nothing. Duty must succumb to doctrine. Men have been galvanized (the printer will please be careful not to substitute a capital C for my lower-case g in that last word) into showy machines, when they should have been Christianized into full-statured immortals, as God intends. A guilty conscience will pay a premium on excuses. A man will reduce himself to a cipher morally, while, at the same time, he tolls and struggles after substantial figures as the exponents of his brain and gold and place. The Almighty and the angels may call him a Nobody; but the world at home and abroad must call him the Somebody. He watches his accounts at the bank; but he is willing that his promise to Heaven shall go to protest every day. The Lord is displeased with professing Christians who keep up incessant talk about their own weakness and triflingness in spiritual things. Paul said that, God helping him, he could do all things. And it is only such venturing, vallant men that are divinely helped. David was but a lad when Goliab, in armor, challenged the Lord's host. But young and light as he was, he was lithe of limb and bold of heart; and he stepped out alone to meet the giant, and with sling and pebble he brought him down.

### SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

# TPISCOPAL.

Every organized town in the diocese of Dakotah is now occupied by the Episcopal Church, the stations numbering sixteen.

The death of the Bishop of Manchester puts another appointment within the gift of Glad-

stone. -The Church of England is reviving the order of suffragan bishops. Two have just been appointed.

A ritualistic clergyman, Dr. Henry Bedford, Endits the energy mail, by the ord, send of Colwick, Notts, England, has summoned his parishioners with prosecution for absenting themselves from his fantastic worship.
 There is no longer an established church in Jamaica. The Clergy act expired the last day in 1869, and was not renewed. An attempt was made to have any church aided from public funds that would assume the evangelizing of needy districts; but the voluntary churches refused to accept the money. The elergymen, however, retain their present salaries for life. -Mr. Mackonochie, a minister of the Church of England, carried his ritualism so far that he was dealt with by the authorities, and found guilty of an attempt to evade the Church canons by in genious subterfuges. It appears that he has sympathizing friends. The Church Herald asserts that, in consequence of the Privy Council's decision in the Mackonochie case, several clergymen have expressed a desire to enter the Roman Catholic Church.

## PRESBYTERIAN.

-The congregation at Hamilton, Onio (Dr. Davidson's), has been visited with refreshing. and encouraged with the addition, at last ac counts, of fifty members within a few weeks.

-The proposed plan of reorganizing the Presbyterian synods of Ohio meets so much opposition that the committee has been obliged to recall its suggestion of 5 synods, and propose but 3

-The First and Second United Presbyterian churches of Cincinnati have united, and now form one promising congregation. The new organization will have a large and valuable church building, and, after all debts of both the old organizations are paid off, not less than five thousand dollars for such use as the interests of

the congregation may require. -The Presbyterian committee to which was itrusted the matter of raising a memorial fund

the ministry, who will thus be able to pursue a year or two of sindy without being separated from their families. In 1854 the two Baptist churches of Chlcago had only about five hundred members. Now they de not fall much short of two thousand two hundred, while the number of churches has

been augmented to eighteen or nineteen. -The Baptist congregation whose new church is nearly congleted at the corner of Sprace and Broad streets do not intend to close or dispose of the old building at Sprace and Fifth streets. It is believed that the people will be better accommodated by dlviding the society and retaining the old church

as a distinct organization. --Bi-monthly sermons to the Sunday schools have been inaugurated at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Eighteenth and Chesnut streets, by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Poltz, with much success, They are adapted in their simplicity to the juve-

located in excellent districts of the city of New Orleans. The Collseum Place edifice is large and imposing, and well planned, and stands in a location absolutely unsurpassed. The First Church is slowly, but yet steadily growing. It has a pastor, the Rev. Mr. Carpenter, who has been laboring here for several years with great self-sacrifice. The Coliseum Place church has been without a settled pastor for some time, but has recently called the Rev. Dr. Dixon, of St. Joseph, Mo.

### METHODIST.

-The revival at Rondont, New York, con-tinues with increased power. Up to January 13 355 conversions had occurred, and 275 had joined the church on probation.

-Rev. Franklin Moore, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the most eloquent men of that Church, died in California on Satur-

day night, January 22d. —At the opening services of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church in Cincinnati, Ohio, the sum of \$44,000 was subscribed for the completion of this editice, which will cost \$130,000. About \$70,000 had been subscribed heretofore. Of \$114,000, already secured, \$79,000 has been given by eight members of this church.

-According to the New England correspon-dent of the Methodist Home Journal, there is a great searcity of ministers to supply the work in the New England Conferences. In the list of appointments of the six New England Conferences, the total places marked "to be supplied" make one hundred and seventy-nine. —The project in Baltimore to creet a Home for

the aged of the Methodist Church in that city is destined to be a complete success. About thirty thousand dollars have been secured, and a suitable site will soon be bought on which to creet a Home. Meanwhile a large and commodious building for temporary use has been secured, and neatly fitted up for the accommodation of those whom they have had in charge for several months.

-The Wesleyans report 345,526 members, 20,596 probationers, and 1608 preachers in Great Britain. In Ireland there are 19.659 members and 174 preachers. In their foreign missions are 65,802 members, 5903 probationers, and 292 preachers. Including the British Empire and missions, they number 557,995 members, 40,619 probationers, and 3157 preachers, being about a quarter of the full number of adherents of Methodism in the United States. Methodism claims in the world 3,438,033 members, and about 14,000,000 adherents. —There are in Ireland 10,000 Primitive Me-

thodisis, who have no ecclesiastical connection with the Primitive Methodists of England. Their ministers observe the early rule of Wesley, which prohibited them from assuming the privi-leges of the clergy in administering the sacra-ments. But the disestablishment of the Irish Church disturbs their relation to its clergy; and there is quite a discussion whether they shall connect themselves with the Episcopalians or the Wesleyans.

## CONCREGATIONAL

-The five Congregational churches of San Francisco have 807 members, the six Baptist churches having 873. -- Mr. Samuel A. Hitchcock, of Brimfield,

Mass., has just given \$40,000 for the endowment of the Hebrew Professorship in Audover Seminaty. - Rev. Frederic A. Fiske, a Congregationalist

minister in Massachusetts, has applied to be adnitted as a candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal Church.

-About sixty students, occupying the centre -About sixty students, occupying the centre building of Concerdia College, Fort Wayne, lost all their clothing and books by a recent fire. -The committee appointed to select a site for the new Lutheran College at Carthage, Ill., have selected a beautiful spot of ground, con-taining seven acres, and situated about three-fourths of a mile from the Court Honse, -The Emanuel Swedich Church, in Chicago, has 1100 members. An evening school is held in the basement of the church, the special

in the basement of the church, the object being to educate the young Swedes in the proper use of the English language. CATHOLIC.

-Rev. P. J. Baltes an American by birth, has been appointed Roman Catholic Bishop of Southern Illinois.

-Father O'Nelll, one of the London preachers during the Twelve Days' Mission, has preached a sermon in which he warmly advocated the Romish doctrine of praying to saints. He lain England were swept away at the Reforma-

tion. -Mr. Ripley, correspondent from Rome of the Tribune, says that the number of those who follow the Archbishop of Paris and Bishop Maret in denying the infallibility of the Pope, but attribute this infallible direction of the Spirit to the united hierarchy of which the Pope is the head, is very small. The large portion of the minority, led by Dupanloup, are anxious to leave the question unsettled; a matter on which heave the question unscitted; a matter on which hiberty of faith shall be allowed, as in the past. The accustic properties of the hall are said to be so horrible that it is quite impossible to be heard. A feeble voice is inaudible, and a lond one is drowned with echoes. Mr. Ripley is in-clined to doubt the story that Cardinal Schwartz-

clined to doubt the story that Cardinal Schwartz-enberg has gone over to the Papal party. —It is believed at Rome that Dr. Dollinger is the "Janue" whose famous book has been for-mally condemned by the Church. A letter by the Archbishop of Malines against infallibility has been suppressed by the Pope's orders. It is said, but ean hardly be true, that an archbishop has been despatched from Rome to Paris to learn the Emperor's opinion on the matter of infallibility. The last telegraphic news is that the Pope is very much incensed at Dr. Dollinger's protest against infallibility, and refuses to receive an address opposing the docrefuses to receive an address opposing the doc-trine signed by 137 bishops. Father Hecker was one of six who had the honor to be selected to preach in English during Epiphany.

#### UNIVERSALIST.

Outsiders .- Rev. E. G. Brooks, pastor of the Jurch of the Messiah, Locust and Juniper treets, will deliver the second aermon to outsiders, or non-churchgoers, to-morrow morning, Subject—"The Reasons Why." 5

The sermon on Sunday even hist was devoted principally to a statement of the facts in the case. These are certainly somewhat startling. The whole number of congregations meeting in churches or halls throughout the entire consolidated city of Philadelphia is less than four hundred. These, it is estimated, will not average two hundred and fif y persons directly or indi-rectly connected; but stretching the estimate to the utmost possible extent, to call the average three hundred and fifty would give a total of one hundred and forty thousand Those habitually attending any place of worship might, however, with safety be set down as not more than half that number. Our population is shown by a careful estimate to be 755,000; so, stretching the number represented by our reli-gious organizations of all kinds to the largest possible aggregate, there are 645,000 people in this single city who are as utterly outside all church connections as if there were no such thing.

If religious institutions are of at y worth, this is an appalling state of facts; and what is true of Philadelphia holds good, doubtless, with un-important variations throughout the entire land, only from one-fifth to one-fourth of the population being either directly or indirectly connected with church organizations. This pro-parties only of the population is contributing to portion only of the population is contributing to the maintenance of those institutions upon the existence of which all else that is most valuable in the life of our communities depends.

With rare exceptions, all intelligent people admit the usefulness of churches, and are agreed that it would be a calamity to have them discontinued. They confess that our religious institutions underlie all the most precious interests of our communities, and that they could not be overthrown without the most disastrous consequerces.

Look, for instance, from the dollar stand-Real estate would not be worth more point. there were no churches, or could be none than it was in Sodom when it was burning, Perhaps, out of the 645,000 outsiders, not one hundred could be found who would vote for the destruction of the churches, and yet sharing, as by this admission they do, in their benefits, they do not share in the expense of their mainte nance.

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of \$5,600,000 report that the objects should be educational institutions in this country and in mission fields, hospitals, and asylume, institutions for the freedmen, and a fund for disabled ministers. Donations are to be sent to Hon William E. Dodge, New York, with directions

how they shall be appropriated. —The Montreal Presbytery of the Canada Presbyterian Church has been discussing the case of a church which uses instrumental music. It has proved that quite a number have introduced the innovation, and it was finally voted that it would be injudicious to press the motion of censure, as "it would tend to bring the Chursh into ridicule," and the accused church was not the only one at fault.

-The elders of the Presbyteries of Brooklyn and Nassau (Long Island) held a meeting last week, in Dr. Cuyler's church. Nassau Presbytery (Old School) has 38 churches, of which 13 are in Brooklyn: and Brooklyn Presbytery (New School) has 19 churches, of which 9 are in Brooklyn. Those in Brooklyn will be united in a single presbytery, and those out, of both schools, into another

-The Herald and Presbyterian says that the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church of Evansville, Ind., a year ago, changed from the rented to the free-pew system with surprising results. In 1868, its benevolent contributions were \$395; in 1869, \$1015. On January 1, 1869, the church had a debt of \$7000; on the 1st of January, 1870, not only was this obligation paid off, but a considerable balance remained in the treasury. The additions to the church in 1869 were many more than for several years previously. Rev. J. P. E. Kumler is the pastor.

According to a recent letter of the Rev. Allen Wight, the Southern Presbyterian Church has not one white missionary at present able to preach the gospel to the Choctaws. There is another Indian minister besides Mr. Wight, who lives some one hundred and twenty miles from him, and these constitute the remnant of the once influential body of Christian ministers in that part of the vineyard. Most of them are The venerable Dr. Cyrus Kingsbury, the dead founder of the mission, still lives and labors, though he has been in the field upwards of fifty

years. -The Presbyterian Board of Education re ports that the number of candidates for the inistry received under its care during the eight months has been greater than that in the same portion of any preceding year, except one, since the revival period of 1832-33. Ninety new candidates have during it been added to the roll. The exception was in the year after the revival of 1858, when the number received from May to December, was one hundred and nineteen. The years that came nearest up to the present, in the past thirty-four, were 1858, when eighty-four were received in the eight months named: 1800 and 867, when there were seventy-four each: and 1854, when there were seventy-three.

#### BAPTIST.

-The Baptists of Iowa number about \$0,000, which is a numerical gain of 2000 over last year. -The German Baptists of the West have increased from 679 members, in 1859, to 2251 members in 1869, distributed in 48 churches.

-Three Baptist ministers in Georgia offer to pay the expenses of the education, during one onth, of fifty colored Baptist ministers who shall come for instruction to Atlanta. -The Baptists in Great Britain have 2447

churches, of which but 100 are in Scotland and 37 in Ireland, 2000 ministers, 231.506 members, and 267,306 Sunday scholars. They raised last year over \$800,000 of our currency for benevolent purposes.

At the meeting of the New Jersey Baptist Education Society, it was stated that, at Dr. Weston's suggestion, Mr. Crozer is about to build some neat cottages at Upland, near Chester, Pa., to be used by married men while studying for

The union of the Third Congregational Church in Portland, Me., with the Central, is now perfected, under the name of the "Plymouth Church of Portland.' -Within the last four years, five pastors in New England have left their flocks, and five

young men have left seminaries, to go abroad missionaries of the American Board, - Rev. A. L. Stone, of San Francisco, and the

Rev. W. B. Wright, of the Berkeley Street Church, of Boston, will exchange pulpits in February. Mr. Stone will spend three months Bostor

-The English Congregational churches are discussing favorably the expediency of adopting the system of ecclesiastical councils in vogue among their American brethren. Resolutions in their favor have passed at the meetings of the Lincolnsbire and of the Nottinghamshire Congregational Union.

-Rev. O. I. St. John, of the Congregational Church in Marshall, Michigan, defends himself in the local paper for inviting Mrs. Stanton to occupy his pulpit on a recent Sunday evening. Although he says Mrs. Stanton is a member in good standing of a Presbyterian Church, he adds that he will welcome all philauthropists, "male and female, baptized and unbaptized, whose hearts beat in sympathy with the grand moral and religious movements of the age

-There are in the United States 2326 Congregational churches and 3168 ministers, of whom 2123 are in pastoral work. There are 800,362 members, of whom one-third are males. There are reported 15,167 additions by profession, and 5022 infant baptisms-above the average. The Sabbath Schools have 361,503 members. During The the year 144 new churches have been organized and 52 dropped, of which 13 are in Illinois, 7 in Wisconsin, and 5 in New York. Of the gains, 14 are in Michigan, 13 each in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Iowa; 11 in Illinois, 10 in Mis-souri, and 9 each in Louisiana and Ohio. In 1800 there were 3 churches in the slave States; in 1865, 5 churches; and now, 89, of which 28 were organized last year.

### REFORMED.

-The Rev. Dr. James M. Matthews, of the Reformed Dutch Church, died in New York on the 28th of January, aged eighty-four years.

The Northwest Reformed Church of New York city, the Rev. H. D. Ganse, pastor, is about to erect a large and splendid building on Madison avenue and Fifty-reventh street.

-The National Reformed Churches in the South of France lately held a meeting at Nismes. when a committee was appointed to consider the best basis of reorganization when a disruption of Church and State shall put them in the position of Free Churches

-On the completion of the Reformed Church In Passale, New Jersey, recently, there was a debt of §3000. An attempt was made to free the church from all encumbrance before the be-ginning of the new year, and Mr. Thomas Agnew, a prominent merchant of Greenwich street, New York, well known for his liberality. agreed to pay one-half of the debt, if any other person would do the same. The next day the amount was subscribed, and the pastor and his flock rejoiced greatly when they heard of it. James Suydam, Esq., an old retired merchant of New York, learning of the above fact, called upon Mr. Agnew and gave him his check for \$500, which amount is also to be presented to the society.

#### LUTHERAN.

-The Swedish Lutherans at Rockford, Ill., recently dedicated a meeting-house, at a cost of \$20,000

A Benedictine monk of Nuremburg has recently joined the Lutheran Church, and is studying theology in Erlangen.

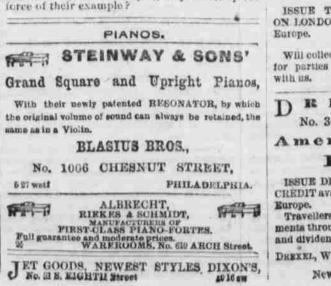
-A Swedish church has lately been organized in Iowa, with forty members, and one in Mis-souri, with thirty-five members.

This state of facts means, moreover, that fourfifths of our communities are totally withdrawn from personal contact with the means of influence upon which the moral health of society depends, and however the influence of the Bible the Sabtath, and the pulpit extends indirectly it is a serious consideration that so large a proportion of our population are reached only in this remote and indirect way. The Church stands for the moral power at work in Christendom. Other means of moral power there cer-tainly are, but the Church underlies them all.

Whatever exceptions there may be, and there are doubtless many, away from the church or without the Church, and in proportion to the absence of church influence, the rule is moral declension. No man, however high toned and unimpeachable his integrity, can, without moral risk, separate himself from the organized moral and Christian life of the community, and no community can have such a class without having, to the same extent, an element of degeneracy and moral deterioration in it, and the number of what is the dead weight its Christianity has to carry.

Occasional lapses and flagrant crimes do occasionally occur among church members, but who will say that the elements of misrule and immorality come as a general thing from that class ? For ninety-nine one-hundredths of all our lawleseness must look outside of church in fluence.

This non-church going means, moreover, that a very large majority spend the Sabbath in ways not conducive to moral or intellectual improvement. Making all allowance for those who stay at home, visit friends, or stroll into the country, what vast numbers spend the day in rum shops, gambling hells, or bouses of infamy, or in lounging about the corners or in other p of vicious resort! Probably more men spend the day in the run shops and like places than attend all the churches combined. We have, it is said, more than ten thousand such shops of all kinds, high and low, and a moderate estimate will give to each an average of seven longers during the day. This alone gives us an army of 70,000, more than the number of all our church-goers at our last census. What is the harvest that must certainly come to our city, and what is the state of things which reputable and high-minded non-church goers are helping to promote by the



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