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THE GREAT NESS OF SMALL THINGS. BY B" JV. SAMUEL T. SPEAR, D.D.

The phyrical as well as the moral system of the work, is one of such great complicated connections and relations that even the smallest and 'nost insignicant thing may be, and often is, the necessary antecedent of a stupendous result. Whether we look into the past or into the future, the exact nexus by which events play into each other, and thus lie in the serial order of history, is a problem which nothing short of omniscience can solve. As we cannot tell all the causes in the past which have contributed to what we observe in the present, so we cannot anticipate all the results in the future which will be the fruits of causes acting in the present. The merest trifle in one's life, in itself so small as to be deemed of no importance, is often sufficient to change the whole course and current of his being. God frequently invests the acts of a plain and common man with a power of connections and remote relations that 'travels productively into the future ages after the man himself has retired from this earthly scene. In this way little things as well as great may make our lives sublime.

As an example, let us cite the case of a wandering peddler, who, more than two centuries since, called at the house of Baxter's father and there left a religious book, which the youthful Baxter read, and by which he was first awakened and then converted to the Gospel of Christ. This was the first result of that accidental visit. Baxter, becoming a Christian, in due season gave to the world religious writings that, being studied by Doddridge, were the chief means in forming his spiritual character; and this was a second result of the peddler's visit. "The Rise and Progress of Religion," written by Doddridge, was owned of Heaven to the conversion of Wilberforce, the philanthropist; and thus we come to a third result in the advancing series. "The Practical View of Christianity," coming from the pen of Wilberforce, brought Leigh Richmond to the knowledge of the truth; and hence a fourth result was added. Leigh Richmond wrote the "Dairyman's Daughter," producing a little work which has been read by millions, and by God honored to the salvation of a great many souls. Behold this series of providences, beginning with the simple and apparently unimportant act of an humble peddler, placing that act in relations truly wonderful, and finally crowning it with a significance that we have no capacities to measure. Withdraw the life of that peddler and the little thing which he did from the series, and perhaps the whole would be gone. His act, viewed in connection with the sequel, impressively shows that a great result may have its incipient germ in the bosom of a very small cause.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.

-Rev. Henry Niles Pierce was consecrated Episcopal Bishop of Arkansas, at Mobile, Ala., January 5. He was formerly pastor of St. John's Church, in that city. —The Rev. Henry Niles Pierce was conse-erated Episcopal Bishop of Arkansas, at Mobile, Ala., January 5. He was formerly pastor of St. John's Church, in this city. —St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, has a choir of one hundred members, whose performances are

one hundred members, whose performances are heralded beforehand in the dailies, and pro-

heralded beforehand in the dailies, and pro-grammes distributed in the church. —Eight clergymen are candidates for the vacant professorship of Hebrew and Greek lan-guages in the General Episcopal Seminary in New York, and twenty-one for the professor-ship of Systematic Divinity. —The Rev. Emerson Judd, of the Episcopal Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, recently supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church in that city, without surplice or grown, and employing

city, without surplice or grown, and employing the ordinary service of that church. The Episeopal rector in Dubuque will not prosecute him. -St. John's Chapel, in New York city, main-

boundaries of the presbyteries shall be made by the synod within their respective limits. The committee adjourned to the 16th of March next at which meeting the matter now ar-ranged will be revised and finally determined. sanwhile Drs. Beatty and Fisher were appointed a sub-committee to investigate the sub-ject still further, and prepare business for the next meeting of the committee. Ministers from abroad may make suggestions to the sub-com-

next meeting of the committee. Antistates from abroad may make suggestions to the sub-com-mittee if they deem it fitting. —The Presbyterian Joint Committee on Re-construction has published a preliminary report. They would remove the General Assembly somewhat further from the people by transfer-ring the election of commissioners from the presbyteries to the synods, each synod to send one minister and one elder for each 50 ministers. Appeals cannot be carried to the Assembly ex-cept in questions of heresy and constitutional law. The synods should be large: giving New York, 4: Pennsylvania and Ohio, each 3: In-diana. Illinois, and Iowa, each 2; and all the others comprise a State, or a State with adjacent territories. The few churches in Connecticut are attached to the Synod of New York, and those north and east in New England to the Synod of Albany. Two foreign synods were constituted—one of Northern India, and the other of China. The Assembly will consist of about 250 members. Each synod will rearrange its own presbyteries. its own presbyteries.

BAPTIST.

-Emigration so weakens the churches in Maine that the Baptists have been compelled to drop 7 churches, and but half of their 263 churches have pastors or stated supplies. The

body, disconnected from the Free-will Baptiste, but almost identical in their faith and practices. Their churches are found in scattered portions of the Middle States. We hear of the United Association in Indiana, which reported at its late meeting 34 churches, an increase of 5 -We are glad to notice the efforts which are

now being made by all the Southern churches to educate the colored population. Three Bap-tist ministers at the South - Drs. Brantly, Landrum, and Mell-offer to educate and sup-port fifty colored Baptist ministers for three months in the city of Macon, Georgia. They believe the most effectual way of reaching the blacks is through an educated ministry of their own race.

—The late Hon. Amos Kendall, besides his munificent gift of about \$150,000 towards the erection and subsequent rebuilding of the Calvary Baptist Church, in Washington, and of some \$24,000 for mission Sunday School purposes, gave also \$6000 to found six scholarships n Columbian College. Mr. Kendall graduated at Dartmouth. He was seventy-six years old when he was baptized, at which time he became a teacher in the Sunday School. —The minutes of the Seventh Day Baptists

show seventy-six churches, of which the strongest are in Hopkinton, Mass.; Westerly and Paw-catuck, R. I.; Alfred and Brookfield, N. Y.; and Albion and Milton, Wisconsin. The imperfect character of the statistics renders it impossible to give the number of members. The report of their Tract Society evinces a determination to enlighten the ignorance of the rest of the world on the matter of the true Sabbath.

-The Trustees of Union University, Murfreesboro', Tennessee, at their recent meeting, tendered to the Baptist Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., the funds belonging to the Theological Department of Union University, and an additional amount sufficient to create a fund equal to fifty thousand dollars; also such privileges of building on the campus as may be necessary to their successful operation, upon the condition that the Trustees of the Seminary remove their institution to Murfreesboro'. Ten nessee.

METHODIST.

-The valuable library of the late Dr. Charles Elliott has been received by the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. Dr. Elliott was one of the original corporators of the Uni-

-The next session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is appointed to begin in Memphis, Tennessee, on Sunday, May 1. Its powers are similar to the corresponding body in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

-The South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Jacksonville, Florida, January 20, and closed its session on the 25th. The vote on lay delegation was unani-mous. The whole number of church members and probationers reported was 24,067, a gain of 1398 over last year: number of church buildings in the conference, 108-a gain of 22 over last year.

in cases involving error in doctrine and consti-tutional law. They determined that represen-tation should be from synods, and not from preabyteries, and that the arrangements and — The Catholic lately stated that no Catholic

voman was a supporter of "Woman's Rights." A lady writes from Detroit that she is a good Catholic, and yet defends the movement for woman's suffrage. - An English paper says that the King of Bur-

-An English paper says that the Ang of bur-mah intends to present each of the 750 Fathers of the Council with 4 pastoral cross enriched with rems. That of the Pope is reported to be an Oriental masterpiece. The crosses will be transmitted through the Propaganda, which is

transmitted through the Fropaganda, which is daily expecting their arrival. —The Chicago Ecening Post reports, on the authority of a leading physicilan of the city, that Bishop Duggan, of that Roman Catholic diocese, is not insane; but has been removed and put in confinement as an ecclesiastical penalty for gross mismanagement. As a bishop cannot be de-posed, the present acting bishop has the title of

coadjutor. -A man in Erlau, Hungary, recently took his child to church for baptism. The priest, on learning that the godmother was a Jewess, re-fused to proceed, when the man took his child to the holy basin, and with great solemnity and in a loud voice baptized it himself and gave it into the godmother's arms, asking her blessing, which she gave. The burgomaster registered the baptism as legal, and the people are anxionsly awaiting the decision of the arch-binker bishop.

-The prosecution of the Roman Catholic authorities in Montreal who refused ecclesiastical burial to Mr. Joseph Guibord because he belonged to L'Institut Canadien, attracts great interest in Canada. It is proved that the ofilcers of this literary institution, who, with its members, are nearly all Catholics, attempted members, are nearly all Catholics, attempted without success, again and again, to come to an understanding with the bishop. The com-plaint made was that the library contained books on the papal Index Expurgatorius. They offered, if the bishop would point ont what books were objectionable, to remove them from the public library, and put them under lock and key in another room, where they could be consulted only on special recover. But could be consulted only on special request. But this was not considered sufficient. For some Fer some time L'Institut has been under ban, its annual reports have been put on the Index, and absolution and church burial have been forbidden its members. The Vicar-General has given permission to a priest to solemnize the marriage of a vice-president of L'Institut, on the ground that the woman is not under censure, and the case is the same as when one of the parties is a Protestant.

CONGREGATIONAL.

-The Kingston Church, Missouri, have called to their pastorate the Rev. M. J. Callan, who has recently dissolved connection with the Metho-

dist Episcopal Conference. —The First Congregational Church of New Haven, Connecticut, has purchased a lot, with the intention of building upon it a home for the aged ladies of the church.

-The last Congregational Quarterly reported the organization of twenty-five churches, the ordination of thirty-eight ministers, and the death of seventeen. The Congregational Union reports aid given during the last three months for the erection of sixteen churches.

UNITABIAN.

-The "Unitarian Year Book" reports societies, being 20 more than last year, the 21 were organized. There are 26 churche Boston, and 87 have no settled pastors. names are given of 396 ministers, of whom 110 are unsettled; and of these most are engaged in other business, and but 23 who count them-selves as still in the active ministry are with-out employment. The oldest ordained minister is Joseph Richardson, of Hingham, ordained in 1806. Of the congregation, 179 are in Massa-chusetts. No other State but New York has over 20.

CHRISTIAN WORK ON THE PACIFIC COAST. During the summer and fall of 1869 a delegation from the American Tract Society made an extended tour along the Pacific Railroad, and in the States and Territories west of the Rocky Mountains. The friends of that society have called a meet-

ing in the Presbyterian Church, Washington Square, that the public may hear from these travellers their personal observations, and the necessity and opportunity for Christian effe spiritually destitute region. Two of our minent pastors, Rev. Dr. Johnson and B. L. Agnew, will also address the meeting

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industrial school, one German Sunday School, and a general industrial school. No distinction of creed is made. The attendance is increasing

from week to week. All the families, especially the poor, are visited in turn. —The Rev. Samuel Clements, of Ohio, has accepted the position of Principal of the Pro-testant Episcopal Mission House in this city. In this house young men are prepared for the work of foreign missions. Among its investigation work of foreign missions. Among its inmates are two Chinamen, two North American In-dians, some colored men from the West Indies, and a number of others, of various nationalities.

-A new Bethel, called the "Church of our Saviour for Seamen," was opened in New York on Sunday, January 9, with appropriate ser-vices. It is a floating church, constructed on the margin of the East River, at the foot of Pike street. Rev. Robert W. Lewis is in charge. The building is thirty-five feet high. It is built on a enough of the Savier and should be foot do a scow 40 by 80 feet, and about six feet deep. The total cost is about \$20,000.

-A committee of trustees have reported, re-commending the removal of the General Theo-logical Seminary from New York to some portion of Westchester county, within a short distance from that city. The present property is worth \$400,000; and, as no income comes from worth \$400,000; and, as no income comes from it, and the assessments by the city authorities are \$20,060 this year, it is retained for its present purpose at a loss. Among the plans suggested is that the Seminary, Columbia College, and Trinity School should unite in securing ample grounds, and combine to form a grand University.

PRESBYTERIAN.

-The First Presbyterian Church at Lexing-ton, Kentucky, has given a call to the Rev. Wil-liam Dinwiddie, of Greenwood, Albemarle county, Virginia.

-An interesting part of the services in the South Street Presbyterian Church, above Ele-

paper in Chicago has been subscribed. It will probably be called *The Interior*. Rev. Arthur Swazey is the principal editor; and Rev. W. E. McLaren, of Detroit, and Eev. J. C. Matthews,

of Chicago, are elected as his associates. -Rev. George Gilfillan, of Dundee, has lately been stirring up the United Presbyterians of Scotland by denying his belief of all the Cate-chism. He is threatened with an ecclesiastical But he says there are points of the Catechism which nobody believes. We see an opinion frequently expressed by British, though seldom American Presbyterians, that their standards are "cumbrous" and need cutting down. --The Eyansville, Ind., Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. P. E. Kumler, pastor, has a system of charch work which puts each of its members on one of its committees of labor. There are committees on canvass for congregation and Sabbath school, prayer-meetings, neighborhood meetings, Sabbath school socials, chunch pa-pers and literature, the sick and poor, tempe-rance and finance. The result of the plan for a year showed an increase of benevolent contribations from \$395 to \$1015, and of subscriptions for congregational expenses and for wiping out a debt from \$5767 to \$13,749. At the beginning a debt from \$5767 to \$13,749. At the beginning of last year a system of regular giving was adopted, and a change made from the rented to the free-pew system, with the most happy results. More additions to the church have been received than for several years before. —The Committee on Reconstruction of the Synods and Presbyteries of the Church in the United States of America have had a meeting, and determined, among other things, upon a division of the Church into twenty-nine synods. They also recommend the limitation of appeals

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REFORMED.

-The Reformed Church Board of Domestic Missions appeals to the people for help, as its treasury is in debt above five thousand dollars, and some of the missionaries have not been paid

their scanty allowance for a year. —The effort to endow Franklin and Marshall College, by the dollar subscription plan, is meeting with some success. One church has raised \$263; another in the German section of

Talsed \$205; another in the German section of the State, \$1284; others, \$860, \$424, etc. —Rev. James Hardenbergh, D. D., died in York city on the 22d ult., in the seventieth year of his age. He was at one time pastor of the First Reformed Dutch Church in Philadelphia. Of late years his health had been much impaired. He was most recently anoncod in micates much He was most recently engaged in mission work in New York.

In New York. —The First Synod of the (German) Reformed Church of North America met in this city 123 years ago, composed of 31 ministers and elders, representing a few thousand souls. Now the Synod has 200 delegates, representing 550 ministers 1200 congregations and 250 000 here. ministers, 1200 congregations, and 250,000 bap-

tized members. —A sub-committee of the Trustees of New Brunswick Theological Seminary was appointed recently to secure the means and purchase a profestor-house (the fourth now secured) for the Suydam Professor. The committee was composed of Messrs. James Suydam, Gardner A. Sage, and the Rev. Dr. Cornell. This committee, without going beyond its own number, raised the sum of eighteen thousand dollars, purchased a beautiful property, and now present it to the General Synod.

CATHOLIC.

-The London Catholic Mirror gives some incidents of an audience which the Pope gave to the American bishops. The writer thus men-tions the Pope's reference to religious liberty;-

tions the Pope's reference to religious liberty; — "He then referred to the subject of liberty of religious worship, which, ac said, in view of the establishment of His Church by our Lord as the ark of safety and salvation, with his positive revelation of the truth, could not be recognized in principle, since all were bound to hear, be-lieve, and obey God; but which might, however, from particular circumstances of diversity of sects and denominations, become a social neces-sity, as it is, he said, in the United States, where there are so many different religions. He then, laughing, called to mind that declaration of Mr. Cass, the former Amarican Minister at Rome, telling him that the United States was "the most religious country in the world,' having churches and creeds of every sort, to suit all sentiments, views, and opintons. It was cer-tainly destrable that all should have sentiments, views, and opinions. It was cer-tainly desirable that all should believe and obey the one truth, and where they were thus divided into creeds and churches there was nothing to be done but to leave them to their responsibility to God. In the United States, said he, the Church is left free with the rest, and I see not how there could be any arrangement there which could be more favorable to her." He adds:

noticed that several of the bishops when "I noticed that several of the bishops when leaving placed on the Pope's table the offerings of their dioceses. Towards the last the Arch-bishop of San Francisco came forward with his gifts, among which was a splendid gold snuff-box filled with gold pieces, from twenty-dollar pieces down, all Californiagold—sent, I believe, by Dr. Cooke, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The Pope was seemingly delighted with the offering; and, as the Arch-bishop of Baltimore before leaving tendered the Pope a pinch of spuff from his box, the Holy

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