

We had no sooner cast anchor in the harbor of Cronstadt (it needed something to divert my attention, for I had been staring at the forts and their embrasures, especially at one circular one shelving from the top, like a Siltion cheese in tolerably advanced cut, till the whole sky swarmed before me, a vast plain of black dots.)

The Rev. Samuel E. Appleton will deliver a sermon on the subject of Total Abstinence, before the Order of Good Templars, by request of the Society, on Sunday evening next the 19th Inst., in St. Paul's Church. Services will commence at 7 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Grimes, of the Presbyterian Church, will preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Columbia, to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock.

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Philadelphia Correspondence.

It is not surprising that we often see persons who love novelty better than devotion, and a stirring discourse more than the usual routine of liturgical services, wandering past the doors of "the church," toward some conventicle where genius is more potent than ceremony, and eloquence more attractive than the devotions of "two or three gathered together."

The speaker concluded by saying that as the soul of the betrayer had in the fulfillment of this system of moral adaptation found its own place, so also, even to this day, do the souls of the departed go away to their own places forever.

These thoughts, (perhaps seemingly premature) were suggested by a visit on Sunday evening to the First Presbyterian Church, in Arch Street, above Tenth, of which the Rev. Chas. Wadsworth is the pastor.

The services were begun as usual with a chant by the choir, accompanied by an organ of wonderful power and sweetness; this chanted two verses in the story of the Prodigal Son.

THE TONNAGE TAX.—Some of the papers in the Western counties of this State, which have been opposed to the removal of the tonnage tax imposed by the State on the Pennsylvania railroad, are opening their eyes to the fact that the company does not pay the tax, but that it comes out of the pockets of the producers who use the railroad.

As this universal law of fitness and adaptation is found in physical nature, so also does it exist throughout the moral government of God. To every one of his creatures has he appointed "his place," to his own place shall every man finally go, and his own moral wants and character shall determine the condition of that place.

PAID OF MAGAZINE WRITERS.—The Saturday Press, in an article on "Literary Pay," says that Harper's Magazine pays its writers from \$7 50 to \$10 dollars per page; the Atlantic Monthly from \$5 to \$10; the Knickerbocker \$3, which is equal to \$5 for Harper and \$6 for the Atlantic; the North American Review \$1 50 per page.

A bill before the Arkansas Legislature to prohibit the sale of patent medicines.

Lodgings for Boots.

A Georgia exchange tells the following "booby" story: A short time ago one of our citizens, who loves his joke as well as folks usually do, had occasion to visit one of the small towns in the interior of the State, and knowing he would have considerable walking over muddy roads, he took with him a pair of long rubber boots.

"We usually charge," answered the landlord, who also had some fun in his composition, "twenty-five cents; but if a man goes to bed with his boots as they are, (pointing to his customer's feet) "we charge fifty cents."

"There is fifty cents for my supper and breakfast and fifty cents for my lodging," said the landlady.

"Yes," returned the traveler, "under ordinary circumstances; but in this case fifty cents is not too much."

"The d—l he did!" exclaimed the landlord, rushing up stairs. His wife followed, to learn the meaning of such strange proceedings, and found her husband with the bed clothes turned down, and her head looking more fit to plant potatoes in than it did for any human being to sleep in.

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RIGHTS OF RAILWAY PASSENGERS.—The following statement of rules and regulations is based upon actual decisions of Courts, in the various cases relating to the several subjects mentioned:

It has been legally decided that applicants for tickets can be ejected from the cars if they do not offer the exact amount of their fare. Conductors are not bound to make change. All railroad tickets are good until used, and conditions "good for this day only," or otherwise limiting the genuineness, are of no account.

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