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Philadelphia Correspondence.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15, 1858. Sunday Matters.—Rev. Mr. Wadsworth—A Sermon—Rain—Market Hours—The Large Hotel—The Pennsylvania—Mr. Forney.

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." Nor would we be understood as intimating that there exists a certain degree of paucity or barrenness in one or other mode of church exercises. Take for instance examples of two very different kinds of worship, that of the Presbyterian and that of the Episcopal denominations. In the former, the prominent feature is, the expounding teaching and enforcing some doctrine of theology, or law of the Divinity, while the exercises of prayer, praise, and the reading of Scriptures especially, are subordinate parts of the service. But in the Episcopal form, the case is precisely the reverse; in this, the main object of congregational services seems to be the worship of the Supreme Being, by prayers and hymns, in which the pastor and the people unite their voices, and by frequent readings of the Scriptures, while entirely subordinate to these exercises are the expounding of certain texts and the elucidation of certain doctrines by the pastor. Hence, it follows that there is in fact no such urgent necessity in the last named branch of the Christian church for preachers of genius and great eloquence as exists among the majority of the sects. It seems a matter of much more importance that men of exemplary piety, sound sense, and learning, should be chosen to lead the services of assembled worshippers, than individuals whose talents and eccentricities may alternately attract or repel, delight or disgust. On the fitness and super-excellence of either mode of worship, we have neither the ability nor disposition to decide; and whether enlightened communities should assemble together to worship their Creator only, or to be in part edified and instructed by the logical and eloquent discourses of an accomplished orator, we will gladly leave to sagacious, or to enthusiasts to determine, content to take a plain and common-sense view of things as they are exhibited by social requirements or individual tastes. And in this view, it seems probable that for the conversion of men, the exhortatory, or Presbyterian method, is the most efficient, while for the edification and improvement of christianized people, the services of Episcopacy are not without their peculiar beauty and fitness.

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 chant was two verses in the story of the Prodigal Son—I will arise and go to my Father &c. Next in order, the pastor offered a brief prayer, and read part of a chapter from the New Testament. After the singing of a hymn, Mr. Wadsworth made one of those singularly poetical prayers—part of oration, part petition, and no small portion analytical essay—for which he is so remarkable; his theme was the wonderful attributes of the Deity, our inability to comprehend them, and yet our obligation to receive them by faith as revealed in God's word and works. Then followed another hymn, after which the Rev. gentleman read his text in the 25th verse of the 1st chapter of the Acts of the Apostles—"Judah by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

The exordium contained a brief glance at the proofs which exist, all over the Universe, of an omnipotent Creator; not so much from the existence of matter and animal life, as from the wonderful adaptation and harmonious working of all the parts in God's creation; not so much from the creation as the mechanism of nature. In like manner, while contemplating the structures of human ingenuity, the mind of the beholder is not so much excited by the formation of the mortar and brick and glass, as by the peculiar adaptation of these materials to the necessities of the structure, the placing of the brick where solidity is required, the fixing of the glass where transparency is needed. So in the mechanism of man himself, it is not quite so wonderful, certainly not so indicative of an intelligent cause, that the bones and muscles were put in, to help make up the living creature, that the eye and the ear were given him for use and adornment, as that all these parts and members are in their structure most admirably adapted for their offices, and put in the precise places where they may be used to the best advantage.

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. Now to bring our argument to bear directly on the subject matter of the text. We are told that that betrayer—of whom the Saviour had said—"Better for that man if he had never been born"—when he departed from the scenes of this life, went "to his own place." Surely then we cannot doubt that at least one soul out of the millions created since the beginning, has gone to its final and appropriate abode. In the plain and brief narration of this fact connected with the sacrifice of Christ, we have no right to think of the soul of Judas "translated into another sphere," for "future development." Oh, no! the word of God cannot by the language of the text mean to convey any such idea; it cannot mean, that even now, somewhere in the vast impenetrable realms of gloom which make the confines between the present and the eternal life,

Lodgings for Boots.

A Georgian 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. He arrived at his destination about 9 o'clock in the evening, and upon inquiry, he found the only tavern in the place was half a mile from the station. No conveyance was to be had, and the road was muddy in the extreme. Congratulating himself on having his long boots, he set off and found the mud in some spots so deep his boots were barely long enough. He reached the hotel at last, looking rather soiled about the feet. After supper, he inquired the charge for lodgings.

"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."

"A very good idea, I should think," returned the traveler.

After half an hour's conversation, the landlord showed him to his room, and they parted for the night mutually pleased with each other. The next morning our friend arose late, and inquiring for the landlord, learned that he had gone from home to attend to some business. After breakfast, he handed a dollar to the landlord's wife, saying:

"There is fifty cents for my supper and breakfast and fifty cents for my lodging."

"Twenty-five cents is all we charge for lodging," said the landlady.

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

The stranger departed, and the lady was deep in conjecture as to what could be the circumstances which required a man to pay double price for lodgings, when her husband returned.

"Has that man who slept in the front chamber come down yet?" he asked.

"Yes," answered his wife, "and he has gone away. He paid fifty cents for his lodgings, and said under the circumstances it was right."

"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.

"You saw that man when he came here last night?" said her husband.

"Yes," "You saw his boots, didn't you?" "Yes," "Well," said the landlord, "the infernal cuss slept in 'em."

A few days after, the traveler, on his return home, put up again at the same tavern. Neither himself or the landlord said anything about the boots, which were in about the same condition as on the previous occasion; but the landlady looked daggers at him, and eyed his boots with much anxiety. About 10 o'clock he said he would retire.

"And, by the way, landlord," said he, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "what do you usually charge for lodgings?" "We charge," answered the landlord, with tremendous emphasis, "twenty-five cents!"

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. Passengers are bound to observe decorum in the cars, and are obliged to comply with all reasonable demands to show tickets. Standing upon a platform, or otherwise violating a rule of the company, renders a person liable to be put from the train. No person has a right to monopolize more seats than he has paid for, and any article left in a seat, while the owner is temporarily absent, entitles him to the place on his return.

FLEXIBILITY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.—The College Record, published by the students of the Western Reserve College, gives a very good (true) story touching upon the comparative flexibility of the Latin and English languages:

"You will observe from this word," continued the Professor, "the great flexibility of the Latin language. 'Pater' is a father, and here we have 'Patrous,' an uncle on the father's side, and 'Propatrous' means a great uncle on the father's side. Can you make any such change in our language?—Pater, Patrous, Propatrous—father—is there any way you can change father into uncle, in English?"

"I don't think of any," replied the hopeful philologist, "unless you can get him to marry your aunt."

We give below an extract from a letter of an Irish American:

"Bridge it, darling, come across to me then; it's myself is doing a nate business here with a son of Father Malone's—sure it's with his brother I made. He keeps a whiskey store here, and I does the waitin. He told me the other morning that he had no money, and I told him that I would take part of the shock every Saturday as wages; but says he, sure, Pat, if I pay you that way, I will soon have no shock at all left, and you will have it all. Says I to him, says I, sure you can work for me then alanna, and earn it back again, and so we can keep it up, and he mashters month in and month out, and wages will come aisy to both of us."

DRAWING OUT CHILDREN.—Some persons pride themselves on their power of drawing out the intelligence of children by putting questions to them. And occasionally I have seen it well done; more frequently, very absurdly. The following is a specimen of a style of examination which I have myself more than once witnessed:—"What, dear cheldrun, what was it that swallowed Jonah? Was it a sh-sh-sh-sh-shark?"

"Yahs!" roared a host of voices. "Noa, dear cheldrun, it was not a shark. Then was it an al-al-al-allig-alligator?" "Yahs!" exclaimed the voices again. "Noa, dear cheldrun, it was not an alligator. Then was it a wh-wh-wh-whale?" "Noa!" roared the voices, determined to be right this time.

"Yahs, dear cheldrun, it was a whale."—Fraser's Magazine.

A good anecdote of Professor Agassiz is told in a new volume in press at Boston. The professor had declined to deliver a lecture before some lyceum or public society, on account of the irruptions which previous lectures given by him had made upon his studies and habits of thought. The gentleman who had been deputed to invite him, continued to press the invitation, assuring him that the society were ready to pay him liberally for his services. "That is no inducement to me," replied Agassiz; "I cannot afford to waste my time in making money."

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Table with columns: LEAVE EASTWARD, LEAVE WESTWARD, Philad., Lancaster, Arr. at Col., Har. Ac, Lanc. Ac, Har. Ac, Lanc. Ac.

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