Rev. Charles B. Spurgeon, England's Greatest Baptist.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, whose illness has been reported, has been for a quarter of a century a leading light of momination. When Henry the Baptist commination. When Henry Ward flower was in his full glory, which was a two close of the civil war, Spurgeon of added much the same place in England to the Beecher held in America. Few church going Americans visited New York is those days without attending Plymouta church, or would miss a chance to hear the famous pastor when he spoke in the interior. So Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London has long been a feature for English speaking tourists of religious habits when in London. To hear Spurgeon and see John Bunyan's hear Spurgeon and see John Bunyan's tomb were accomplishments usually marked down in the plan of people of the Baptist faith who made the tour of

Perhaps the position held by Spurgeon has its closest parallel in that of Mr. Beecher, although the two divines were

very unlike in many respects.
They were contemporaries; the fields they wrought in were much the same 司后 much the same and they were for a long period of years the most prominent pulpit speakers and pas-tors of the two

CHARLES H. SPURGEON. branches of the English race. Strangely enough, Spurgeon was the son of a Congregational minister. He was born at Kelvedon, Essex, in 1834. He became a Baptist com-municant while he was yet a very young man, and assumed the pastorate of a Baptist church at Waterford. He had already made local fame as a "boy preacher." From Waterford he went to New Park chapel, Southwark, London, and here he chapel, Southwark, London, and here he arose to immediate popularity. This was in 1853. From the New Park chapel he moved twice to larger halls, but they in turn proving inadequate the Metropolitan Tabernacle was projected for him, and was opened in 1861. The Tabernacle was dedicated free from debt. It is a monster building, seating between 5,000 and 6,000 people, and is located in Newington Butts. This building, with some modifications, is the present house of worship.

Butts. This building, with some modifications, is the present house of worship. The Tabernacle has been filled on nearly every occasion when Mr. Spurgeon occupied the pulpit. On several occasions when he has preached in a larger hall the congregation has been still greater. At the Crystal Palace and Agricultural hall, Islington, 20,000 people came to hear him. Notwithstanding his extraordinary power of drawing and holding hearers, Mr. Spurgeon is not an



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rator in the usual sense of the term. orator in the usual sense of the term.

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The Tabernacle where Mr. Spurgeon has gained such renown is a plain house of worship, having the appearance inside of a music hall. The auditorium is oval and has three light galleries all around it. The speaker's platform projects from the lower gallery, and vast as is the space around him, all are able to hear every word of the sermon.

The number of persons received into

The number of persons received into the church by Mr. Spurgeon is many thousands. His teaching has been strict-

his action led to a susie spurgeon. permanent sepa- SUSIE SPURGEON.
ration from the Baptist Union of Great ration from the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland the Tabernacle society and its pastor have remained Baptists in all the essentials of doctrine and practice. Mr. Spurgeon withdrew from the Union because he believed it too liberal and following the lead of the Broad Churchists in the cardinal doctrines of atonement, justification by faith, incarnation, total depravity and eternal punishment. After several conferences the difference was narrowed down to the

ishment. After several conferences the difference was narrowed down to the single point of eternal punishment, and the union declined to make belief in that a test of fellowship.

On the question of communion Mr. Spurgeon occupies middle ground between open and close. Those in his congregation who are Christians, but have never been baptized by immersion, may receive communion twice, but on prereceive communion twice, but on presenting themselves a third time, if they belong in the neighborhood, they are requested to become members by the usual

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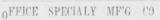
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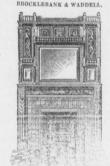
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	Cash in banks	263,462 54		263,462 5
	Cash on hand	22,537 41		22,587 4
	U. S. 4-per-cent bonds. Johnstown Water Co.	199,000 00		250,740 0
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:	bonds Pittsburgh 7-per-cent.	50,000 00		50,000
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1	bonds EastConemaugh school	200 00		200 0
r	bonds Millville borough	2,400 00		2,400 0
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