

Messiah's Advent.

"He came into his own, and his own received him not."—JOHN 1: 11.

Chenoo, Illinois.

It is cheering in these times of darkness and rebuke, to know that the work of evangelization still progresses.

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Prince of Wales "of age"—Other Princes of Wales—Better Times—Early Training—A Traveler and an Observer—His Visit to America, and his Memorials—The Cabinet versus Louis Napoleon and "Intervention"—The Princess Alexandra in England—The Coming Marriage and its Promise—Death of Lord Breadalbane—His Character and Antecedents—His Church and Country—The Prince of Wales in America—The "What Do We Mean?"—The Answer by the "Spectator"—The "Coming Trouble"—Ladies' Sanitary Reform Association.

Victoria of Kent, on that morning when Lord Melbourne and his colleagues waited on her with the news that she had succeeded to the throne in the world, will be hardly greater than that which awaited the young Princess who is shortly to come to these shores as a bride.

Had an appeal been made to the Free Church as a body, a vast sum would have flowed in, as matters stand, the same so-called class, possessed of means, have thus in one most delicate and grateful way possible, cheered the heart of a great and good man—even as they did a few years ago that of the lamented Cunningham.

loved sorrow for their brave sons slain, weep no more, yet fondly cherish the images of those lost ones, who may need be suddenly assailed by the Sicuro tempo, or Europe itself, with Turkey and Palestine be wrapt in the blaze of a conflagration unparalleled.

Thou art my portion, O Lord.—Ps. xvi: 57.

The wicked had their portion in this life.—Ps. xv: 14. It is an unsatisfying portion, a perishing portion. It does not get the wants of the soul; and in a little while it vanishes away.

Grades of Charities.

"Covet earnestly the best gifts." Not the most splendid and honorable for display in a vain and fleeting world, but the most profitable and useful; to the end that good may be accomplished and evil lessened in larger proportion in a sinful and miserable world; that the Lord, who has perhaps committed to one of his creatures talents, may not receive as though it had been given to a non-entity, as though it were a mere ornament, as though it were a mere ornament.

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THE PRINCE OF WALES having attained his majority on the 9th of November, now enters on public life. Many are the good wishes, and kindly aspirations of pious and patriotic feeling, breathed and expressed on his behalf.

THE PAST, coupled with change and death, is vividly recalled by the removal from this sublimity world, of an excellent Scotch nobleman, the Marquis of Tweeddale.

What was a sacred house; it reminded us of the one where Jesus used to resort. We never failed to find gold in the worn purse, food in the closet for the hungry, wine and soup for the sick, whenever we applied to the women who were "poor, yet making many rich."

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When jewels and costly dresses will have lost their charm, when the white robe of Christ's giving will have faded, and our two old-fashioned ladies will find their gold and silver, hoarded for his sake, safe for them, and all their charities, given so noiselessly that the left hand did not know what the right hand did, repaid a thousand fold!

What should be done for children? Can they be converted? Can they, while children, be made the subjects of Gospel power and grace? Should they be an object of parental, pastoral, and Sabbath School teachers, to labor for their present conversion? Why not? Are they not subjects of God's law? Have they not a moral nature; a conscience which continually accuses or excuses; moral tastes, which lead them to delight in good or evil, in right or wrong? Are they not, especially so, as the children of believing parents, the subjects of God's covenant promises? Do they not now in the morning of life, forming characters which will control their whole future conduct, and influence for good or ill the entire community in which they move? Is not the child father to the man? What then should be done for children?—a question for pastors; certainly a solemn, earnest one for all parents.

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

What avails the blood of Christ? It avails, what mountains of good works heaped up by us—what columns of the incense of prayer curling up from our lips toward heaven—and what streams of tears of penitence gushing from our eyelids never could avail.

THE OUTSIDE AND THE HEART.

It was quite an annoyance to a fashionable family, in our church, that two old ladies, who adhered to a very ancient mode of dress, occupied the pew before them every Sunday.

A WELCOME GUEST.

Luther once visited a dying student, and asked him what he thought he could take to God, in whose presence he was shortly to appear. The young man replied: "Everything that is good, dear father—everything that is good."

GOD RECOGNIZED IN CHRIST.

When you look through a red glass, the whole heavens appear bloody; but through pure uncolored glass, you receive the clear light that is so refreshing and comfortable to behold.