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|  | Tre woman's temperance union |  |  |
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| 隹 | in | I became insensible, and quite forgot The lantern. The next morning | Witt Talmage respesting an |
| Catholic than Italy. Govern. | of it. We commend the id other organizations. The hop | the - was found on the rocks, | purity |
| ment and the upper class affect a Catholic devotion they do not feel | struggle with want makes m | cause of it ; for had the light been | "The time has come for some one |
| As to the mass of the people, they | man reckless. Good |  |  |
| do believe in | is a kindness | cois |  |
| ne only |  |  |  |
| sees bigoted old women." If this |  | preyed upon my mind |  |
| Papacy must change its | drown in the rum glass | and I could not die without telling |  |
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| Авволд.-There are many Uni- |  |  |  |
|  | Pope |  |  |
|  | would involve supply. The Catholic Re ter | find her out, if possi |  |
| tury of the reformation....The | indignant thereat. | The old lighthouse-keper died |  |
| D., |  | soon after. His wishes were obeyed, and it seemed like a voice |  |
| Church of Scotland, is | of |  |  |
| had been fifty years in the min- |  |  |  |
| y...The Church of England | to be caught, and |  |  |
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| ety has an Arabic congre- |  |  |  |
| on and several schools.....The | earth's affairs on the 18 |  |  |
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| Chinese church at Shanghai | fourth are the Catholics. |  |  |
|  | Tne Rev. John S. Clarke, living |  |  |
| gregation numbers from 200 to 300. | at Ashland, near Catskill, New | reader? Are your sins bloted out? |  |
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| nd |  | ow, | ing, groaning, stupendous, over- |
|  | ware tribe are members of the 1 |  |  |
| China is estimated | tist church and their shief is a B |  | The ctye needs thorongh tumiga- tion. Will somebody burn a rag. |
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|  | eates | The man thus attacked poured forth | them 123 feet of printed pollution. Give to the houtes of shame |
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| e preparations are being made the occasion....The Arcl- | ed off the coast of She had on bo | captor. Macaulay, satisfied with |  |
| for the occasion....The Arch- bishop of Toulouse has issued a |  |  |  |
| pastoral letter against spiritualism | crew and several passengers. All | nothing more of the man. But |  |
| ......In 1874, there were 222 Bap. |  |  |  |
| curches and 10,000 | name ot the ship was found out only |  |  |
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| have given $\$ 30,000$ | ,y this |  |  |
| ishment of a home |  |  |  |
| cted and suffering children | captain had ventured so near the captain 1 the |  |  |
| in that city. This was in answer to an appeal issued by Mr. Moody |  |  |  |
| ring the late revival in tha | A lighthouse stood on the very |  |  |
| Paganism | ed to pieces, |  |  |
|  | months ago the lighthouse keeper |  |  |
| , | was taken seriously ill. The man, |  |  |
| at which $\$ 65,000$ were secured. | wh |  |  |
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| Clegston, by whose effiorts |  |  |  |
| 000 have been raised for | The dying man said that he had |  |  |
| -k......The Moravian m | kept the secret for many years, but | Who, as he conceived, had put |  |
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 negro's degradation which, found
in a Southern paper, would be interpreted as an expression of the
hatred that Southern people are supposed to cherish toward the
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ings of a convention of the mis.
sionaries and teachers working f he American Missionary Associ Georgia. A correspondent of th journal writes as follows respecting


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 negrees have been going chard
the Independent states a fact that
 reve. The churches of the o orth
have bitherto
labored under the coanse of the negro's debasement, was removed the slive, with a
elasticity that would overwhelm his former owner with chagrin, would
ascend to the level of the inteliigent freeman, capable of self.gov-
ernment: and of the christian, com prehending he doctrine and de-
sign of christianity and illustrating in his life the purity of its precepts.
This programme has failed, and now they furnish the world a picture moral degradation of the negro
that fills the hearts of all who pity is not the sole cause of the degrathe Northern religious press to point out a tribe in all the land visited by telligence, morality and religious fsith, are as far advanced as were
the Southern negroes when emancipation took them from under the
religious instruction of the Southreligious instruction of the South-
e:n churches and committed the
who claimed to be their especial guardians. The cause of their ig-
norance, superstition and low grade of morals is not to be found in their rormer relations to society nor the
defective instructions of former reTigious teachers, but to the same who labors in other flelds. The discovery of the real state of the col-
ored people may lead to wiser counsels in their behalf. K s the ideal negro disappears, the public mind
will apprehend the real difficulties will apprehend the real dinculties and will clearly understand the $p$ in close contact with this portion of

## our population-pronounced by the

tense of religion or conscience."
What this journal and the Atlant convention are just finding out has
lang been understood by the South ern people ; yet, they have not bee indifferent to the wants of thes poor creatures: before the war, the for the religious instruction of the for the religious instruction of the
negro than all churches Dorth wer

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 nitan people understood the character ofthe negro, and bore patiently with as weaknesses. His religion often
assumed form strangely grotesque assumed form strangely grotesque
to a cultivated mind, yet multitudes
of the children of Ham on the cotto a cultivated mind, yel mulutudes
of the children of Ham on the cot-
ton, sugar, and rice plantations of
the Gulf States were devout chrishe Gulf States were devout chris-
ians. White preachers willingly expounded gospel truths to these
sons of darkness ;" many pious owners faithfully taught them the beauties of religion; thousands of
them rejoiced that, under a strange providence, they had been brought
to this land where they could hear about the Savior of sinners. The Southern churches have been re-
ieved to a large extent of their relieved to a arge extent of their re-
sponsibility touching the welfare of
the negro. They have been coolly the negro. They have been coolly
elbowed out of the way by North ern churches, and their labors and
acrifices in the mission field have been ignored, and the colored people persuaded that their former relig. to return them to the condition slavery. Many went into other churches, many chose preachers of
their own color as their spiritual guides, and multitudes have consequently, in one decade, gravitated
to a level little removed from the debasing superstitions of their ancestors. If the "colored Baptst
and Methodists of the South" are in the condition described by the Inde-
pendent, those who have had their
guardianship during their ten years of freedom are alone responsible.
OATHOLIC INCONSISTENOY. Some of the Catholic papers ar
irecting attention to the fact the constitution of New Hampshire prohibits a member of the Catholic
church qualifying as a legislator in otry of other days, this provision
should be blotted out speedily a possible. It is a reproach to Protest antism, and opposed to it in spirit
and in letter. At the same time journals because the shadow of in inlerance falls upon their church is tast ; being, as it it, the
in bad spirit that has ever characterize
Catholicism when dominant a short time since, the power of the priesthood deprived every citizen
of Mexico of the freedom of conscience, and even now the renuncin
tion of priestly authority and pro fession of Protestantism expose
the "heretic" to deadly peril. With in the last few months, the blood otryartyr has proclaimed the big
otry of that church, and yet with th one and authority of apostles tyranny that robs one of its mem-
mers of only a political right Catholics of New Hampshire ar entitled to every right and privilege pays taxes and rendew allegiance
to the government-and so are the Protestants of Mexico, of Brazil, of Rome.
The Interior Department is send a geologist to the Black Hills.
If rich in minerals, the government will negotiate for it ; if poor, it will
respect the rights of "Poor Lo!" Since the close of the late war, the Sunday-school connected
with the First Baptist church at Nashville has raised $\$ 20,000$. W guarantee the Sunday-school work There are in Texas 82 priest 8.5 churches, 165 chapels, and Catholic population estimated a
200,000 , The estimate embraces al the members of families-baptized children, etc.-and the Mexicans
on our Western frontier. Thase figures show that Catholics are not dle in this State.
geon's prayer-meetings, says tha the evening being wet there was only about 1500 in attendance; and say further that the average attendance
is 3000 . Eloquence may attract crowds on Sunday, but only genu
ine devotion can sustain a week-da prayer-meeting.

## "PEOULIAR VIEWS."

It was spoken of God's people
that they should be a "peculiar

CHANGE OF HEART. \begin{tabular}{l|l}
It is not so \& $\begin{array}{l}\text { and dreamers may choose to apply; } \\
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miss the mark, religiously, \& death unto tife. We may have the
\end{tabular} when they are led by teachers week or two since, they seem to

have lost their identity, and the ave lost their identity, and the
ievos, but not the people, seem eo peculiarity of many persons
holding membership in the churches holding membership in the churches
of every denomination. But as this paper does not claim to be the
rgan of the church which makes is flings at the "wild whirl of a religious throng where all is stim. ulated and excited to an extraordinary pitch of sentimental en
husiasm"-and which church husiasm"-and which church eaches more fully the doctrine change of heart, but for the rea on they think it religion mad style-we will allude only to some of the many very peculia ple, the Methodists. We sometimes
fear, though we judge not, that fear, though we judge not, that
many look upon church vow as a matter of form, having no
solemnity. $\quad$ We must remember that they are never forced, but al ways voluntary. God invites, but
never coerces. His ministers plead,
but they can use no furce; hence we assert that those who promise
to renounce the devil and his works, the vain pomp, of the world, and
the lust of the flesh, and to be sub
ject to the rules and discipline of
the church, take vows of the
greatest solemnity-for the fulfillment of which they must stand
in judgment before Jehovah's awful
in judgment before Jehovais aish to
throne. Now, we do not wo
be understood as opposing either mental or physical growth, neither
mental nor physical exercise ; mental nor physical exercise ; but w
desire also a spiritual growth, and
we do hold that it is rery peenlia
and passing strange that, not the
only, but one of the finest recrea-
tions of the mind, one that is very
tions of the mind, one that is very
expansive in its influences, is the
Black Crook, the Can-Can and the Bath Scenes at Long Branch are
put forth as some of the intellectua entertainments for the development
of the mind! besides, character-to say nothing of form-is fully and
faithfully portrayed. Of course faithfully portrayed. Of course
rope jumping, walking, open-ai
exercise, and anything of this kind is among the things of the past,
and indulgences in such thing would trouble some people as much
as does emotional religion our cotemporary, the Neers. But the
fetid and impure air of the crowded ball-room, the square dance and the
delightful embrace of the waltz, and other round dances, are now she panaceas for all physical las
situdes and weakness. But grant situdes and weakness. But gran opinion, are these peculiar viem in keeping with church vows? is God? and do not the indulgences in these peculiar ways magnify the
nordinate love of the world until it becomes an insurmountable ba
rier in the pilgrim's progress An inordinate love of the worl barques freighted with immortal age from earth to a haven of satety aud an unending calm ; and peculiar
ceevs have bridged many chasm in the broad road to hell, which is Worldly pleasures are often in dalgences and diversions which cannot be taken in the name of the
Lord ; and no views, however peculiar, can make the law of Go We would not have any one feit that life is a dreary waste, with n pathway; a day of gloom with not rift in the clouds through which
the bright sunlight he bright sunlight of heaven can
hine ; or a starless night. And such is not the christian's life ; "th
way of the transgressor is hard," way of the transgressor is hard,
and "the soul that sinneth shall die," but the path of the just grows
brighter with accumulating years, brighter with accumulating years,
and though it passes through the dark valley, the star which guided
the shepherds over the hills of
Juda will light the christian's pathJuda will light the christian's path
way until disolves in the bright-
ness of eternal day. $* * * * *$
vearing the holy ermine of the
ministry, who, for the sake of gain or popularity, teach and preach
dogmas of the most extravagant nature, and which are received Our surprise, however, is not so great that there are found those to maintain their peculiar dogmas error in matters of such great inTake as a
sample of unwarranted assumption hhe theory held in reference
that great doctrine taught in word of God, and which of neesesity underites all true practical re-
ligious life, $i$. e., a change of heart, or renewal by the Holy Ghost, and
$\qquad$ sult in spirituality is so meagre.
virtually assumed that there such thing, in fact; and that, after all,
the development, progress and perfecthe development, progress and perfec-
tion of religious character is nothing more than the result of con-
tinual gradations of selfculture and discipline.
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themselves and teir themselves and their sect as be
leering the doctrine stronger than any other church; but then, as if
all men were blind but themselves, proceed to define the whole thing out
of existence by assuming that this great work-in-wrought by the Holy Spirit-is not to be attained but by
slow and gradual processes. You
must not expect to become at once the must not expect to become at once the
recipient of the direct testimony of the Spirit of God, but must pursue
the hope to the end of an indefinite period, notwithstanding we are
taught by the word of the Lord "He that believeth on the Son of
God natu the witness in himself." What witness? that he has sub
mitted to some external rite-bap tism, or confirmation, or some other
form and will therefore at some future time become the child of
God? Nay, verily! such is no the doctrine of Jesus Christ. He
taught the ruler that came to him by night, that "except a man be
born again" he could not enter into the kingdom of Gol, and that it was
the work of no external ngency of Holy Ghost. Not slowly and grad-
ually, but instantaneously. "The wind bloweth where it listeth; and
thou canst hear the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it comet nor whither it goeth : so is ever
one that is born of the Spirit." comes at once. As we feel the re
freshing breeze that comes upo
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we are nore children of adoption-
y, at a future time, but already accepted in the beloved." "Be--"therefore God hath sent forth"hearts His spirit, crying, Abb
Father!" "For ye have no Father :" "For ye have no gain to fear ; but the spirit of adop-
ion, whereby we cry, Abba Father The spirit itself beareth witne with our spirit that we are"-no These scriptures amply set asid the vain and dangerous assumption
cherished by a certain class eachers we wot of who practically deny what they profess to believ
and hold more tenaciously tha anybody else. We would counsel
such that it would be wise for the jewel abore that consistency is
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$\qquad$ hope that anything short of the
actual witness of the spirit of Goid hat you are accepted and adopte into His family will afford you
true and safe hope of heaven.
$\qquad$ modern systems of subtle infidelity
to mislead and overthrow you Better be called an enthusiast, or
anything else these wild fanatics
os that enlightened communities the year show an increase of 12,. Hatfield and Lull, and the Darien will allow themselves to be led into 000,000 francs over the exports of surveys by Commanders Selfridge

## PASSING EVENTS.

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 ..The peat bogs of Ireland ..The peat bogs of Ireland Scotland are giving out....The or the in India will cost $\$ 1,250$, ,$\qquad$
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$\qquad$demand for india rubber is caus-ration of the foris of Darien. The independent In-ans oppose. Troops will be furnish-by the government of N. Grenada
protect the collectors of Cout-houc.
$\qquad$such disasters with New Englandlay would stop such folly....Spell-ing matches are now styled "Thethinks it is a funny notion for theUnited States to invite foreign man-ufacturers to compete at the Phila-
delphia exhibition, when a protec-ive tariff prevents their competi-解 in the American market...
Strates were opened in the Unitedance Alliance suggests that if handswere paid off on Monday instead ofSaturday night, that many a dollar
, uandered for liquor on Sundaywould be used for the benefit of theives and children of the laborers... An engineer, on a branch of theErie railroad since 1852, has run732,940 miles, or more than twenty-Hoosac tunnel is four miles long, and
$\qquad$Iowa, is defaulter to the amount of$100,000 \ldots$ During a high wind in
Cincinnati, a short time since,Clank pavement was lifted from its ing the deck he began to fire on theplace: one of the planks knoeked a matineers. The latter retreatedman by name of Finnegan down, to the deck house, where they werea wagon run over and killedThe loss caused by the fire
arForty sinots fired at the... A woman calling herself Mrs.D. C. Elliott has swindled Rich-mond, Norfolk and Petersburbanks by means of raised drafts.
An ex-conductor was killed byan Adams' Express messenger in
Cincinnati, after the messenger
had received two shots. He wastrying to rob the express......
Richard Moss (colored) was hangedRichard Moss (colored) was hangedfor murder at Point a la Hachi, La.
the 7 th.Shurwreck. - The steamshipSchiller, of the Eagle line, Capt.Thomas, sailed from New York for
Eamburg April 28th, and at tenCamburg April 28th, and at ten
o'clock on the night of the 7th wawrecked off the Scilly Isles.fog prevailed and prevented themseeing the lighthouse. Only forty,at last accounts, were saved of the
passengers or crew. Upwards oftwo hundred went down with the
vessel. The scenes at the officesvessel. The scenes at the offices
of agents at New York and Ham-of agents at New York and Ham-
burgh, when relatives came for
news of theirnews of their loved ones on the
ill-fated vessel and found theirworst fears confirmed, were terriblypainful. The Schiller was a new
vessel, valued at $\$ 7000000$. Shehad in gold on board $\$ 300,000$with valuable freight.General Items.-On the 5th,the Supreme Conclave of the OrderHeptasophs met at Indianapolis,Representatives from nearly all theStates and territories present...The suit against the city of Bos-
ton for the value of goods andton for the value of goods and
buildings blown up during the greatfire to prevent the spread of the
flames has been decidedflames has been decided in favor of
the defendants...The comman-dery of the Knights Templar met,Ge Gth, in Chattanooga.... Ben
Hill is elected to Congress from.Ninth District, Georgia....GenMcNeill, commander of the troonat Cheyenne agency, reports thatfifty-seven Indians who were tried
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Commercial. WEEKLY REVIEW

There has been a somewhat
greater degree of activity apparent past week than had been apparent been quite a large number of interior merchants and planters in
the city, most of whom have operated to a greater or less extent, been by no means heavy there has been sufficient improvement to be
decidedly noticeable in most if dscidedly noticeable in most if not is but spasmodic and due largely to the fact that the State Fair now in
progress in the neighboring city of Houston attracted many to that point who afterward came to this
market to make purchases. While we can hope for no great degree of
activity during the summer months, we look forward to a steady, though of course limited demand for most classes of goods, owing to the fact
that there has been a decided that there has been a decided
aversion on tbe part of interior merchants to accual and immediate re quirements-preferring to order
more frequently, which they will continue to do to some extent, even
during the usual dull season, thus preventing the almost entire ab-
 frequently a marked feature in
business circles for two or three
months in the year. Though it is as yet early for our merchants decide fully as to the prospects of
the coming fall season, we note the coming fall season, we note ever, for such classes of poods for which orders must be in the hands of manufacturers some time in ad-
vance, as well as for those which vance, as well as for those which
are to be imported from England and
the Continent. As yet, few of our the Continent. As yet, few of our
dealers have left for the purpose of making purchases, most of the movement thus far having been in
the way of orders. There is, however, a very hopeful feeling on the part of the mercantile community
generally in reference to an infall and winter, indications of whici fall and winter, indications of whit
are fully as favorable as could expected so far in advance. Crop prospects still continue fa
vorable for the season, and the out look in all directions is encouraging.
The fact that money in all the great centres of trade is now seek-
ing investment much more liberally ing investment much more liberally
than has for a long time previously been apparent, is at least indicative of a partially renewed confidence Which can but tend to an in bides and wool, the movement has not been heavy during the week,
though such lots of the former have come to hand have been have come to hand have been
readily taken up at ruling figures. The market for wool has been The market for wool has been
quiet owing to the fact that the
demand in Northern markets has thus far been limited, because of the purchase lightly until the probable inquiry for manufactured goods can be more fully determined, which has naturally tended to depress
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