

REFORM AMONG THE CLERGY.

Among the most gratifying signs of the time, we note the improvements in the pulpit. Twenty years ago, you, ten years since, a visit to the church was but to hear the doleful sound of the tomb drummed into the ear, along with the comforting assurance that unless you believed just as the preacher believed, your portion would be eternal hellfire and damnation.

To be a preacher then, was easy; the man of God, had only to learn certain set forms of prayer, which sometimes were interlarded with petitions to Heaven to remove the ungodly from the earth, and this was supplemented by a sermon which was replete in invective and certain in its tone regarding the future state of the sinner. There were no new ideas introduced. Each pulpit pounder deemed it his duty to slather up a certain amount of brimstone in his sermon, and if possible to create a panic among the worldlings. When possible a "revival" was introduced and then was the harvest of the average preacher. When he lacked in common sense, he made up in volume of voice; what was denied to him by nature he recompensed in the fiery denunciations he made of sinners. Arguments were useless when the Bulls of Basdan bellowed, and reason fled when the "grover" was on the preacher. Men of culture, refinement and scholarship laid aside their gifts on entering the temple. To reason was to doubt; to doubt was sin, and the sinners end was a surplus bath in the reeking hell of immortality. Thus was the world fed with the husks of Theology, until came the Deluge of Doubt and then came the Reformation. The clergy saw that their power was departed and that it was time for them to accommodate themselves to the great influx of light shed from Modern Science. Hence there has been a steady advance made by the priests during the last few years and great improvements made in their sermons. No longer do we hear the rough, uncut throatings of a lion's head, but instead is related the wonderful love of Jesus. No longer do the thunders roll from Sinai, but instead we hear the gentle pleadings of the Sermon on the Mount. No longer does the devil with forked tail and cloven hoof rant over the earth, but we hear only the pleasant fannings of angel's wings as they watch over our pillows. No more do we hear (except in isolated cases) the load-mouthed fulminations of a Jonah, but instead of that the modern minister appeals to the sober senses, lauds the beauties of Nature, and from thence leads us up as willing worshippers to Nature's God.

We congratulate the clergy, as well as the people, on this wonderful reformation, and whatever we can do to uphold or strengthen them, the ministry will find in The Democrat, a willing helper.—Othman Democrat.

BOGGERNATH SACHIPICES.

A Calcutta letter of Sept. 23 to the London Times says:

Two more deaths from an idol-cult are just reported from a village in Madras, near Cape Comorin. This is surprising, for the object of the recent discussion in Bengal has been to reduce the Juggernaut cars to the small size and lightness of those of Madras, which are made of bamboo. The Bengal Government is now issuing the final orders on this subject, after its correspondence with the Government of India. Magistrates of districts are instructed to take all steps necessary to prevent danger to life or safety on such occasions, to ascertain in such cases that proper precautions are taken by the parties concerned, and to see that no one is compelled to drag the car against his will. They are warned to avoid the scandal of the past season, and not themselves to undertake the mechanical arrangements necessary to the safe dragging of the car. The next festival in June and July will, I fear, show a repetition of the accidents of past years, unless the magistrates do what this order really means them to do, suppress the 40-foot cars as a dangerous nuisance under the Criminal Procedure Code section, from which there is no appeal.

ABJECT POVERTY.—A case of the most sordid poverty, which in a measure serves to show the extremes in which many of the poorer classes are placed, was reported by a police officer at the House for Little Wanderers, a few days since. The officer, in the performance of his duties, had his attention called to two half-dad children wandering about the streets with bare heads and feet, in search of cold victuals. Of investigation, he found that these children had a brother and sister at home in bed with no clothes to put on. When the two became chilled and tired they went home and changed with the other, who then donned the rag and took their turn at begging. The mother was a widow, and she was obliged to leave the children every day for her work in another part of the city. By her labor she earned \$2 a week, two of which she gave for the rent of the room she and her children occupied. This family of five were thus obliged to live on \$1 a week and such morsels of food as the children picked up from day to day.—Boston Advertiser.

A young boy, at his sister's evening party, began to sing "Why am I so weak and weary?" when a little brother brought the performance to a close by yelling out, "Aunt Mary says it's because you come home so late, and drunk most every night!"

Peter Van Dyke, an old chap who died in New Hampshire recently, worth \$140,000 in cash, requested in his will that no one "should snuffle and slobber crocodile tears at his funeral, but cover him over and then hurry home to fight over his money."

Some melancholy-minded burglars recently entered an undertaker's shop and stole a coffin. The proprietor announced that if any of them will come again he will furnish them with a corpse to put in it.

A fair damsel of Bennington, Vt., is under arrest for beating her father, because he ventured to say that he did not approve of round dances.

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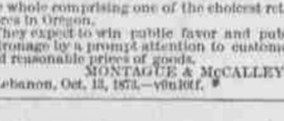
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[Signed] J. B. HENDERSON. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of November, 1873. E. THOMPSON, Justice of the Peace.

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[Signed] JAMES SHELING. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29th day of November, 1873. JAMES F. BROWN, Notary Public. BROWNSVILLE, LINN Co., Ogn., Nov. 20, 1873.

I, Robert Montgomery, do hereby certify that, from 37 acres of land sown to Flax in the spring of 1873, I received 818 bushels of seed, machine measure. Average per acre, 23 4/7 bushels.

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