

THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

CHIES. We may not do evil that good may come; we have no right to break God's law even for a good glory.

The London Examiner has an article on the debts of the Prince of Wales, which it says: "The household of her husband Majesty costs the nation nearly £2,000,000 and the total charge for the whole of the Royal Family is not far short of a million, or \$5,000,000, and adds: "We have the profoundest respect for her gracious Majesty, and we repeat that she is the best of all constitutional sovereigns. But the select committee will have to ask what does her gracious Majesty do? And when it finds that she only signs her name, it may perhaps ask whether £400,000 is not a very large sum to pay for a task which in the public opinion, would be amply recompensed by a hundred and fifty pounds a year."

There is in Paris a law by which a person on being run over while crossing the street is obliged, if not killed to pay a fine for obstructing the public highway, and a very peculiar an oppressive instance of it occurred the other day. A little child the offspring of a poor couple residing in one of the minor streets running out of the Avenue Josephine, whilst playing in the middle of the street was knocked down and run over by a passing carriage and instantly killed. The deceased parents, in addition to their sorrow for the loss of their child, were condemned to pay a fine of 100 francs for not having kept the child out of the street.

Probably few persons are aware that the leprosy now exists so near us as the Dominion of Canada, but it appears, in an article in the Toronto Globe that in an isolated village of Thrasie, near the mouth of the Mississippi river, there have been leprosy for the last eighty or ninety years, with a hospital for their benefit which is supported by the local government and managed by the parish priests and four clerical men, from Montreal. This disease is understood to have been brought to the place about ninety years ago on a vessel which sailed from France to Smyrna and touched at the island of Mytilene, and received clothing and other stores from a village in that island called Livorio. The vessel was wrecked near the present village of Nelson at the mouth of the Mississippi, and wreckers gathered the clothes and thus spread the disease. A man who having edited a newspaper until he was forty, should suddenly announce himself a lawyer would be regarded by a fool by the legal profession; and yet we often hear of lawyers of forty making sudden pretensions to journalism. There is an idea that the business of editing requires no aptitude; but that editors come forth from law colleges and colleges fully armed for the profession, like Palas from the brow of Jove. It is a mistake; there is not in America to-day a single journalist of reputation who has not devoted more time and more hard work to his profession than with equal fitness and application would have made him a great lawyer or a good doctor. And yet ninety out of every hundred men you meet on the street will hesitate about carrying a hod or making a pair of shoes, whereas there will not be one in a hundred who can't according to his own judgment, edit a newspaper in the country letter than it is edited in New York.

But to state in the words of God's people, is not only unwise, but it is sinful. It is high time that it should cease. Honest differences of opinion will occur, but these differences should be discussed in the spirit of the Master. The Christian should be the highest type of the gentleman. Brothers, let us think of these things. Prayer requires more of the heart than of the tongue, of signs than of words, of faith than of knowledge. The responses of prayer consist in the fervency of the desire, in the complexity of faith, and in the earnestness and perseverance of charity. The abundance and choice of his thoughts, studied and vehement emotions, and the order of politeness of expressions, are things which compose a mere human language, not a humble and Christian prayer. Our trust and confidence ought to proceed from that which God is able to do in us, not that which we can say to God. - Quaint.

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