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THINGS FROM OTHER PAPERS TO INTEREST READER'S.

Hon. J. L. M. Curry, U. S. Minister to Spain, has received the degree of LL. D. from the University of Virginia. He has just returned on a visit to this country.

Dr. Edward Judson is quoted as saying: "We need rich men in our churches, and when they are soundly converted, and they do not go to the poor."

Dr. M. B. Anderson in Standard: For the minister of religion to assume that in virtue of his profession he has set before him a holier and loftier purpose and work than a layman, is a grand impertinence.

Dr. M. B. Anderson in Standard: The end of life set before clergy and laity is one. That is an inspiring truth for the preachers to instill into the laymen of their congregations.

The family of the late Jos. Lassell, a prominent manufacturer of Whitinsville, Massachusetts, have given \$30,000 to Williams College to make up the expenses to the corporation for the new gymnasium above special contributions made for that building.

"First. That Spain will take the initiative in celebrating in a most solemn manner the fourth centenary of the discovery of America in the year 1492;

Second. That for this purpose it will invite all the nations who people the territories discovered by Columbus to take part in the celebration; and

Third. That Spain is ready at any time to take part in any other celebration and solemnity which may be undertaken on the American continent to commemorate the great event."

Western Recorder (Louisville, Ky): Some years ago the Walnut-street Baptist church at Owensboro, Ky., licensed to preach a young man by the name of W. M. Martin. He subsequently went to Kansas, making Lincoln his headquarters.

Educational News (Philadelphia): One of the curious things to a stranger in the Old North State is the fact that so far as the public schools are concerned those for the colored people are in very much better condition than those for the whites.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

September 25th, 1887.

THE DIVINE MISSIONARY. Matt. 4: 12-15.

GOLDEN TEXT. As thou has sent me into the world, even I have sent them into the world, John xvii, 18.

THE LESSON. 12. Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee.

13. And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthali.

14. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 15. The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthali, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

16. The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17. John was cast into prison. For account of John's imprisonment and death, see Matt. 23: 35. 18. Departed into Galilee. For more particular account of this, see John 1: 13.

19. And leaving Nazareth, Nazareth had been up to this time his home. He now leaves it, never more to return. From this time, he is called the Galilean.

20. That it might be fulfilled, Christ's whole life was a fulfillment of prophecy. 21. The way of the sea, etc., i. e., along the sea coast, up to the shores of the Jordan, and over the part of Galilee lying nearest Syria.

22. Sat in darkness. Apparently content with their ignorance. The region of darkness was not only physical, but moral and spiritual death. Light, the light of the glorious gospel, incarnated in Christ and now preached among men.

23. The law and poison. The use of strong drink produces drunkenness; drunkenness breeds crime and endangers pure religion. If a man's "individual habits" are dangerous, has not the public a right to interfere and prevent him from indulging in these habits?

24. You must love in order to understand love. One act of charity will teach us more of the love of God than a thousand sermons.

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