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TERMS TO PREACHERS. All ministers who will act as agents for the Advocate...

Selected Poetry.

LEFT BLOW. BY FRANK WATSON. Not grasses wither on the hill, That Autumn's frosty breath has stung...

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CHRISTIAN LIBERALITY.

BY REV. E. L. PERKINS.

Liberalism an essential feature of Christianity? Does bigotry have an essential tendency to evil? Let us survey the ground covered by these two questions...

the works of those who follow not them in their peculiar whims of faith and practice. The last dregs of selfishness were removed from Peter's mind when he saw the vision upon the house-top...

BIGOTRY.

BY REV. J. B. BOBBITT.

Bigotry is an undue devotion or attachment to a certain party, sect or opinion with a contemptuous disregard of the opinions and professions of others. In nothing does bigotry exercise its contaminating influence to so great extent...

not be overcharged with too much doctrine or matter, for no one can remember it all, and in aiming to keep all they lose, and not one out of twenty can tell you a single word of the preacher did say...

COMPOSITION OF A SERMON.

BY REV. J. W. ABERNETHY.

In preaching, the understanding must be informed, and this must be done in such a manner as to affect the heart, either to comfort the hearers or to excite them to acts of piety...

to night, but if it be of God, ye can not overthrow it; lest imply ye be found to fight against God. "DARK." For the Christian Advocate. To the Friend-ship of the World. NUMBER I.

SELECTIONS.

ON BUILDING HOUSES OF WORSHIP. NO. I.

BY BISHOP MITCHELL.

Methodist churches should be built in view of the uses of Methodism. What if this develops a distinctive style in architecture? We accept it. It would not be Romanesque, Norman, Byzantine or Gothic, but Methodist.

Jesus Christ, thy strength and redeemer, has overcome the world! He has vanquished the foe—he is thy helper, and he earth for thee. He knows your wants, your hopes and fears. He knows your weakness, and has felt your humiliations.

TO THE MEMBERS.

BY REV. J. B. BOBBITT.

1. Take care of your Pastor by such watchfulness and generous provision for his material necessities that he shall suffer no embarrassment in his work on that account. Such parsimony as too many Churches practice upon their ministers is not only wrong, but wasteful.

fact is entitled to a pronounced effect in her architecture. It should be plain, commodious, comfortable, tasteful, substantial, elegant if you please, but not so costly as to absorb all revenues, so that men may say we have spent so much on our walls and towers that we must be excused from a collection for missions—we have nothing for charity.

MACAULAY AND MISS MARTINEAU.

BY REV. J. B. BOBBITT.

I had been more and more impressed by the aspect of one of the guests. He was a man of large presence—a portly personage, gray-haired, but scarcely as yet aged; and his face had a remarkable intelligence, not vivid nor sparkling, but conjoined with great quietude, and if it glowed or brightened at one time more than another, it was like the sheen over a wood surface or sea. There was a somewhat careless self-possession, large and broad enough to be called dignity; and the more I looked at him the more I knew he was a distinguished person, and wondered who he might have been a Minister of State...

MOONLIGHT. The midnight, on the mountains brown The cold round moon shines deeply down; Blue roll the waters, blue the sky Spreads like an ocean light on high. Sprung from those blue shades of light So wildly, spiritually bright: Who ever gazed upon them shining, And turned to earth without repining, Nor wished for wings to the away, And mix with their eternal ray.

WIT AND WISDOM.

BY REV. J. B. BOBBITT.

"PLAYED OUT."—Is a gambler's slang phrase, but how significant! Here is a young man who was once the pride of his mother and the hope of his father, now a "played out" prodigal. Here is a politician who was once respectable and respected, now a corrupt, besotted, "played out" vagabond. Here is a poet, artist and musician, who once stood at the head of a large social circle, and was popular with all who knew him; he became vain of his gifts and acquisitions, and ventured on a course of irregular life, which soon led to dissipation and, finally, to his present fallen condition, a "played out" genius. There are many "played out" boys. They were well started in life, having well formed bodies and brains, and inheriting conditions favorable to make them men. But by bad habits they have ruined themselves, and are now "burned out," used up, dilapidated, "played out."

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