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Poetry.

THE EVANGELIST.

The following striking poem was translated for the New York World from the French of M. Francis Goussier.

Walking with Peter, Christ his footsteps set On the lake shore, bright by daybreak's gleam, At the hour when morning's burning rays were downy.

And he, leaning on a wooden chair, A woman's hand in his right hand held, And the woman's face in his right hand held.

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Communicated.

For the Advocate.

HIGH CHURCH BELOW STAIRS.

My friend, Rev. Dr. Pritchard, writing for the Biblical Recorder in commemoration of the Mecklenburg County Sunday School Convention, pens the following among other things:

"Whatever may be true of the evils which arise from the cooperation of the Baptists with other denominations of Christians, and that are sometimes the result of such cooperation, they are not the evils which are to be feared."

"I should like to see a high church body that would be so ready to give up its own distinctive features as to become a part of a low church body."

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TRUSTING IN RICHES.

In the tenth chapter of Mark this record is made: And Jesus looked round about, and said: That he has disciples, how hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God?

The words of Jesus, like the words of all other teachers, must be read in the light of common sense; without that, they are always liable to be perverted.

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PERSONALITY OF GOD.

The following extract from one of Joseph Cook's lectures is peculiarly clear, compact, and forcible: "Conscience teaches that God is a soul. The organic instincts of the soul all point to a Being possessing personality, and to whom we owe obligation."

In the present state of the discussion concerning Conscience, it therefore becomes of the utmost importance to show that reason as well as Conscience teaches that God is a person.

"While we are considering intelligence as cause, I leave out that view which the inquiry as to its infinity. Can we understand that same here and at the universe an intelligence not ourselves?"

"The universe exhibits thought. There cannot be thought without a thinker. The cause of the universe, therefore, is a thinker, and a thinker is a person."

"The universe has light in it, and the laws of light are the same here and at the furthest point visible to the telescope. Light moves in straight lines here and in straight lines there."

"The universe exhibits not only a plan, but a uniform plan; it exhibits not only a law, but a uniform law; it exhibits not only a power, but a uniform power."

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"REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE."

Lot's wife perished. But she did not perish in Sodom. She had all the experience that was given to her husband and daughters. She entertained the angels, assisted in the flight from the city, and escaped the fiery storm which came upon the fated cities of the plain.

Why did she perish? Simply because her heart turned back towards the things which were condemned of God. She was separated from them in person, but her heart was with them, and her soul was in Sodom.

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A CONVINCING ARGUMENT.

The following argument for total abstinence is from the lips of England's great statesman, John Bright: "To drink deeply—to be drunk—is a sin that is not forgiven. At what point does the taking of strong drink become a sin? The state in which the body is when not excited by intoxicating drink, drunkenness is the state farthest removed from it."

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"Both for themselves and those who call upon them."

"The perseverance in prayer which the Lord commends on this occasion, is not merely prayer for something, but 'praying without ceasing' of which Paul speaks (1 Thess. 5: 17)."

"Christians often have little faith in prayer as a power in real life. They unperplexed mind will conceive of the Scriptural idea of prayer as that of one of the most down-right, sturdy realities in the universe."

"The prayer is always heard. We read in the glorious old Greek poet of a man who, having a habit of praying, was one of the most virtuous of his time."

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