cal Economy, of Commerce, of Inter-

This may be due in part, even largely, to this: Every nation under the tribes, is possessed with religious in- or more, parties, each claiming to be and pauperism that their vile traffic

one nation is interested, how much more must this be true when every tribe and nation on the face of the is the case with Religion? From this standpoint it is not strange that controversy has entered so largely into questions of Religion.

While Religion was a national matter, as with the Jews before the Chris tian Era, there were differences on all sides. When it passed from the national to the individual Religion nearly three hundred years there was comparative peace in the church. Then its services were plain and simple, and godliness, rather than fine spun theories, was at premium. The doctrines of Christ were in their heauty and purity. The precepts of Christhe masses heard them gladly.

About this time, early in the third century, some of the learned doctors than Christ and his gospel, became need of this age.

devout students of the Platonic philos It has been said a thousand times world in it when he left. He succeeded in part, and while many have it, a great number do not.

As the stanglard. Origen, one of the greatest intellectual men of the country, was leading this movement. He was the father of Biblical criticism and exegests, and, to a limited extent, the father of controversy under the Christian diagnosation, for while controver.

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The aggressive sprit of Christianity and diagnosation for the same and testing in the succeeded in part, and while many have it, a stacle in the way of prohibition. The Botat Convention, held at North, that State, last fall, adopted, in open convention and without a dissenting penetral co operation, each individual at the stational Conventions are to nominate the interest of decency, and on behalf open convention and without a dissenting penetral contribution in penetral contribution in the interest of decency, and on behalf open convention and without a dissenting penetral contribution in penetral contribution in penetral contribution in the interest of decency, and on behalf open conventions are to nominate the find penetral contribution in the interest of decency, and on behalf open convention and without a dissenting penetral contribution in the interest of decency, and on behalf open convention and without a dissenting penetral contribution in the interest of decency, and on behalf open conventions are to nominate the find penetral contribution in the interest of decency, and on behalf open conventions are to nominate the find penetral contribution in the interest of decency, and on behalf open conventions are to nominate the find penetral contribution in the interest of decency, and on behalf open conventions are to nominate the find penetral contribution in the interest of desth, misery and ignorance, have indicated the subject of the dignity and moral character of the sy had been indulged to some extent, yet so moderate was its character that church history shows up to this time that little trouble had been experienced. Later, when these doctors, enced. Later, when these doctors, encouraged and helped by the learned
men of Egypt, weut to extremes and then controversy-began in earnest, and most every page of history.

became the bond leader of controversy, ogy of Christendom. What grand promise with the powers of darkness mystifying and putting in a doubtful hymns have been inspired by the mismystifying and putting in a doubtful light the old and precions truth's of the plain gospel—that is, in a sort of the plain gospel—that

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Each great idea gathered about it

Roman Catholics, Greek Church, been so fully and so continuously, as Church of England, Presbyterians, well as publicly, a subject of contro-Baptists, Congregationalist, Method-ist, Universalists, Unitarians and gives legislative approval and ist, Universalists, Unitarians and gives legislative approval and many others

sun, save perhaps one of the African heathendom is divided into as many,

church. This article on Controversy earth is interested in the question, as in Religion is intended as introduc- road to drunkeness—foots the bills? tory. Our first will be on the controversy which brought about the Reformation, as headed and fed by Martin Luther.

THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS.

Christ, and when in the Church will and death! And all this in a Chrisfind expression in various ways. In some instances men and women will and Christ became the leader, for be called to missionary work. A full, cense or tax restricts. Restricts what? nearly three hundred years there was round life means this to them, and if Why, the number of saloons. This is not permitted to enter the work, they will live and die with a sense of incompleteness most painful.

It may not have occurred to the many that the spirit of missions finds but a limited expression in the life and she ought to have a part of the profits. work of those who go out as missiontianity were few and to the point and brings out the heroic element in the one more gilded and respectable (?) Christian. But the grand expression of this spirit is found in the sympathy, prayers and contributions of the whole century, some of the learned doctors church. The missionary spirit in every ping off of reported arrests for drunk-

sought to bring Divine truth into sub-jection to man's fanciful speculations, therefore, the practical in-the literature of Christian lands has been greatly enlarged and enriched by our indorsement, and is, therefore, the missionary work of the Church. morally wrong." to this day it has found a place on al-most every page of history.

The brightest pages of our own Church history would be wanting but for what ment of Nebraska regards high license. Thus the greatest man of his day

This spirit is breathed in the hymnoldemn as morally wrong and as a com-

sult took to find one hundred pages in controversies led to different schools affect the rum traffic, dram-drinking, thought best to drop the expression "high license, because some good people do not relish the idea of licensing without even an intimation of disapproval. But taxing or license-practically the terms are synonymoustion to the traffic; and this it does for Nor is this Religio-controversal tendency confined to Christianity. All Lin my righteous indignation, say enty heathendom is divided into as many, "Tax them heavily for the mischief stincts or inclinations.

Some questions shake a country from center to circumtrence, when only in the way, are high and strong.

Or inclinations that their vite trame entails upon the public?" Tax whom? Does any one suppose that the rumseller has a penny less money at the end of the first month because of the tax As indicated in our last, it is our or license fee which he paid, whether purpose to discuss some of the fea- it were \$100 or \$500? Does not evures of the great controversies of the ery person know that the consumerthe "poor drunkard" and those on the Theu, to think that the State, for a part of the hard-earned wages of her depraved drinking subjects, instead of taking away, actually puts the temptation before them-legalizing, protecting and fostering this crime of crimes, The spirit of missions is the spirit of siness of drunkard making pauperism, tian (?) land. Oh, stand aghast, ye heavens! But, we are told, high lithe most that can be claimed for it. In very many cases it fails even in this A case: The town in which I lived in Ohio had fifteen saloons. The State, the great State of Ohio, concluded that aries. It is a grand expression, and sult : one low dive dropped out, and

and so put on each a tax of \$200. Reand hence more dangerous, came in The number was contained in tact. Watching the papers, I saw no dropone of the first and most stringent high devout students of the Platonic philos
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CONTROVERSY IN RELIGION.

The history of Controversy is the listory of the human family. Take my well written history of anything in human affairs and it will be a diffiwhich some account of controversy, in one shape of an other, is not given.

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dam the rum traffic, dram-drinking, dram-drinkin cal Economy, of Commerce, of International Relations, of the Kine Arts, of lowers, forming themselves into of Social and Moral Reforms and of classes, and promulgating systems of that taxing the traffic is morally worse, and promulgating systems of that taxing the traffic is morally worse, and promulgating systems of that taxing the traffic is morally worse, as prohibitory enactments are made and horrors.

Religion. Of all these, none have of the drink traffic restricted "How long, O Lord, how long" will thy people truckle to King Diabolus, consenting to his work of death and destruc-

J. . Вівнор. COLPORTAGE A PRESENT AND PRESSING NECESSITY.

"The man will surely fail who dares And lose to-morrow that has lost today."

We are forcibly reminded of this couplet, as we think of the lapse of years during which this important work has been neglected by us, and try to aggregate the manifold bless-ings and advantages that we have lost through our negligence. Yesterday is lost. To-day is lost.

Shall to-morrow be lost also? Have we not lost enough-yea, too much already? A great army of colporters should to day, be going up and down throughout the length and breadth of the State, carrying tracts and books to every city, town, hamlet and coun-

We would, by no means, under-estimate the ministry of the word, God's own chosen instrumentality for the conversion of sinners and the enlarge ment and perpetuity of the Messiah's kingdom. This is, and will be to the end of time, the chiefest of God's instrumentalities for the accomplishment of his merciful purpose. But his people should have the wisdom to see and utilize whatever forces can be

tion, it is my deliberate opinion, that with the exception of the preaching of the gospel and circulating the Holy Scriptures, there is none which promises to be more efficient and more extensively useful in promoting the crats should nominate in all the conspiritual and eternal interests of men ties their best men. Let men of high than the publication and wide circula- morals, of decided intelligence, of good tion of sound evangelical books and tracts." Man of blessed memory, the ed whenever possible. The complaints extent of whose labors for Christ and have been that our Legislatures have humanity eternity only can reveal, he been composed of inexperienced and gave, while on his dying bed, ten dol-lars for the furtherance of the work of little education and small brains. that lay so near his heart. No wonder Let us do better this year." that, among his last utterances, as Now, in order to get good met nom-death confronted him, he said, 'Death insted, our best citizens must attend never appeared to me so delightful the township, county, and State conas now when it is near!' Brethren, ventions, and see to it that a few demlet us begin this work at one.-Biblical Recorder.

THE GOOD MAN'S PART IN POLITICS.

From Raleigh Christian Advocate, Mar. 7, 1888.)

heading to this editorial and wonder the delegates who will nominate the that we venture to discuss politics at candidates, and these candidates are all. A religious paper, it is said, ought not good men, are those who stay away not to meddle with politics, and the same is said of preachers too. In reference to partizan politics this is true. a good Governor and other State offi-Notwithstanding all this, editors of re-cers nominated, send good men to Ralhgious journals, preachers of the gos pel and other Christian men have a duty to perform in reference to the political government of this country and in reference to politicians, which we cannot shirk. It is a very easy matter to dodge this duty by saying we will have nothing to do with politics probability is that bad men will be for fear of being damaged spiritually by it; but certain responsibilities are is clear to every body.

Again, good men of all parties ought made helpful to the advancement of upon us, and when we dodge or shirk their mission. Providence never dethem we do it at our peril and to our to exert themselves to work a reformation of the most of them we do it at our peril and to our to exert themselves to work a reformation of the most of discredit. The object of this editorial tion in political methods. This an-

the employment of men to circulate the printed page. Satan and his emissories, wiser and more active than take their seats in case the number of the back yards and gather up the rags saries, wiser and more active than many of God's people, have seized upon this instrumentality and precedence occupied much territory that we should have occupied long ago. An infidel and licentious press is spreading its detestable poison broad-cast over the land by means of our postal tacilities and public thoroughfares.

Against the distributors of the venome active than take their seats in case the number of the back yards and gather up the back yards and filth of generations past, with which to blacken the character of a candidate. We have too much personality in latter day politics. Personal abuse and blackguardism is not argument, and it says little for a man who aspires to honorable position, and do not weaken and distract the back yards and gather up the back yards and filth of generations past, with which you cannot see, and could not which to blacken the character of a candidate. We have too much personal properties and plantation of the back yards and filth of generations past, with which you cannot see, and could not which to blacken the character of a candidate. We have too much personal properties and filth of generations past, with which you cannot see, and could not which to blacken the character of a candidate. We have too much personal properties and fi Against the distributors of the venomone same of a foul press, we must mined by these Conventions. The Nawhom he hopes to influence, when he own. send out good men with a pure, regentional Convention will be composed of can rise no higher in the presentation rating, life-lifting, soul saving literational convention will be composed of can rise no higher in the presentation of his claims and the claims of his parture. We absolutely must engage in tions: the State Convention will be ty, than the dlane on which he would this work, brethren, in self-detense, if composed of lelegates elected by confind his equal, if not superior, in the ventions held in each county in the champion of a brothel or some black State: the county conventisns will be den of infamy. Let the press and the

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where there are any dangers, hidden or opend. It is too late after the e ection is over to avoid mistakes,

"As to the Legislature this may be said: it is important that the Demoeducation, of practical sense, be select-Now, in order to get good met non

agogues and "cross roads politicians" do not run the conventions and nominate the candidates. We do not mean to advise any political scramble or undue political excitement. This is not necessary. But in a cool, quiet, calm, Christian way, every good man should assert himself, and have his proper influence in determining these matters of great interest to us as a people; and if they stay away from the conventions There are some who will read the and allow a few immoral men to elect therefore makes us slaves.—Vinet, not responsible, to a large extent, for eigh to the State Convention to nominate them. In order to see that good township and county conventions and help send them. If good men stay away, bad men will go and select bad men to represent themselves, and the them. nominated. It seems to us that this

Fruth. Thus God's people have their hearts fired to resist and defend His mighty diadem."

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Martin Luther and his coadjutors important that for State offices the right was a bad record for sobriety, for integrity ty, for open, fair dealing, it will be bad they form the will not do for the settle three diales.

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We make the danger when we fear

Borrowing is the canker and the death of every man's estate.

Trusting to luck is only another name for trusting to laziness.

The first step toward self-mastery is a knowledge of what man is.

Childhood shows the man, as morning shows the day - Milton.

Debt is the subtlest and most farreaching form of despotism under the

Whatever you dislike in another person take care to correct in your

Love always has in its heart the seeds of new sacrifice. - Rev. Josiah

Never think that you can make yourself great by trying to make oth-

Faithfulness in little things fits one for heroism when the great trials come.

Electricity always seeks the best conductor. God uses those who are most in harmony with himself!

We cannot conquer a necessity, but we can yield to it in such a way as to be greater than if we could.

Imitation causes us to leave natural ways to enter into artificial ones; it

Generosity does not consist in giv-

ing alone, but in making some sacrifice to enable one to give. Temptation in the line of duty God has provided for; but temptation sought and coveted God has made no

provision for. There are sins secret as the grave, which crush, blight, ruin the divine image in man, and tens of thousands

never hear a warning word against

Morbidity in religion might be partially cured by more out-door exercise. There are some duties we can perform better on our feet than on our knees.

tation, and do not weaken and distract

One will confer the greatest benefits on his town, not by raising its roofs, but by exalting its souls; for it is better that great souls should live in small habitations than that abject slaves should burrow in great houses.

"The now is always mixed and clouded." Not if we take it simply as the "now;" not if we do not ourselves mix it. We mix it with our have beens, or our might have beens, or our by and by. God means it simply for now, the manna of to day. +

Humility is not only a virtue itself, but a vessel to contain the virtues, like embers which keep the fire alive that is hidden under them. It emptieth itself by a modest estimation of its own worth that Christ may fill it.—T.

The sunden and severe assault of temptation revealed to others and to yourself what you had come to be in the gradual but steady trend of your secret life from day to-day. The tree that fell in the high wind had been rotting at the heart for years. The end of all secret sin is a catastrope,-Nashnille Christian Advocate.

Those whose lives are very easy, are usually of small account in the matter of usefulness. Many who are doing very little, would be all the better for the fertilizing processes of pain and anguish. Sympathy with others is not learned without personal suffering.