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THE EDITORIAL CIRCLE. Dr. Schaff. Dr. Philip Schaff, of New York, is going over to Rome to spend three months in studying the library at the Vatican.

Drawing a Salary Only. A priest recently published in the Tribune an article that attracted a good deal of attention. He stated that there are in Rome no less than 500 prelates and monsignors, who did nothing but draw a monthly salary of 1,000 to 1,500 francs, and five hundred other ecclesiastics of the higher orders doing nothing, who drew from 700 to 1,000 francs a month.

Brooks and Moody. Phillips Brooks, the distinguished Episcopal preacher of Boston, recently spent a week in New York, where he preached a noon sermon each day to overflowing congregations.

And He is Open in Communion. Mr. Spurgeon returned, Feb. 3, from his annual visit to Mentone. He says that while there he wrote comments day by day on the Gospel of Matthew.

A Man's Diet. The Roman soldiers who built such wonderful roads and carried a weight of armor and luggage that would crush the average farm-hand, lived on coarse bread and sour wine.

Where the Danger is. It is always best to avoid danger if possible, therefore there is one rule which ought to be taught in every school in the United States, and that is, never lift a wire off the ground.

A New School Idea. Chicago proposes a new feature in her public school system: A matron is to be engaged for every school building, to look after the physical welfare of the pupils in such matters as damp feet, insufficient clothing, and uncleanly habits.

A Double Heart. The Mercer County Medical Society devoted the better part of its session in Trenton, N. J., to the examination of William King, a colored citizen, with two hearts.

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IN ALL THINGS, CHARITY.

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OUR PRINCIPLES: 1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church. 2. The name Christian, to the exclusion of all party or sectarian names.

like that found in some of the lower animals. He has wonderful control over the blood-pumping organs, and to show his powers, caused his heart and pulse to cease beating for sixty seconds.

The Longest Day. At London, England, and Bremen, Prussia, the longest day has 16 1/2 hours. At Stockholm, Sweden, it is 18 1/2 hours in length.

Self-Supporting. Various opinions have been expressed as to the wisdom of Bishop Wm. Taylor's movement along the line of self-supporting missionary effort.

The Lutherans. The Lutheran Almanac and Year-Book for 1890 states that in fourteen leading cities in the United States there are 154 Lutheran churches.

Our Light House. To try too hard to make people good is one way to make them worse; the only way to make good is to be good—remembering well the beam and the mote.

Better Than No Teacher. A teacher who comes late to the Sunday School may be better than no teacher at all; but such a teacher is not as good a teacher as he ought to be, or as he could be.

Selfishness. Another force for evil is selfishness. Esau's selfishness was shortsighted; he was hungry and tired, and his appetite called for potage.

Stays Here Sundays. A correspondent of the Watchman says: "We once received an anonymous letter from a woman, begging us to preach a sermon on the duty of fathers to spend some of their time at home."

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GEORGE MACDONALD.

When to say Grace. I own that I am inclined to say grace upon twenty other occasions in the course of the day besides my dinner.

CHARLES LAMB.

Be Not too Hasty. Be not too hasty in judging that things are unnecessary because thou hast not seen them; or else thou mayest condemn the living experience of many who have known far more of the love of God, and of his requirements, than thyself.

JOB SMITH.

How Wesley and the Devil Agree. The devil does not like field-preaching; neither do I. I love a commodious room, a soft cushion, a handsome pulpit; but where is my zeal if I do not trample all these under foot in order to save one more soul?

THREE PARTS.

My dear young men, the human race may for practical purposes be divided into three parts: 1. Honest men, who mean to do right, and do it.

CHARLES KINGSLEY.

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his own children." And then apropos to his point, he tells the following story: "One of the business men of the kind described above, was passing along the street, to his store, when he saw one of his little children, who had risen very early to play 'Hoops.'"

Backward Boys who Became Foremost Men.

For the comfort of all parents of "backward boys," there is the story of one of the most illustrious men that ever lived, Sir Isaac Newton. We have his own authority for saying that he was extremely inattentive to his studies, and stood very low in his school.

The Importance of an Educated Ministry. Few men of this enlightened age will dispute the importance of an educated ministry. If such are to be found, I am sure they are ashamed to come to the front with a cause so unfounded, and which comes so directly in conflict with reason and common sense.

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What a grand work then, what a holy, responsible calling is that of a minister of Jesus! Well might Paul have exclaimed, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Then, education is more generally diffused among the masses. With some exceptions we have a reading and thinking public. There is an interest manifested among all classes of society on the great and grand subject of education.

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I. I would urge the importance of an educated ministry, from the standpoint of my own personal experience.

My ministry began when an educated ministry was very little appreciated by the masses, and by very few members of the Christian Church. Preparation for the pulpit was rather regarded as an evidence of weakness, or want of talent on the part of the minister.

But I would not be understood that God's assisting grace is not necessary, though we have a poisoned education and studiously prepare for the sacred desk.

The disadvantages I had to undergo in my early ministry for the want of better education, were almost insurmountable, and I would be sorry indeed if any young brother minister now, had to pass through the same experience.

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III. An educated ministry is inseparably connected with the highest and best interest of the church.

To say we have an educated ministry is almost equivalent to saying we have a strong, progressive church. An educated ministry gives the church prominence and wide commanding influence. It gives it character, dignity, attractiveness, and opens for it a bright auspicious future.

The importance of a preparation for any work, from a logical standpoint, must be estimated by the importance of the work itself. The work of the minister of Christ is the grandest of all work and demand a grand preparation.

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edged sword of the spirit they can go on conquering and to conquer and Satan's kingdom will be demolished. "One can chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight." We notice

IV. In proportion as education increases a ministers usefulness and power for good, it also increases his honors and joys in heaven.

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars in the firmament forever and ever." The abundant labors of the faithful, efficient minister will be crowned with joyful satisfaction in heaven. Paul, the learned and eloquent divine, and prince of the apostles was honest with an expressible bliss even whilst in the flesh.

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The Present Ownership of Property.

Now in the present condition of the community, is the distribution of wealth issuing in such a state of the social organism, reasonable? Is it right? The two questions are really one.

There is a gospel of selfishness, soothing as soft flutes to those who, having fared well themselves, think that everybody ought to be satisfied.

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