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"Speak Then The Things That Befits Sound Declining."

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justify the change, even waiving the question whether legally a three-fourths majority is necessary. The vote of the Church has shown a disposition on the part of the laity to treat the issue with indifference, or else regarding the settlement, to provide for the laity. What has happened, however, is that it has been left to the laity to decide what ought to be done. They have not the face of voting on it at all. It appears, however, that the majority of the laity really do not desire that any change be made upon the former custom or law of the Church. We must, therefore, conclude that we shall never see a settlement in 1895 than in 1892, and the ten-year Conference will have to initiate the movement for change or drop the question altogether.

The popular arraignment of the Pope in claiming temporal authority over the nations, and in inviting all professing Christians to enter the true fold, makes the old doctrine of papal supremacy the eye of the Christian world. His supporters, to the Greek Church appear to have met a cold reception judging from the following answer which was returned:

"The Holy Synod of the Patriarch of Constantinople, by its resolution of December 10, 1894, of Pseudo-Lex XIII, upon revision of the Eastern and Roman Catholic Churches, and concerning the papal claim, has decided to accept the eye of the Christian world."

He shows that the decision must go forward so long as the law exists requiring that funds received in gold be immediately remitted. Mr. Cleveland gives a bill such as he thinks should be passed, but it is evident that he would like to have it referred to a committee.

Mr. Merchant, a Rep-

resentative member of the Senate introduced a resolution directing the Committee on Finance to prepare a measure having the same effect as the bill of Mr. Merchant.

The Secretary of the Treasury to maintain a reserve of \$10,000,000 good and sufficient to meet all demands of bonds or notes in either gold or silver at the option of the holder for payment.

This bill, if adopted, makes ready notes to be replaced in gold or silver at the option of the holder and not remitted. Furthermore, it provides that the notes may be exchanged for either silver or gold.

Fifth—Bills to be introduced in the Senate, to be introduced as a basis of young notes and the tax on notes to be removed. Sixth—An act to determine the amount of notes having the same effect as the bill in gold and from countries having the silver standard to be payable in gold or silver at the option of the holder.

Mr. Newton has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives for building a new State House in Little Rock. This bill ought to be passed.

The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

We have nothing to report since the organization of the newspaper committee, except the bill for the members and the election of a United States Senator.

The vote was given for W. M. T. Tilson, 99 votes; for W. P. Parker, 9; L. H. Remond 1.

The new President of France has assumed the reins of power.

The new government of Hawaii has been installed. There has been fighting and bloodshed between the government soldiers and the friends of the deposed queen at Honolulu.

The city of Brooklyn is suffering

so much inconvenience, suspension

of business, injury to property, ex-

haustion and riot which are incident to a great strike. This time it is

the railroad workers.

The mayor of Brooklyn is

endeavoring to secure compensation and adjustment of difficulties and has called for government troops to aid police in subduing riot and disordering order. The latest reports present the strike as about sub-

dued.

The religious services were re-

sumed in the church.

The following paper was read by Bishop P. F. Fitzgerald before the Methodist Preachers' meeting held at the First Methodist Church in Little Rock.

The paper was published at the request of a unanimous resolution.

We have no recent probability of war between Mexico and Guatema-

la on the question of interna-

tional boundary. Mexico is rapidly hurrying troops to the border.

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The Athlete Tax.

BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD.

The following paper was read by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald before the Methodist Preachers' meeting held at the First Methodist Church in Little Rock.

The history of the world furnish no parallel to the time of the flood. For every soul that died, the State treasury by taxing the wealth of God, still is lost to it by reason of the loss of the soul's life, and the cost of its punishment. The straight road to bankruptcy for a commonwealth, both in the material and spiritual sense, is the excessive tax on religion.

The State taxes all the labor in the world, and a whale of a tax, too, in the shape of taxes on men and their families.

"The athlete tax has been ap-

plied to some persons, on the

assumption that the man needed the money in deficit from it. This is a false and destructive assumption.

Money can be easily ob-

tained from the rich, but the poor

have no access to it.

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What鼓舞ing Day for Him.

W. W. A. 27

The North bound "Carson Ball" was late that night and as we left Texarkana and headed for Little Rock I was filled with a sense of genuine satisfaction as I walked confidently in my reclining seat. As far as I could see, I would again be at home with my beloved ones, was an approved in my mind, and every heart was happy. In my own happy reflections that I arose because drearily obvious of my surroundings, I was suddenly awoken by what was the sound, the meaning of which was a sharp, so full of pain and anguish that it struck deep in my heart, and caused wily to my soul. I sprang from my bed in hopes of finding out where the sound came from, but everywhere I looked there was silence. Thinking that perhaps I had been mistaken, I pulled my hat down over my eyes and lay back again, but was soon lost in thought once more. When a man gives himself up entirely to thought, he has but one desire— that he may have been too tame, or it may perhaps been an hour that passed, when I heard again that same sound. I saw something that at once incited my attention and awoke my long dormant memory.

Through the evening between the hours of the twelfth immediately in front of me I caught sight of a man who had been shot, and held a pistol-graph in such a way that the light could still illuminate his face. He was a lad, and looked as if he had just come out of the water, and I turned almost full view his head, looking at it in admiration and dimness of vision that is seldom possessed by any man. He was a lad of about twenty years, and was wearing his hair in a ponytail, and was dressed in a suit of clothes, and looked as if he had no money on account of any great financial trouble. He had a look of determination and dimness of vision that is seldom possessed by any man.

When I saw the owner of the hand and pistol, I raised my head a little to see who it was, and was greatly surprised to see a man of about forty years of age, and was wearing his hair in a ponytail, and was dressed in a suit of clothes, and looked as if he had no money on account of any great financial trouble. He had a look of determination and dimness of vision that is seldom possessed by any man.

Having determined to learn his thoughts and help him if possible, as stepping out of my seat I took the vacant chair before him, and asked him if he wanted to sit down. He reluctantly drew off his handcuffs and mopped his face with an assumed air of indifference, and said that it was exceedingly warm.

As he felt the heat of my hand on his shoulder, he responded with his seat, and by the time had finished my sentence, his face was buried in his hands, and was weeping.

"My boy, you are in trouble, except an old man's friend," said I, "but you must be a good boy, and be a good boy."

Finally controlling himself with an effort he took my hand in his and said, "Sir, you are the most wonderful man I ever met. You are a confidante of profound knowledge who knows what a child it would be if I told you all. You are the only man I can confide in, but at the same time it would be dangerous for me to confide in anyone else."

I assured him that my only object in seeking his confidence was the hope that I might be able to serve as a confidante to him, and I told my story and I pledge you my word, that even if you confide yourself as an earnest confidante, I will do my best in my keeping, I really want to help and advise you if I can."

As I continued speaking my hand and lower part of the face in the eyes said: "My boy, God bless you. I believe you, and shall accept your words as true, and I will not say more."

"Ten years ago—he began.

I had a good home, and was surrounded by friends and relatives, and mother. I had numbers of friends and family know what care was, but I had the care, with no place to call home— and we were to live here living life in a state of poverty, and my old dad and mother— their home— their house— never

almost afraid to turn to raise my steps household. I could almost feel the hand of the law upon my shoulder, and I could not help but say, "I want you," but no such thing happened, and as I went back through our city toward home, I thought to myself, "I am again, and this is what it said: 'You are not, unless you have strength enough to stand alone, and when you are strong enough to stand alone, then you will deserve to send you to prison'"

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Washington Letter.

From our Reporter Correspondent.

The Indian appropriation bill, now being considered by the House of Representatives, was the one inaugurated by the Indian Bureau, of gradually reducing the amount appropriated for the maintenance of the numerous Indian schools, although the total amount appropriated for Indian schools is slightly larger than it was for the present fiscal year. According to information received in Washington, a number of the Indian schools will continue to exist as such with the present fiscal year, on account of the reduction in appropriations. This is due to the fact, according to this information, with all the buildings, furniture, apparatus, etc., now owned by the government, and it is expected that many of the Catholic schools will cancel their contracts with the Indians, and that they will be distributed among the government schools. This is precisely what was expected last year, but did not occur. The idea is to do away entirely with the contract system of educating the Indians, and to have them paid for in full, at once, in the opinion of government officials, thus the progressive requirement of this time does not mention the future.

The future of Washington's church is very much in doubt. For instance, one of the most—Wesley M. E. Chapel—held a public meeting in St. Paul to collect entire free money to be sent to another—the Church of the Covenant—was devised means to meet the expenses of \$100,000.00 on the part of the congregation, which is valued at \$200,000.00 and still another—Wesley M. E. Chapel—had the First Presbyterian—he decided to abolish his paid choir, in order to cut expenses running into debt the coming year.

Bishop Foss, of the M. E. Church, queried the Senate with prayer that the bill might be introduced by Chaplain Milburn to a number of the Senators he had not yet seen.

One has only to keep his eyes open in Washington to constantly see signs of the immense power of the moneyed classes. For instance, the more prevalent in Congress to increase the internal revenue tax, and the less prevalent the revenue of the government, not enough to meet the expenditures, has caused Washington a number of influential men to come on behalf of the revenue to oppose any increase in the heat tax. However, the Committee on Finance, now major of Cincinnati, The rule which gives Washington the right to veto any bill of the House distinctly says that this privilege shall only be exercised by those who are members of Congress, but the power of Major Calhoun, a member of the House, as the author of the heat tax, gives the power to those that have it.

Arguments were heard by the Supreme Court to-day on the petition of Mr. W. H. West, president of the Centralia Coal Co., of West, the leader of the big railroad strike of last year, who is now in prison in New Haven, Conn., charged by James Wadsworth, who declared him guilty of contempt for failure to obey orders of the court, and that he was to be expected, and the impression among lawyers who are familiar with the case is that the trial will be to-day.

Senate Republicans have introduced a bill that every friend of international arbitration would be glad to see. It is introduced by Senator George W. Steele, of Indiana, and it is intended to provide for the President to carry into effect the Congressional resolution of April 2, 1888, requiring him "to invite friendly nations to discuss, as may seem appropriate, with any government with which the United States is at war, relations, to the end that any difference or dispute arising between the governments, while armed hostilities are in progress, may be referred to arbitration." That resolution as it now stands amounts to a declaration of war, and the principle of international arbitration. The friends of arbitration will be glad to see this bill, and it implies, and this bill with that end in view authorizes the President to open negotiations, either through the medium of his own agents or of those of other countries, to the end that the United States, or, if he deems it best, to appoint a special committee to act as a tribunal of international arbitration, or other appropriate machinery, whereby differences and disputes between the United States and friendly and amicably settled, and were prevented.

The bill will be voted on in Congress, exemplified in the Senate, this week.

but there is no change in the prospect for financial legislation, and nothing is expected.

Education.

Every Parochial and Layman in the White River Conference—We have no interest in our Church in the education of the people, and support more than that of Education, our educational institutions are the Minutemen of our state. Measures of late have been introduced to reduce the amount appropriated for this important subject. Please get a copy of the Minutes and consider the matter, and write your pastor and locate yourself.

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GODBEY & THORNBURGH.

Little Rock, Ark.

We have been asked by many of our preachers for a list of books suitable to send to our people. And therefore we have prepared a list of good books for you to use. We publish now a list of works as our preachers can sell and will do our rough good in God's cause.

Fathers \$22.00. Fath. 157.70.

Jones, 165.55. 114.50.

Barrett, 215.05. 221.30.

Neupert, 172.29. 27.00.

A father \$25.25. 998.25.

A daughter \$25.51.

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I am sorry to say that I am not able to pay for any one. I am a statesman as gathered from our Minutes, and that is who is responsible for this deficit?

Now brethren, at our late Annual Conference we did the marvelous thing of giving \$100.00 for the education to \$10.25 below the amount received for last year. Can we afford to do this again? I am sorry to say that we can't afford to do this again.

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