

LAFFAN PICTURES SOLD. Three Works Bring \$1,600 Each at Mendelssohn Hall Auction.

\$47,500 REALIZED IN ALL. Canvases of Reynolds, Gainsborough and J. S. Davis Command the Highest Prices.

Table listing various artworks and their prices, including 'The Fighting Girl' by Sir Joshua Reynolds and 'The Boy with the Red Balloon' by J. M. W. Turner.

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DR. JOWETT UNDECIDED. Meeting at Church Wednesday Regarding Call Here.

London, Jan. 21.—The announcement that the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is renewing its endeavors to get Dr. Jowett to leave the Old World for the New has created considerable interest and not a little consternation in Birmingham.

RENEW CALL TO DR. JOWETT. Fifth Avenue Presbyterians Expect Acceptance This Time.

Unless the great hopes of the officers of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church are to be crushed within the next few days, history will not repeat itself in the matter of the attempt to secure a new pastor for that pulpit.

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BETTER ONE THAN ALBANY. New York Society Comfortable While Speakers Enumerate Excellence of the State.

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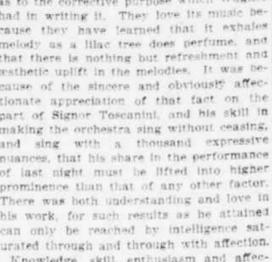
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