

'T was sown in weakness here;
'T will there be raised in power;
That which was sown an earthly seed
Shall rise a heavenly flower.

—Horatius Bonar.

Superstition is a sort of a parody of faith.—Ouida.

Six deaths were caused in the last ten weeks in Benjamin Fuik's family at Shelby, Ind., by milk sickness.

It is a statistical fact that the wicked work harder to reach hell than the righteous do to enter heaven.—Josh Billings.

Herbert Spencer declares that man is "ever in the presence of an Infinite and Eternal Energy, from which all things proceed."

One of New York's richest merchants employs a clergyman to look after the charities he bestows. The clergyman reports once a week.

Charges have been preferred before the Kingston (Ont) Presbytery against the Rev. Mr. Gallagher for marrying a man to his dead wife's sister.

"Nellie, the Devil Teaser," is one of the Salvation army heroines whose gallant victory over "the Red Hot Ice-Man" is related in that seductive journal entitled the War Cry.

It seems that the Yonkers clergy have taken umbrage at some remark of Henry Ward Beecher's and Mr. Beecher has said: "Let 'em take it." That is the way the matter now stands.

There is something oddly touching, pathetic and majestic, almost sacred in the sight of the surging sea of human life. Taken individually, the units of each are unimpressive, grotesque, and common place.—Ouida.

The Rev. William Walker was recently consecrated Protestant Episcopal missionary bishop of North Dakota. The ceremony took place in Calvary church, New York, of which Mr. Walker has been assistant rector.

The Rev. H. G. Gibbons declares that most of Moody and Sankey's hymns are miserably written and he does not believe in teaching children fifth-rate "poetry." Dr. Hoyt thinks Moody and Sankey hymns are enough to turn the stomach of a spiritual man.

The complete secularization of the Sabbath means seven days' work for six days' pay, and if that ever comes in New England the employer will get less service in the seven days than he would in six, and the employee will get less money.—Springfield Union.

"This begins to look like cold weather," said the sexton of St. Mark's church, Philadelphia, after services last Sunday morning. "Why?" "Sealskin. There are eighteen more sealskin sacques in my congregation than there were last year—that is, 251 in all—and this brought 'em out."

We require in most cases educated men for the ministry, and we demand the service of their lives in a majority of cases for incomes lower than a New York postman or policeman receives. And even the obligation to make regular payments of such incomes is all too often forgotten.—Dr. John Hall.

It is stated that Reuben B. Springer, of Cincinnati has offered to contribute \$500,000 for the payment of Archbishop Pruell's debts if the churches of the archdiocese of Cincinnati will give an average \$3 per member, and all other Catholic churches in the country an average of 58 cents per member.

The death of Dr. Fitzgerald, the bishop of Cork, has deprived the Irish Episcopal church of its only broad church bishop. He was a great friend of Archbishop Whately, and one of the earliest supporters when in the House of Lords, of the deceased wife's sister bill, when it was in Lord Kemberley's hands.

The Hartford Herald speaks of a youngster of that city who was taken to church where the omnipresence of the Almighty was fully illustrated. Returning home he seemed, like older people, to have forgotten all about the sermon, but when seated at the table suddenly broke out with: "Papa, where is God?" "God is everywhere," said his father. "All around?" "Yes." "In the house?" "Yes." "In this room?" "Yes." "Then why don't you ask him to dinner?"

At the annual meeting of Plymouth church out of over 67,500 members, only 60 were in attendance. Pastoral Helper Halliday took a very dismal view of the condition of the church. He said he met with much difficulty in discovering the residences of the members. The Sunday school was at a standstill and the Bethel was decreasing. Year by year the contributions were falling off, until they had reached a miserable condition. With one exception the contribution had decreased one-half.

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