Then We Will Want Twice As Many As We Have At The Present Time.

A despatch from Washington says: , ministers saunter around from parlor Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the to parlor under the name of pastorfollowing text:-Hebrews x, 25, "Net al visitation and go gadding about forsaking the assembling of ourselves through the village or the city on together."

by presenting some hard facts. No bring a large audience, and on Monone will dispute the fact that there day sit down and write jeremaids are more churches in America than for the religious newspapers about ever before, one denomination aver- the decadence of aging two new churches every day of the year. The law of demand People will not go to church mere- dashed over her; her hands, with At last their vigil was rewarded and supply is inexorable in the ly as a matter of duty. There will which she clung to the outer edge Out of the darkness there suddenly Kingdom of God as it is in the not next Sabbath be a thousand of the wall, were blue and numb loomed the figure of the ship. On it world. More churches supplied argues people in any city who will get up with cold. The wind had shaken came with the white foam washing more church privileges demanded in the morning and say: "The free her hair, and it streamed wildly over the deck, and at times hiding More banks, more bankers; more fac- Bible says I must go to church. It behind her. Yet the look in her eyes it almost from their view It was tories, more manufacturers; more is my duty to go to church, there- showed that she felt neither the cold some minutes before Andrew recog-

more attendants. cause here and there a church is de- cause they like it, and the Two boats had already arrived in pleted. Churches have their day. multitude of people who stay away safety, and now a third sail hove in was beating wildly now, and Sometimes merchandise will entirely from church stay away because they sight. For a few moments the girl's temples throbbed with anxious occupy a neighborhood and crowd do not like it. I am not speaking heart beat madly, but soon she re- citement. As the boat drew near the out the churches and families ordin- about the way the world ought to cognized that it was not the one she two, reckless of the danger, rose up facts to overthrow the statement of the church mightier than the centernerine strife. But there are no we must mave the centripetal force the crest of a gigantic wave, it came approach. that I have made in regard to the trifugal. increasing attendance upon the house of God. Now, I am ready to admit, that there are churches which

HAVE BEEN DEPLETED,

and it is high time that a sermon be ministry and for the warning of prosperous churches as to what are the of the church or the pastor.

The trouble begins away back in a shame that larger provision is not the sick and the aged and the infirm who have worn themselves out go down, they give him the title of minutes? preach, is set to teach others

HOW TO PREACH.

preaching and then on Sunday go quest. and square him and mold him and pent-infested region. But bore him and twist him until all the MOSES SURPRISED THEM. want less deadwood in the theologi- baskets, and they were carried at the care of you" cal seminaries and more flaming head of the army of Moses, and, evangels. I declare that a man who coming up to the serpent-infested recannot preach himself cannot teach gion, the crates were opened, and others how to preach.

preach Christ and Him Crucified. Yes marched right on and came so unbut not as an abstraction. Many a expectedly on the Ethiopians that minister has preached Christ and Him they flew in wild dismay. O church often—that it can never be." hundred to ore hundred, and from fluences to clear the way. Hosts of roused himself. to twenty, and on down until there Church attendance, large now, is don't see what good you're doin' rived Jim was soon lifted up. Warm was little left

SAVE THE SEXTON

service was over and lock up, There girl five years old. I think they may and Him crucified. It is not Christ opem 1059u suq ssolf unitsilation and Him crucified as an abstraction, one revolution backward. The world but as an omnipotent sympathy ap- moves, the kingdom advances. All will help us in every domestic, social, glory in the church throughout financial, political, national struggle ages! Amen. -a Christ for the parlor, a Christ for the nursery, a Christ for the kitchen, a Christ for the barn, a Christ or the street, a Christ for the store. Christ for the banking house, a hrist for the factory, a Christ for ingressional assembly, a Christ for ry trial and every emergency and rv pertubation.

I think that ministerial laziness often empties the church of auditors. It was a wild night on the Banff- vacantly before him. Hearers, who are intelligent through shire coast. A furious gale from reading newspapers and by active as- the northwest was sending the spray Jim's a good sort, and I promise sociation in business circles will not dashing over the cliffs which gird the you if he comes home safe to-night on the Sabbath sit and listen to shore. to sermons which have in them no fishing town of Portsoy the entire The tears in the girl's eyes were important facts, no information, no population stood huddled together. not all due to the wind and salt

errands of complete nothingness and Startling statements have been wrap their brains around a cigar made in many of the pulpits and in and smoke them up, and then on some of the religious newspapers. It Saturday afternoon put a few crude is heard over and over again that thoughts together and on Sunday church attendance in America is in morning wonder that the theme of decadence. I deny the statements Christ and Him crucified does not

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

ships, more importers; more churches, fore I will go to church." The vast nor the wet, nor the wind; her nized the outlines, and shouted to multitude of people who go to whole soul went forth eagerly, anx- Jean : You are not to argue adversely be- church, go to church be- iously, into the darkness.

preached for the benefit of young denomination of Christians. First, on the shore quivered with excite- often a quick turn at the wheel to Empire. church attendance is the fault either of men who utterly amaze you with the danger was over.

ALWAYS IN STAGNANT. for men who fought on land and sea to all evangelists, to all ministers for our country when these men of the gospel, if we want our Sunit is a shame that larger provision |-ood our louves or sound ino pur of Jesus Christ who have worn fact is, the people are tired of the themselves out in battling for the humdrum is the worst of all hum-Lord. But lack of provision in that drum. You say over and over again, which had just arrived. As soon as 'O, Andrew, save him ! proving their fidelity to British conpitals for sick and aged and infirm you not tell them a story which will relatives and friends, was already ashy pale.

D. D. by way of resuscitation. If It is high time that the church of bered up beside the girl. that fails, then the tendency is to God stopped writing apologies for "Jean," he shouted in her ear. elect him to a professorate in some the church. Let the men who are "Jean, what are you doing here?" him !" cried Jean again in agony, theological seminary. There are on the outside, who despise religion, grand exceptions to this rule, but it write the apologies. If any people is often the case that the profes- do not want the church they need carelessly. sorate in a theological seminary is not have it. It is a free country. occupied by some minister of the If any man does not want the gos- what on earth are you doing out by both hands, he shouted in her gospel, who, not being able to pel he need not have it. It is a free here on such a night ? Why, you ear. "For your sake, Jean !" and country. But you go out, O people might be swept off at any minute." the next instant he had flung aside of God, and give the Gospel to the "Oh, I'm all right," she answered. the sou'wester and leaped off the millions of America who do not "I've been here for an hour already, quay. In more cases than one the poorest want it! It is high time to stop and I mean to stay until the Dare- As the girl watched she saw An- Confederation. The fact that the spot, and sails up and down over clamorous in a crisis that the Govspeaker in the faculty is the pro- skirmishing and bring on a general devil comes home." fessor of elocution. We want more engagement. I want to live to see "It's madness," he shouted back; surface. He was swimming on his Parliament was held in Melbourne marine sentry," which gives instant solid rest of the country can get a wide awake, more able-bodied, able- the Armageddon, all the armies of "you're doin' no good to anyone and back, and held the unconscious Jim pending the selection of a national warning when it touches ground. minded men, more enthusiastic men heaven and hell in battle array, for doin' a lot o' harm to yourself. Why, by the shoulders. It was soon evi- capital-naturally made that marvel- The "Research" wasted two whole Calcutta, again, is a painfully lobin our theological seminaries and I know our Conqueror on the white you must be drenched to the skin. dent that the fight was to be a lous city of the south the central days last summer in a vain search sided centre of Indian life. The Moin the professorates-men like Addi- horse will gain the day. Let the Look here, Jean," he cried, almost hard one. Utterly worn out by point of the festivities. It is esti- for a shoal reported at the entrance gul Emperors arranged things better Alexander, who could during church of God be devoted to nothing angrily as the words appeared to twenty-four hours' constant work at mated that close upon a million peo- of the Channel.

into the pulpit, and with the thun- ing to conquer the Ethiopians pro- come." seminaries cut a man and clip him man had dared go across this ser- His voice was hoarse and trembling der to the water's edge.

the ibises flew forth, and the way Young ministers are told they must was cleared, and the army of Moses

sky is brightening in every who was paid to stay there until the direction. I am glad for the boy and is a great deal of cant about Christ, see the millennium. The wheel of plied to all the wants and woes of nations will yet salute the standards our immortal nature—a Christ who of Prince Immanuel. To Him be

HAPPINESS BOUGHT - - WITH A LIFE.

platitudes. Hearers will not come Round the harbor of the small as I live." tirring power, so adaptation, no Anxious faces, tear-streaked faces, water as she replied in a trembling and a few grim, stern-set faces might be seen amid the throng. Sometimes the public be seen amid the throng. Sometimes the pew. Militarial latiness the crowd was hushed and still; good sort, too, and—and—I'm Still sometimes the ellence gave place to sorry."

woman. Above all asked, trying to speak cheerfully, sounded the wild shricking of the though his heart was aching. wind and the thundering roar of the "If you wish, Andrew," she billows as they dashed upon the plied, and the two sat silent, strainouter harbor wall or upon the ing their eyes to pierce the darkness rocks around.

The fishing fleet was returning deeper. home. On such a night it was im- For half an hour they sat waiting. possible for the smacks to live at and often the hardy fisherman wonsea; there were but two alternatives dered how Jean could endure -to be wrecked upon the rocks, or wind and the icy spray which to "run the harbor," that is to say, and anon dashed up. He dared not, to let the boat run freely before however, raise his voice again to the storm and steer straight in protest. through the harbor mouth. A cool As he glanced at the girl so close head and a steady hand, with per- to his side he realized with pain how haps a little luck, meant safety; a far she was removed from him. trifling error of judgment, the mis- Though he had often been rebuffed he calculation of a few feet means almos had never until to-night given certain death. It was little wonder hoping that a love so strong as his that on such a night mothers, wives, would one day be rewarded. As sisters, and brothers strained their looked back on the last few years anxious eyes to pierce the twilight of his life and remembered how he which was closing in upon the toss- had always been toiling, toiling,

On the top of the outer wall, close enough to give Jean a comfortable by the harbor mouth, a girl was home, he felt that there was now crouching. It was a wild spot for a great blank which could never be anyone to choose. Often the spray filled up.

could distinguish the aged fisherman, Andrew a little later. I say to the young men who are Robert Braymond standing calm and Jean nodded without speaking.

men who are just entering the gospel you will find the men of large com- ment as they saw it dart towards right or left evaded the onslaught of Sailing from Portsmouth on March mon sense and earnest look. The the harbor mouth. Then a cheer an angry breaker, and kept the boat 16, they passed down the British education of their minds, the piety rang through the air as the wheel directed towards the goal. causes of decline in any case. If of their hearts, the holiness of their was whirled round and the boat Suddenly, when the boat was only cay to the Mediterranean. There, merchandise crowd out a church, lives, qualify them for their work. swung safely into the haven. Ropes about thirty yards from the harbor where Gibraltar guards the entrance that cannot be helped, but under all Then you will find in every church were quickly flung out and made mouth, the two figures on the outer to that historic sea, couched like a other circumstances decadence in court of every denomination a group fast, and ere one could realize it wall caught Jim's eye. He looked lion ever on the watch for its foes,

the theological seminaries. It is Those are the men who give forlorn paused for a moment, doffed his ped from his hand, and that mo- fortress in the Mediterranean, and statistics about church decadence. great sou'-wester, and raising his ment's distraction spelt ruin. Ere there they came in touch with the made for ministers of religion, for Frogs never croak in running water; eyes to heaven, muttered a few words he could recover the Daredevil had first of those mixed populations of thanks to God. The watching pitched, crashing into the harbor which live in liberty under the Uncrowd was awed into an impressive wall. gratulation.

young fisherman from the boat over into the water. bor. In a few minutes he had clam- ible above the troubled waters, then British citizens. And then they pas- quick-firers, and sounding-lines and

The girl started and looked around clutching at Andrew's arm. "Oh, it's you, Andrew," she said,

the week teach men the theory of else, but go right on to this con- have no effect, "I've come out here sea, and weighed down by his sodden ple gathered in the capital of the A few weeks later the same vessel

chants or a faculty of unsuccessful river, as other armies had done, be- weather, what right have you to his way to the quayside. Jean. of history.

close to her ear.

but her reply was firm.

drew and I wish-I do wish it wasn't choking gasp he sank beneath the despite the fact that she held great via. so. I have told you often-far too water

"My father ?" said Jean. "My body was recovered.

father's not out to-night." "Not out ? Then who-" stopped short suddenly, staring though someone had struck him

"Jean," he shouted, hoarsely, it Jim you're watching for ?" almost an appeal, in the girl's voice entering the cemetery, invariably as she replied so quietly that An- pause before a certain grave. The drew scarcely heard the words.

"Yes, Andrew, it is Jim that I'm vatching for." hearts were too full to speak, though clasping the hand which lies on his with far different emotions. An- arm, he mutters half to himself, half drew's frank, weather-beaten coun- to the girl by his side-

"Jean," he said, at last, "I know that he died." Iill never bother you again as long

an excited babble of voices, or was "At least, you'll let me watch with broken by the hysterical wail of an you to-night till he comes?" he

with the single aim of earning

"It's the Daredevil this time." Jean did not answer. Her heart

at them keenly; then started vio- they received the first welcome from the fact that sucn semi-imbecility A strange little scene followed. lently as he recognized wno they one of the outposts of the Empire. can get any pulpits to preach in! Old Braymond. as he left the wheel, were. For a moment the wheel slip- Next came Malta, Britain's island

There were two persons by whom ing close at her heels. As they ran en, the Empire's outpost at the have become aged or crippled, and day-schools and our prayer meetings this incident passed unnoticed. The they saw Jim thrown forward by mouth of the Red Sea. one was the girl on the outer wall, the shock. As he tried to regain his Ceylon, that island of renown, is not made for the good soldiers ple we must freshen up. The simple who was already staring out again feet the boom swung round, and, "where every prospect pleases and over the water; the other was a striking him on the head, swept him only man is vile," gave them a

respect makes a tendency to turn "Come to Jesus," until the phrase the boat was safely moored he had he's drowning," cried the girl, her nection in many tangible ways. At our theological seminaries into hos- means absolutely nothing. Why do leapt ashore, and having avoided his eyes starting in terror and her face Singapore, their next stopping place,

he sank beneath the foam. "Save him! For God's sake, save point of their tour.

Andrew looked down at the seething cauldron beneath him and hesi-"Yes," he replied, "it's me. But tated. Then, suddenly gripping Jean

in a high, clear voice. individual is gone out of him and He sent his men out to gather up "Jean," he said, "it's a strange, Andrew heard and redoubled his of Queensland. Their reception there the bottom. he is only a poor copy of a man who Ibises. The ibis is a bird celebrated wild place to talk love, but you efforts. In a few minutes he had was marred by the change of plan, a was elected to a professorate be- for serpent slaying, and these ibises know I would give all I have in the almost reached the ladder, but his section of the people resenting the cause he could not preach. We were gathered into crates and into world to gain the right of taking strength was now exhausted. With a absence of the navy. The welcome even in British waters. H.M.S. last violent struggle he thrust Jim's was, however, a thoroughly loyal "Triton" was at work last year The earnest passion in his tone body towards the girl. Leaning out one. made the girl's face soften a little, as far as she could she caught Jim Sydney, the "Queen of the South- mud below Ipswich was so poisonous by the collar of his jersey. Then An- ern Seas," made up for any short- that one of the officers-Lieutenant "I know that you love me, An- drew's hold gave way, and with a coming in Brisbane's greetings, and Waugh-died from its horrible efflu-

"Anyway, Jean," he persisted, "I fast to Jim's collar. When help arer's the best steersman ir. the town." until the morning that Andrew's added its meed of devotion to the by the "Gladiator" to be false.

Every Sunday afternoon a young fisherman and his wife stroll arm in arm through the quiet streets of blow. Gradually he realized what it Portsoy. The villagers nudge one another and smile in a kindly fashion as they see them turn up the road to the cemetery which lies at the There was a strange wistfulness, back of the town. The couple, on girl (for she is little more) stoops to place a wreath of fresh flowers on the mound. The fisherman's eye There was a long pause; both is moist as he turns away, and,

> "Poor old Andrew, he was a good sort, and it was for your sake, Jean Oh yes, our home is complete in

every respect, said Mr. Preudpa.

Here is our bawl-room, he continued,

opening the door of the nursery.

erage velocity of 221 yards a second. ish outpost is the Indian Ocean, tures.

THE ROYAL PARTY HAVE TRA-VELLED 30,000 MILES.

which was every moment becoming Six Months Have Elapsed Since was still overshadowed by the cloud the Royal Party Left Portsmouth, England.

> in March, when she sailed from and around Ladysmith, received their Portsmouth bearing with her the rewards, while at Cape Town others Empire. It has been a half year fil- als. Perhaps the most striking feaboard. Never before has the heir to Africa was the demonstration of loywas a prince in a position to visit brought them liberty and love. the ends of the earth and receive the The Ophir touched at St. Vincent Rosebery would put it, the son of ceived fresh consorts, H.M.S. Diadem would strike the Empire at its heart. the King of the Britons.

It has been a journey worthy of the After their trip across Canada from great Queen, whose idea it was. Or- Quebec to Victoria, and back again iginally planned by Queen Victoria to Halifax, this truly Imperial tour as a mark of her approval of the will be closed by a call at St. John's Confederation of the Australian Col- Newfoundland, Britain's most an onies, Her Majesty having commis- cient colony, and then for sioned her grandson to open the first | Home and Merrie England. Parliament of the Commonwealth in her name, it was but a step further when King Edward decided that the tour should be one of the whole Emarily attendant upon them. Some- be, I am speaking about the way the looked for. Still she watched it, to their feet and despite the buffet- adjance porticinate in the comment of the com times a church perishes through in- world is. Taking things as they are, with a curious interest as, borne on ing of the wind, stood watching its adians participate in the testimony

ALL BRITISH SUBJECTS.

entering the ministry, we must put collected at the wheel. His keen eye | As the Daredevil swept on it seem- | It may not be inappropriate at this on more force, more energy, and in- was fixed on the harbor mouth, and ed evident that the steersman had time to review the events that have to our religious services more vivac- his hands held the spokes with a her under wonderful control. Jim's transpired since the Duke and Duchity if we want the people to come. grip of iron. On rushed the boat quick eye darted from the harbor ess left "the tight little island" to You look into a church court of any with breathless speed. The crowds mouth to the waves at his side; visit the outlying portions of the

Channel and through the Bay of Bision Jack. A few days later they

hearty welcome, the native races the Royal party had a glimpse of

THEIR WELCOME

in the new Commonwealth of the 272 ROCKS AND SHOALS the boasted radicalism of the Aus- sea.

festivities in January in honor of

NEW ZEALAND.

the loyalty of its people to the Last year H.M.S. "Gulnare" Throne and Empire. That had been proved its existence. proven on the battlefields of South Other vessels are at work search-Africa, New Zealand having sent ing the oceans for derelicts, which more soldiers in proportion to popu- form an even more terrible danger lation than any other portion of the to shipping than do rocks or reefs, King's dominions, and was empha- floating as they do in the very highsized by the enthusiastic welcome roads of traffic. When one is found given to the future King and Queen it is always destroyed. of Britain by the people of Auck- The Italian barque "Belfanti,"

Perth, in West Australia. After this poises as possible. It seems

where the population, largely of WORLD'S CAPITAL CITIES. French descent, gave their Royal Highnesses a suitable welcome, the Ophir went on to Durban, and there the tour seemed to gather more significance even than in Australia.

SOUTH AFRICA of war; yet both in Natal and in Cape Colony the welcome of their Royal Highnesses was of the most Six months almost to a day passed enthusiastic character. At Durban when the Ophir cast her anchors in many of the colonists who had done the harbor of Quebec from that day such good service in the campaign in good wishes of millions of British of the soldiers of the first South Afsubjects in her journey round the rican Colony were given their medled with unique experiences for all on ture of the Royal reception in South a throne made a circuit of the globe alty on the part of the blacks; Zulus without once leaving his own flag. and Basutos vieing with each other Never before, even in the days of the to do honor to the grandson of the great Empires of Rome and Greece, great white Queen, whose rule had start afresh with a clear field and no

homage- and tokens of affection of for coaling operations, and there said true geographical and social centre of millions of free subjects. All pre- farewell to H.M.S. George and Juno vious Royal progresses sink into in- which had escorted them all the way don is not. It is likewise free from significance beside this journey of the to Australia, and so far around the fear of invasion, while a sudden dash son of Britain's King, or, as Lord world. At St. Vincent the Ophir reand Niobe.

SPARE HALF-HOURS.

at Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands.

and her commander went ashore in vite's dissatisfaction with St. Petersrocks, a piercing trumpeting was glances at Constantinople, and his rose from the foam, dashed at the tal on the sunny Bosphorus some boat, and splintered it to fragments. day. Her crew managed to swim ashore, Paris is almost an ideal capital, while the unknown beast vented its only the war with Germany showed

rage on the boat. The commander immediately organized an expedition, armed with harpoons and rifles, to destroy this rounded it in a semi-circle; it was drove it ashore. There it fought des- for Germany than Berlin. Neither val asylums and soldiers' asylums ers, to all Sunday-school teachers, for men who fought on land and sea to all evangelists, to all ministers silence, which, however, soon gave with a horrined scream Jean rush were passing through the Suez Canal which British diplomacy has made be improved upon for which British diplomacy has made be improved upon for silence, which, however, soon gave down the shore steps which led which British diplomacy has made be improved upon for silence, which, however, soon gave down the shore steps which led which British diplomacy has made be improved upon for silence, which, however, soon gave down the shore steps which led which British diplomacy has made be improved upon for silence, which, however, soon gave down the shore steps which led which British diplomacy has made be improved upon for silence, which and sea to all evangelists. To all ministers are silence, which and sea to all evangelists. hurled about by the monster in its death agony. The brute turned out to be a sea-elephant, of the hitherto

unheard-of length of forty feet. Besides the regular cruising squadrons of the navy which act as police to Britain's foreign possessions in all the oceans of the world, there are always nearly a dozen of H. M. fleet who never do any fighting at all. ministers. When a man begins to make them come to Jesus in five making his way round the outer har-

sed on to Australia, the objective thermometers instead of torpedoes. Amongst other odds-and-ends, these vessels reported last year no less

than South has now passed into history. which were dangerous to navigation, The Duke and the Duchess everywhere charted 1,167 miles of coast-line, Americans located the head of the

to take you back, and you must clothes, Andrew could hardly keep State of Victoria to share in the re- took on board, at the request of Jim's head and his own above joicing, representatives of all that the Royal Society, Dr. Fowler, who realized the disadvantages of a capider and lightning of Christian elo- When Moses and his army were try- "I must come, must I?" and even water ; Jim, stunned by the blow is the best in Australia gathering in wished to make experiments on the tal within touch of the sea last year. quence show them how. What would fane history says, it was expected over the roaring of the storm her from the boom, lay a helpless weight Melbourne. It is not necessary to go depths at which certain forms of sea So much so that he took himself and you think of a faculty of unsuccess- that he would go in a roundabout voice sounded scornfully and indig- in his arms. Yet he struggled on life existed. When they were at work his court to Suchan in the middle of ful merchants to train young mer- way and come by the banks of the nant; "and pray, Andrew Fair- desperately, and inch by inch won to rejoicings; that is now a matter 150 miles south-west of Ushant, a China, whither the allies dare not Greek steamer hove in sight, and follow. It is said that the Powers lawyers to train young lawyers? It cause the straight route was infested talk to me like that?" seeing how matters stood, hastily Owing to the prevalence of the bore down on them, apparently to contemplate requiring the removal of is often the case that theological with snakes, and no army and no For a little Andrew was silent. climbed down the perpendicular lad- plague in Sydney, N.S.W., it was ne- make out what they were doing. the Chinese Government from Pekin cessary to change the programme, Not content with this, the inquisi- to Nankin, the old capital, which is when he spoke again, with his mouth "Here, Andrew. here," she called and so their Royal Highnesses travel- tive vessel ran right into the "Re- within easy reach of Shanghai led overland to Brisbane, the capital search," and very nearly sent her to A map of the world shows the awk-

DREDGING IS DANGEROUS,

sounding on the East Coast, and the

All sorts of curious rumors pour "Help! Help!" shricked the birth of the Commonwealth, the into the hydrographic department of Andrew was silent for a long time, Jean, but the help came too late. capital of New South Wales again the Admiralty, and ships have to be preached an audience of five hundred roundabout way, but to go straight on the hundred band from two hundred and f down to two hundred, and from two forward, depending upon winged in-West Coast of Ireland, were so magnetic that the compasses of ships going to be larger yet. The out here. The Daredevil will come drinks and a warm bed brought him that land of contrasts and curiosi- passing near them could not be rein all right. You know your fath- back to life again; but it was not ties, both in nature and in politics, lie upon. This report was proved

heir apparent. The political evolu- Another long-lived lie concerned a tion of the islands of the Southern dangerous rocky shoal said to exist Sea-startling though it has been to in Belle Isle Strait, Newfoundland. more conservative communities-has It has figured on all charts of the apparently not lessened by one whit locality for no less than 140 years.

land. Wellington, Lyttleton and discovered last year in mid-Atlantic, Dunedin. The demonstration of loy- was so water-logged that it had to alty on the part of the Maoris, the be blown up. It was most risky natives of the islands, was an espe- work landing on its half-submerged it was a dispensation of Providence cially attractive feature of the visit hull, over which big waves were that it did, or I would have been breaking.

Tasmania, the island paradise, ad- Even more trivial is the work ended its welcome when the Royal par- trusted to little gunboats and cruis- the house before any are served to ty called at Hobart, and they again ers of European fleets. Only a few went back to the mainland, visiting weeks ago the "Grenade," a French in turn Adelaide, the capital of gunboat, was despatched to the Me-South Australia, and Freemantle and diterranean to kill as many por- think of taking the chances of eatfarewells were said to the Australian these creatures have increased of to test them. Earthquake waves from a recent continent, and the Ophir started on late years to such an extent that the shock in Japan crossed the Pacific the third section of her journey. nets of the French fishermen are good sort, too, and-and-I'm in 10 hours and 84 minutes, an av- After a visit to Mauritius, the Brit- being reduced to rags by these crea-

SOME OF THEM SAID TO BE IN THE WRONG PLACE.

Manchester, for Instance, Should be the Capital of Eng-

land. Cities are so usually born, not made, that the manufacture of a capital and seat of Government for the Commonwealth of Australia invites attention. One of the three hitherto unknown places-Orange, Yass or Bombala-in New South Wales is to be turned into the Federal capital. On a site of 100 square miles a

model city is to be built and this will be the national centre of Australia. How many countries would change their capitals if they could

To start with, Manchester is the England. It is central, which Lonacross the ninety miles from France The position of Woolwich, too, is terribly exposed. Manchester, on the other hand is nicely inland, yet within hail of Liverpool, while it has

now its ship canal. It is the con-

verging point of the arterial railways

and for \$5 you can go to any part

of the Kingdom. Emphatically, Lon-

don should be at Manchester. Equally ill-placed is St. Petersburg. It is at the very edge and end of Russia. As for the value of its position on the sea, the Neva is frozen up six months out of the twelve.

HOW THEY SPEND THEIR It was a vast mistake of Peter the Great to transport his capital from Moscow to the northern morass. Mos-Fight With a Huge Sea Elephant cow is central, and the building of railways has in no sense made it more open to attack. The Russian lines are of a different gauge to all His Majesty's ship "Flora" an- others and so would be useless to an chored at Port Stanley, in the Falk- invader, while Russia would concenland Islands, one day last summer, trate troops upon them. The Muscoa boat. As the boat neared the burg is shown by his constant heard, and a huge black monster determination to establish his capi-

its openness to

ATTACK AND CAPTURE.

Orleans would be better, being on a dangerous creature. The boats sur- river like Paris, and rather more inland and central. It would be imharpooned, and volleys of buliets possible to suggest a better capital

is defensive. Of all European capitals it has been most often in the hands of an enemy. In its long history Rome has been besieged and captured over thirty times. But for the matter of that, London and St. Petersburg are the only two capital cities of Europe that have never been

occupied by a foreign foe. When the Commonwealth of South Africa comes into being it is safe to bet that Cape Town will not be the capital. It is the John c' Groats of the land. Bloemfontein or Johannesburg, both central and handy to the rest of the country, will be made

the seat of Federal Government. In fixing up the United States, the received the most loyal of greetings, and sounded 10,733 square miles of Republic inland, and established Washington. There is a great deal tralians seeming only to intensify H.M.S. "Research" is at work to be said for having the capital their determination to honor the round British coasts, and whenever away from the enthusiasms and wild British Prince, who had come 12,000 a new rock or shoal is reported by a fancies of the mob of big cities. In miles to assist at the birth of their merchant vessel, she proceeds to the France, for instance, Paris is so drew's head rise again above the first session of the Commonwealth it, towing a machine called a "sub- ernment falls before the sober and

when they fixed their throne at Delhi.

THE EMPEROR OF CHINA

ward position of London as the centre of the British Empire. For her world-domain Alexandria or Cairo is the ideal capital. Situated between East and West, North and South; holding the key to the lock of Asia in the Suez canal; a glorious climate; the magnificent Mediterranean before and all Africa behind down to the Cape, which is the back-door to Asia, Alexandria is the natural capital of

If ever the Gulf Stream should chill of be diverted, converting Britain into an Arctic land, or her coal supply should give out, Britons might accept the invitation that Disraeli put into the mouth of an Arab sheik, and, taking ship and treasure, transport the whole nation bodily to establish the capital of Anglo-Saxondom at Alexandria.

A NEW QUALIFICATION.

An old lady applied at an employment office for a maid. I want a little girl between ten years and fourteen years of age who

is fond of mushrooms. Fond of mushrooms? repeated the employment agent. That is something I never inquired about of ap-

plicants. I don't understand. Well, I always require it, replied the old lady. I am very fond of mushrooms myself, and there are so many mistakes made. The idea came to me several years ago, and killed. I have my maid eat a portion of all mushrooms brought to me. I have lost two excellent maids from toadstools during the past five years, and, of course, I could not ing mushrooms unless I have a maid

Germany has the record number of insane-108,000, against Britain's