Rev. A. F. Sherrill Took Up the Question Sunday

And Addressed a Large Congrega-

of President Garfield.

Mr. Sherrill took his text from two portions of the Old Testament; from giving and into His courts with praise

and christian friends of gratitude and of joy over the whole face of this nation, Two weeks ago yesterday there was attempted a dreadful crime against the head of our nation, and the news the head of our nation, and the news the head of our nation, and the news the national the verge of some great conflict, perhaps between labor and capital, the head of our nation, and the news that was coming to us two weeks ago yesterday at this time, and again during the hours of the Sabbath, was DARKENING OUR HEARTS

learned not only to respect, but also to love this true real man, of signal ability, of honest heart, of simple faith. And when this news came to strong enough. There would have to faith. And when this news came to us it came like a personal sorrow and bereavement to our hearts, but since that day the news has been better and better, until now we have great hopes all of us that the worst is passed, and all of us that the worst is passed, and that our president will be restored to us with his health and strength. And so, to-night, our first reason for thanksgiving, as we enter this house, is that we can have for our subject something about, not the assassina tion of the president, but only the attempted assassination. Two weeks direct control over the people or else of prayer have rolled over this land such as has never passed over it be- is possible, and I think you will agree fore, and probably there is

NO OTHER MAN

living, or ever has lived, who in two weeks has had so many prayers offered up for him, as well as other things done, as our president had offered for him in these past two weeks.

And now that these prayers have been so largely answered, if not fully, it becomes us to render in return republic. The life of the president of republic. with full hearts for the goodness he has already shown and for the large extent to which he kas answered the prayers which have been offered. Let us remember while we pray with heartiness that many have prayed who never prayed before. Prayers have been offered day by day in Westminster Abbey for the life of the president of it in your own case with a strong that the property is not your own, you have to divide with them. There is no God, no future, no justice, nothing to fear. When Guiteau wrote that note I don't start Abbey for the life of the president of it in your own case with a strong imagination, having a family as he was and knowing to what you are are of the United States, not only there,

SYMPATHY HAS BEEN WAFTED and prayers have ascended from every nation in Christendom. Yes, beyond, And let me emphacise a moment, for we have been charged by skeptical some guard to will see that henceforth there must be take all legitimate means to crush it some guard to scientists that religion in this country and in this age was losing its hold. When a nation is cast into trouble then comes the true test whether we safer than it can be otherwise, as among us. Then there is one more are infidels or believers. Why, even we value his life, and cannot afford to thing you and I, the press, society, Ingersoll so far forgot himself (and have repeated every now and then the people, political parties, all of us most of us must agree that he has what has been repeated within the must begin to have more respect for

THE PRESIDENT WAS DEAD, that he said, 'God have mercy upon our ten times as large as now. At present country.' expressour thanks to God and gladness because this act, this nefarious crime was committed, not with the pretext of excuse on the part of any fault of the president or any fault in the gov-ernment, nor as the representative of can handle fifty men, and I dont think the spirit of any party, nor with the could be done. the act of one dastardly cur, who has about an equal mixture, as I can learn, think of the whole nation if some evil so far as anything has not pleased the of fanaticism and villainy. It is worth a great deal to our nation that this is true, not only among ourselves but should arise, if the army were in department of the whole factor is the whole factor in the

text for the committing of such an act, but with us there is not even the alightest pretext on the part of the president or of anything existing in our nation why such a thing should be done, nor was it the expression of the opinion of any party. I was afraid when I first heard the news that it was an expression of a party we have much to fear. I feared that before the sun went down it would be wired to us that it was an expression on the part of that party which is endeavoring to annihilate, to strike down, the heads in Europe as well as here. But it was nothing of the kind the strike that it was nothing of the kind the strike that it was nothing of the kind the strike that it was nothing of the kind the strike that it was nothing of the kind that it was not in the strike that wholesale criticism of the strike that the strike the strike that the strike that the strike that the strike t It was the single act of such one as I The story proved it necessary, and if described. I have nothing more to we go in the face of experience and say of him. This country has nothing more to do with him. I am sur-whereas if we are provided and espeprised that the papers have

SAID SO MUCH about him. We have no interest in him or in his pedigree. All we desire because it would prove a most efficasafe place and never allowed to come among men again having proved him-self unfit to live among men. He should be left to commune with his says to us that this factor can have in its midst. Then again there should be a radical reform in our civil service. The London Telegraph own guilty conscience till God calls says to us that unless America shall him to a higher account. One more cur our thing we may be glad for that is well, of place hunting which is now on its mine the religious faith of the people. and that is that this nation knows face it will destroy the whole body to undermine the confidence in that

would have been

and hurt, and perhaps permanently hurt in some respects, yet so great are the resources of this broad nation, and so many are its wise and strong men, it would not have been a mortal hurt in any sense to our nation. Its stocks would still remain steady, its great industries would still move on and it still be the most prosperous nation on the face of the earth. Some dastardly assassin may strike a mortal blow at the head of this nation, but God has laid its foundation too broad and made tional church Sunday evening, on the a few glimpses into the interior life of

feeling and bring men to SOBER THOUGHT the 100th psaim and the fourth verse: and better action, to illustrate to us "Enter into His gates with thanks- the value of a sound mind in a sound body. But it was my purpose tomight to speak of certain moral reand bless His name," and from the forms and reforms in government fourth chapter of Proverbs and the that are suggested by this event, and twenty-sixth verse, "Ponder the path to make us think about them. You of thy feet and let all thy ways be know it is the opinion of many thoughtful men in this country that it is destined to be very severely tried why one sex should not vote as well his brave part. Mr. Sherrill began: Christian in the not far distant future, that there as the other, having the limit of repatrons, are elements of discord and danger sponsibility, property and other to-night within our midst for which there is things. Samuel Burns and Mr. Mills

country of A GREAT BEVOLUTION

that will only differ from that of

small states may not answer with fifty, with a hundred, or with five hundred

stronger, more central and have more revolutions, if that be not required it with me, there must be some changes in our present government. I would suggest some of the necessary changes: First of all I think it will be agreed there must be a more careful defense guard kept about the head of our nation. It may not be anything in the way of display; it should not be and We have other nations to take warn need not be anything that will be ofthis nation is a very choice life and we have realized this during the last

two weeks. It is A LIFE PECULIARLY DANGEROUS. has, and knowing to what you are ex- nection with him, but the central sen-From Japan and the interior of and walk into the capitol and be very and radical Africa and the states of southern much like one among the rest. Those America, joined together in words of were good days and we all love simsympathy and utterances of prayer to God and thereby has given a noble by this is no longer possible, and it being mitted that atrocious act. This is an God and thereby has given a noble tribute to this man whom we honor so, and the facts before us show it is, illustration of what that organization will become if allowed to grow up in will become if allowed to grow up in good sense of the people of this nation our midst; so I say with Gen. Grant,

DEFEND THE PRESIDENT. never been sincere) when he heard last two weeks. Along with a further news that the news that the guard we should have a large increase of our army - five or perhaps, says: While on this part let us thanks to God and gladness is act, this nefarious crime itted, not with the pretext on the part of any fault of the New York should break out it could not wish the part of any fault of the New York should break out it could not speak ill of rulers," and history has proved to us that the Bible is wise in that. A republican government must always be exercising some

EVEN BY SOLDIERS. abroad. If it is not understood at the first it will be. Kings have been struck down by assassins, but these kings had the stains of the blood of their people on their cloaks as it were, and whose as it were, and whose government was tyrannical government was tyrannical and dangerous people in the first it is only a mandrum in case of the first it way through the very atmosphere that the people breathe, and all respect for rulers, their reform, their voice and their authority is little by little being scattered and dangerous people in the first it way through the very atmosphere that the people breathe, and all respect to the first it did, and awakened terror, but that it ended where it did. We all know that there are large numbers of distinction of the first it did, and dangerous people in the first it way through the very atmosphere that the people breathe, and all respect to the first it did, and awakened terror, but that it ended where it did. We all know that there are large numbers of distinctions in the first it did, and awakened terror, but that it ended where it did. We all know that there are large numbers of distinctions in the first contented and dangerous people in this country, and that at any time,

> should be increased, and especially a eially in the east if the army is not called out for a hundred years it would be justified as one of the wisest cious peacemaker that this nation can

it be when we have the second centenniarly? Why, this system of spoil and place hunting is a source civilization will certainly fall, and the

of weakness and danger in our government and leads to corrup-tion, to bitterness, to factions of all kinds, of bribery and evil doing and evil thinking and the pressure and influence upon the nation is something too dangerous and creates a cause of danger that we cannot longer carry on. It is not saying too much to assert that it was

amount of limit, so there is nothing are secondary causes, but contrary to the principles of our government in it. There must be a greater limit than at present. It will take very wise men, of intelligence, of responsibility, of property and so on, but limits ought to be placed without all others is done abiding Christian reference to sex, because there is no argument on the

PACE OF THE EARTH.

vantage of church and school, and in Jesus." France in being greater and more bloody. You know that Macauley ready as soon as possible, and fit to with sorrow and foreboding. The pang of his wound went to the hearts of fifty million people, for we all have of fifty million people, for we all have might answer for a little while, the property have made our best citizens, whether foreigners or Americans, but the sufference of t of ignorance some one will always suffer. When you put power in the hands of irresponsible people some one will always suffer. There must be limits put, and carefully put upon THE SUFFRAGE,

millions across the broad extent of otherwise we shall find the power in Mahon. this continent. If it be not true that the hands of those that will sweep us the government must be changed into away into anarchy and destruction. Then there is another thing that must receive attention. It is true that ni hilism and socialism are, as yet, small in this country. Comparatively so. You know when Alexander was assassinated, organized meetings in Chicago openly applauded that act, and you and I smiled.

New York city not only did the same, but threatened prominent citizens of our country. My friends, it not safe to treat this matter lightly.

WHAT IS NIHILISM?

It is a Latin word. Nihit, that is nething. It means to say to you, you have no rights whatever that they're bound to respect. Your life is nothing if they choose to take it. Your posed, would you not wish to have some special guard around you? We hillism. "Life is but a day dream and read in history that Jefferson could you may as well be struck out to-day ride up on horseback and dismount as to-morrow." That is the very pith PRINCÍPLE OF NIHILISM

wherever it exists and he had the do it better now because it is compara-Not a conspicuous guard, or for dis- tively small, because there is no play, but one that will make his life shadow of a pretext for its existence

HONOR "THE KING."

ment must always be exercising some conservative criticism, but we have allowed ourselves to go into an unchecked license in our criticism, in our accusations, in our evil speaking abroad. If it is not understood at is only a handful in case of evil aris- beginning to be held cheap, and con-

tered away from us. There will alwhere many are gathered together, there are likely to be fierce and yery dangerous outbreaks, and that we dangerous outbreaks, and that we have a ways taking the second of the second o have nothing to meet it here, no ways fired that revolver he was only taking and in a certain sense all of us are in some degree responsible for his act. gatherings of people of this class, are most anxious that some degree responsible for his act. We shall see it repeated, whatever preventions we have, if we allow ourselves and our people to indulge in that wholesale criticism of those that

those that rule. And this, the last thing I wish to speak of to-night, it is not true that moralists are obliged to come to religion in order to obtain sanction or a right to exist. We know the moral law without going to the Bible to find it. We know gratitude is right and stealing is wrong, whether there is a Bible or not. Marcus Aurelius knew it. The Indian knows it, but we do have to come to religion in order to get inspiration and working force to throw into morals. We have to go to religion to make morals prac-tically operative. Whoever in this nation is busying himself to underwhat a good and useful man it has and that President Garfield in the four months of his administration has done will say that is true. In the center- is doing that, is insidiously working is doing that, is insidiously working

more than many, have done in four years. If he had fallen this nation waged for the presidency. What will worst enemy that exists in this nation. DRAGGING THE NATION

ruin of the natiou be inevitable. Whereas by as much as any of you are working and living and teaching to make the religion of Jesus Christ believed in by the people, and that people so believing are advancing and helping to stimulate morality, by so much you are working for the welfare, the strength and the safety of this nasert that it was
ONLY OFFICE SEEKING
gone mad that shot the president two
means without any special Rev. A. F. Sherrill preached to a it too high and strong. It is easy to weeks ago, and that the flame of that application made on my part, so I just large audience in the First Congrega- see the good we may get from taking revolver was a kind of lurid light to close with these words, you and I have show us the dark danger that lie all seen in the last two weeks how great subject of the attempted assassination will do to this Christian nation. The must come another reform and that is the value in the hour of calamity must come another reform and that is influence it has to hush all factional a greater limit of the suffrage. There heart Chtistian faith. Whatever other is already in some states a certain things you may ascribe it to, and there

THE REAL CAUSE for the fortitude and spirit and brave manly bearing of that man during this fearful trial, and correspondingly all others, is deep, abiding Christian faith. He will recover if possible, otherwise he had no fear and in either case could be calm and still and act

And now, Christian friends, and all here present, none of us have our houses secured against the evils of no suitable power of control or re- had to live in this country twenty-one calamity. We know they will come, pression, and that we are hovering on years and learned law every day before let us have in our hearts the same the verge of some great conflict, per- they were allowed to vote, and they true source of hope, and may it it is not right, that they should vote. evil, for thou art with me." "There I would be for giving them every ad- is no condemnation to them that are

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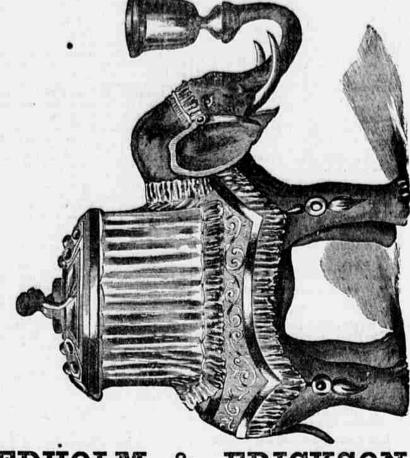
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