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Christian Science.
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All diseases, according to Christian Science, have their origin in spirit. Each affection of the mind produces a corresponding state of the body. Sume thoughts result in health, and others in disense. Not only does each one's mind affect his body, but all minds around him are ceaselessly bombarding him with curses or blessings. We are distinctly told that a little child, which had no evil thoughts of its own, was the target for the arrows of a thousand evil spirits from without. Its diseases and sufferings were only the wounds, inflicted by malignant enemies around.
The doctrine of demoniacal possession is tame, compared with this belief, that one is beleagured by demonsand fiends, from the cradle to the grave, yet this is Christian Science
In the treatment of disease, they do not believe in the homeopathic motto, "Similia sisulibus curantur," but are strictly old school, in neutralizing poison by its antidote. As evil thoughts produce disease, so their effect must be counteracted by good and pure thoughts. Indeed they clain, that they have so far discovered the relations of nind and matter that they have catalogucd evil thoughts and their consequent diseases, and that they can vors prescribe the
precise state of mind and kiudnf thoughts which will cure any given disease. They differ from the disciples of Mind cures, in that they can eradicate a disease, either by operating upon the patient's mind and causing it to think the thoughts which shall expel the disease. or by antagonizing directly with their owv thoughts the malignant influences of other minds which are aggravating the dis ease ; while the performer of Mind cures is shut up to the one method, of influencing the mind of the patient.
They diffler again from the performers of Faith cures, in that their patients are simply passive, and have nothing to do but to submit, while the Faith cure sub ject must actively believe, as the indis. pensable condition of his healing. Faith in anything is of little account in Christian Science cures. The scientist, not you, thinks the thougbts which have healing in their wings, and sets them flying allabout you. You may co operate, by thinking along the same fines, and thus reinforce the operator, or you may be purely passive, and do nothing. It is only required, that you do not actively antagonize the operation. The Usually the pratient is placed in a room alone with the operator, and is asked to direct his thoughts to a given subject and remain quiet. The operator also maintains perfect quiet, and simply thinks the disease away. Sometimes it is claimed, that a single sitting of an hour or s 0 , is sufficient, while in other cases, a succession of sittings reaching through several weeks or even months is required.
Testimonials, to these strange cures from persons of unquestionable veracity are not wanting. As in the case of Fuith cures and Mind cures, an army of wit nesses can be mustered to testify that they were cured in this way. But without questioning the sincerity and veracity of these witnesses in the least, it is still true, that such testimony is of little value. Any man can make a nostrum
of any harmless substance and advertize it as a certain cure for any known disease, and in six months, cun obtain certificates from a score of persons to the effect, that it wrought a marvelous cure in their cases. They all believe, that they are testifying to a fact, and do it from gratitude for their own cure, and in order to bevefit others who may be suffering in the same way. They are honest and sincere, but they are mistakeu. Take a thousand cases of the most fatal disease, and without any medicine at all, a seore of them will get well A cain, of the thousand persons supposed to have the fatal malady, a more thor-
ough diagnosis would reveal the fact, that a score or more had not the true disease in question, but something far less dangerous, whose symptoms were similar. Now all who take the nostrum and get well, attribute tbeir restoration to the medicine, and do not doubt that it wrought their cure. A man who is to sit in judgment on his own case.
He may be an houest, but he is incompetent witness of his condition, or of the causes whicb produced it. For these reasons, the testimony of persons to their cure by Christian Science nust
be taken with a great deal of allowance, and is therefore far from conclusive They may in some cases have been hy pochondriacs, and imagined themselves sick when they were not; or they may have ieen persuaded to believe that
they were cured when chey were not; or they may have attributed their cure to Christian Science when they would have recovered just as soon without it. But it is not necessary to repudiate all alleged cures, in order to discredit Christian
Science. It is well known, that there is an intimate and inexplicable connection between the mind and the body, and that many diseases of the body are induced or aggravated by mental condilions. If by any means, a person thus afflicted can be brought into a more healthy be greatly accelerated. It has not been left for Christian Science, or any other
ism to discover this fact to our age.
Physicians !rom time immenorial have prescribed a change of scenery or of company or of occupation to their patients for the sole purpose of inducing more cheerful and hopeful mental states
and thus ultimately eflecting a physical cure. If therefore, we grant the genuineness of many alleged Christian Science cures, we do not thereby admit that any new science, or any new relig-
ion has been discovered. The sane thing ion has been discovered. The sanue thing must be remembered, in this connection, that anly their successes are reported, while their failures are studiously kep out of sight, and are buried in dead silence. Could their failures be naarshal led side by side with their alleged cares they would probably so far outnumber them, that the cures would appear conffects they may have produced in cases of real or imaginary diease, their system is a misnomer; for it is neither Christian nor Science. Its views of God and Christ and the scheme of sal vation, are much more atheistic or pan theistic than they are Christian. If the demons which they pretend to exorcise could speak, like those of old, they would exclaim, "Jesus I know, and Paul
concerning human nature and the o gin of disease are baldly unscientific They are pure dogmatism without a shadow of proof or even of probability,
They sound more like the vagaries of a disordered mind or the drearn of a drunkard, than like scientifically ascertained truth.

Letter from Bishop Foss. Dear Dr. Thonas:-It gave m pleasure, to accept the invitation of the pastor of Scott church, Rev. V. S. Col lins, to spend last Sunday in Wilming ton. My taste of the flavor of the holding the Wilmington Conference in that city last Spring, and also the Delaware Conference in Dover, made me
quite willing to test its quality still further. I preached in the morning in Sontt church, on the suhject of Foreign Missions, to a large and encorragingly attentive and impressive audience. The missionary collection was taken; and
the pastor says it will be found to be a good advance, on any previous collection in that church. In the evening, I preached in Grace church, to one of the
most crowded and inspiring audiences I have found anywhere.
Monday morning, $I$ attended the Preachers' Meeting, and met a large number of our pastors, and several local preachers and laymen. The reports from the churches in Wilwington, and
in many other places, were full of good cheer. I was delighted to hear of numerous revivals of religion ; several of the $m$ of extraordinary scope and power.
$E_{p \text { worth }}$ church reported more that 350 convergions, in a meeting continued from September till now. Many churches have had from 50 to 100 couver sions, each. One pastor, when called ou
to report, said, "Nothing remarkable; 2y conversims." Happy is that church

## "nothing remarkable," In the Scot

 church, the pastor, in a single sentence, and without a word of urgence, invited any who wished to join the church on probation, to come forward, and twenty
## of a gracious revival.

the guest of Job. H. Jackson, Esq. and Dr. Todd, and yourself, I of course enjoyed the amplest social courtesies aud also, what was still more welcome to me, the upportunity of large information our beloved Church. My impression received at the conference last spring was confirmed, that while in some parts of the country, there is need of an oceasional raven, to croak out something shout "the decline of Methodism," there bird, on "the Peninsula."
The statistics of the conference would indicate, that the Sunday-school work is faithfully prosecuted. They show an increase last year of 13 schonls, 1,089 officers and teachers, and 2,869 scholas. The ratio of Sunday-sehool scholars, in chure h members in our entire Church, is 108 to 100 ; in the Wilmington Conference, it is 138 to 100 . Let this ratio be maintained, and let the blessed revival influence, which signalizes the beginning of 1889 , brighten all the coming years, and the oft lamented glory of "the fathers," will be muitiplied upon their

Philadelphia, Feb. 5th, 1889

Greeting to Dr. Reed.
A correspondent sends us the following sprightly report, of "the boys" wel come to their new President.
The students of Diekinson gave the new President, Geo. E. Reed, D. D quite an enthusiastic reception, Monday,
eve., Feb. 4th. In the afternoon, it was noised that Dr. Reed would arrive in the evening, and spend a couple of days in Carlisle ; so the boys, with whom the Dr had already found great favor, called a meeting and resolved to give him hearty welcome. Arrangements were
perfected, and at 9.15 p . m.. the students, one hundred and fifty strong, assembled in the chapel, and from there, marched to the Railroad Station, two abreast i the following order: first the Indian Band ( 25 pieces), next the Co-erls, (our young lady students), then the senior
junior, sophomore and freshmen class junior, sophomore and freshmen class When Dr. Reed stepped from the train, the dissonant clangor of brazen throats gave him his first intimation, of the volume there was in Dickinson's yell. Dr Reed, Mr. W. C. Allison, (Dickinson's very liberal friend), Judge Sadler, with the members of the faculty, were invited to enter carriages which were in wait ing, and then the procession moved
through the principal streets, finally halting at the college chapel. After all had entered, Dr. Reed made a short address, which was characteristically full of wit and humor, making some allusion to the College yell. So when he had finished, he was again favored with a salute, which threntened to take the roof off. Dr. Reed then turned to the co-eds
and said, "now I would like to hear the ladies give it." The response was n
longer brazen, but ilver-toued, and the Dr. expressed his approval very happily by remarking, that he had no more loubts now, about woman's capacity Each student then had the privilege of after which Dr. Harmon took him in charge; as he was to have the honor of ntertaining him, during his stay in

This pleasant affirir was exclusively the students' reception. It is rumored, when Dr. Reed settes here permanent
$y$, he will be given the greatest reception ver t.endered a President of Dickinsun. Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 25th, 1888.

## "Virglnia District."

A correspondent from Onancock, Va brings forward a strong indictment in another cilumn, agaiust the arrangement of our Conference work, by which, the Virginia counties of the Peninsula, are set off with Smith's Jslaud, Md.,

## We ay it

We leem it very important, that all is cast upon the workers in this fied both the earuest, energetic and devote presiding elder, Rev. A. D. Davis, and his self-sacrificing co-laborers, the pastors have faithfully attended to the work assigned them; and with a zeal and success, equal to what was possible to any brethre, laboring in such embarrassing

We hope, therefure, this question will be considered and discussed, solely on its merits, without involving these parties who have simply done the best they could in obedience to the powets that be.
The Discipline, $\mathbb{T}[161, \S 2$, says, it i
the duty of a bishop, "to form the Districts according to bis judgment." "His judgment," in this matter, as in fixing the appointments" must necessarily depend largely upon the information be If Bom his advisers.
If Bishop Warren did an unwise thing in creating the Virginia district, at the Crisfield Conference, "his judgment", must have been the result of insufficient information, or unwise counsel. Our correspondent alleges four very damaging facts; (1) the exceedingly narrow limits of the district, seven feeble charges with only 833 members, (2) the impossibility of development, as every point with any promise is already occupied, (3) the abundant supply of churches on this territory, by six evangelical denominations, there being in Accomac county, one church to every 268 white inhabitants, (4) the injustice of collecting $\$ 763$ from this people for the pressing demands of Home and Foreign Missions, and then appropriating $\$ 600$ of missionary money, for keepng up this district.
We are confident, if these points are vell taken, and our columns are open to all parties interested, and that means he Conference, ministers and laymen, that Bishop Foster will not continue any such arrangement of districts.

## The Treasurer's Report.

The appearauce of Bro. Rigg's note simultancously with ny own in the Methodist of
Feb. 1st, moves me to write once more, on Feb. 1st, moves me to write once more, on
this knoty subject. At first reading, I agreed with him, and thought his suggestions an improvement on my own, but farther thought
convinced me that he and I were mistaken in this. In the first place, how can the Bonrd of Stewards, or the Miss: onary Trens," arer either safely proceed upon a "transcript" from "statistical table No. 2," until that table has heeu compared with the fignres on the outside, and the cash, \&e., on the inside, of the treasurer's esvelope? I could refer to past years, when the apparent discrepancies were quite large, tbrough hasty fyuring. These officers, then, must in some way get their Ggures from the treasurer, and not from the statistical secretarg.
Again, I do not see wbent there is in the aw, to prevent our sealing money separately,
providing we put them all into the big en. velope, and providing the treasurer is made respousible for all, and finally reports upon
All that pears apou this point in the Disaphine is, Eaci Annual Conference slail ceive and account for, all moneys raised for the Church Benevolences, ayd such other he nerse he couference, nus disuch other if the ste wards, missionary treasurer, aud innance committee are apooiuted the assistants of the Conterence Treasurer, what he
docs by the a will be his act. Moreover, it all the items, set down on the ontside of the reasurers envelope, are "Church Beneroences'' withiu the meaning of the Discipline. Certainly the Discipline does uot say, nor imply auything as to how the money shall be put in the edvelope, except that it must lars. Why would it not be a gond idea, for that new institution which is beginning to Pake its place among the rest, the meeting of consider the matter, and recommend something through the columns of the Peninsula Me'hodist.

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梅outh's 想partment.
Helen's Temptation. If must: I must:' Heleo said to herself, cissping her hand inghtly together.
She was sitting alone in ber room bending over a piece of paper upon the table, ing over a the hands of the clock on the though the hasdis the clock on the and her mother had long ago thought hand in bed mad aslcep.

## She had been working with her fever-

 ish energy over an essay, which she intended harder she worked the more dissatis. the harder she worked the more diseatio. Heién was a very ambitious grirl, and as she really posesesed considerable tal. as sle reaily posesesed considerabe end also a goodly anount of energy ent, and also a goodly amount of energyand perseverence, she usually stood at and head of her classes, and easily ca ried off the prizes.
Competition was her one week point, however, and she realized keealy that she could bardly hope to excel in this, when she bad so little natural gift in the expressiod bee offered to the junior class of the school which Helen attended, by an old gentleman who was much interested in the progress of the girls, and Helen had set her heart upon winning
it. might be some chance of succeeding," she eaid to herself, as she wearily, put
nide lier pers. "But I must win", she added with sudden energy, as she thought Notie's wing be cose thought She wearily read over her essuy once Slse wearily read over her essay once
more before she prepared berself for bed, more before she prepared berself for bed,
and teara of hopelessoess filled her cyes. Notwithstanding all her work, it secmed very stilted in expression and commonplace in thought, and she could not bope it should excel any of the others. it should excel any of the others.
The next morving she arose earr though her head ached and her eyes were heavy frow her vigil, and studied
till scliool time, that her other lessons might not suffer by her devotion to her essay Natalie ?" erdaine fou heard nbout around her as she entered the scboolroon.
"No, what about her?" Helen asked. for her health you know, and just now, at the last nooment, she lias decided take Natalie with her, so she goes to norrow. Don't 1 wish it was me, though.
Faver, traveling around, instead of be ing shiut up in school, instead of slaving ${ }^{\text {amany at leseons. }}$
Helen's face grew bright, though she
did not exprese her pese sudden departure.
Now there was a chance for her to win the prize, and bhe shook of her de.
pression, and resolved to try more earnestly than ever, now that there was a better prosipect of success. her if she would take out the books that were in Natalie's desk, and prepare it tor a new-comer. Helen had nearly finished ber task when elle saw a folded paper, lying bulf concealed beneath the brown paper which lined the botton of the deak. Dramiog it out, she opened it, eseay, headed at the top "For the prize competition."
Helen was sbout io place it with the deu impulse led her to elip it into her pocket. That night when she went up to her ronum, stue took it cul, and read it great euperiority of Natalie's composition, and grave doubss began to rise in He Mirs mind, whether many of the oth. competitors than she had imagined, since Nastlie eo far outstripped her. Natslie so far outstripped her. why not use Natalie's essay, as her
own? She knew that none of the girls
kuew even the subject, for Natalie had knew even the subject, for Natale he
refused to tell them, and no one woul know but what it was her own produc tion.
Yh was a dishonorable action, frow
whirl as higl-winded and honorable as Helen, naturally shrank; but her desire to win the prize was so been, that by degrees she lost her repugnance
vinning it by dishonor, and stoped to winning it by dishonor, an.
dally with the temptation.
The more fhe entertained the thought
the harder it became to determine to re pel it once for all, and at last, the even ng before the prizes were to be handed
Helen, with a burning face and un, Helen, with a burning face and and copied the essay.
A dozen times before she dropped it
into the box which was the receptacle for the prize essays, she hesitated abour able action, bnt ambition stifled the voice
principie.
Just before the close of the morning session, Natalie's aunts came in, and with a beating beart Helen iste
hear what their errand might be. "Natalie wanted me to hand you her essay, Miss Lane. She did not know Whether sbe might still compete for the
prize or not, but she had worked hard on her essay, and wanted you to see it
thll events.
Helen heard no more. She bent her ead low over her desk, to hide the ago. oy of humiliation and self-reproach
which burued in her face and suffused er eyes with tears.
It was alll in vain, then! she had stooped to this contemptible action, and wot only her own self-respect, but the esteem of all who should know of her sin How the long hours wore away, Helen never kuew. She failed in every lesson,
and when the teacher, thinking that her usually attentive and well-prepared pu pil had fuiled from illness, advised ber o bathe her flushed face and go out in-
ot the air fur a little while, her kind tone brought swift tears to Helen's eyes, as she thought how soon it would grow
stern and reproachful when she slould know the trutb.
Poor Helen! She was reaping the bit ter harvest she had nown, and she renl
ized how dangerous a thing ambition may be, when it becomes the ruling pas sion.
She
She lingered after school, and with the teacher's kind, "Well,Helen ?" the whole sad story was sobbed out.
nd Helen never forgot tho teng woman of counsel which followed. A contemp tuous rebuke might have made the bro ken hearted girl feel that she had irre ver lost her own and her teacher's spect ; but Miss Lane's loving, sorrovful words nade her resolve never, as long make fer abstop to dishonor, but to of her master. She lost the prize, but that was the smallest part of her punish ment. The reproaches of her own conto prove that she neeling that she had yet trust, taught her a lesson which she
never forgot. - Preat

## VIrginla District.

Goethe said, "I can promise to be sincere; but impartial, not." We must fathered of motives, either partiality is To oppose what is called the Virginia District is a matter of principle with will, I trust be fre fhall here be said croaking. If true from any spirit of croaking. If we can establish our ob-
jection, by data suffieient satisfy the most exufficient, this should 1. The Most exacting.

Accoma Nisinia District includes the state of Virgina extremity of the Peninoule cover the Maryland line. It also includes Smith'

Island, Md. The population of Accomac county is 15.016 whites 9,9393 col mac county if Northampton, 3.889 white
ored ; that of Nows ored ; that on
and 5,263 colored. This shows that and
the northern part of this territory for thishes the places for establishing our
nis churches, for the
chins being equal.
ings being equal. This District ership of 833 ; thirteen churches, valued at $\$ 15,000$; average salury to pastors, less house rent, $\$ 432$. The Missionary Society payy and Two other churches are not mentioned, as olher a
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othes.
While it is true, that the Railroad as made new centres for church buildng , it is also true, that there remains not oue point, with any promise for such ilt or plad under construction, dilt or placed under eoint. The wurch at every tofore, offered about all the inducements for such building; the population col lecting on that side in consequence the Bay trade. Many or
inlets from the Chesapeake are navigainlets from the Chesapeabe are naviga-
ble, and subdividing this territory reguble, and subdividing this territory regu late the location of churches. There is
not a single eligible location for a church in the county of Accomac between the creeks that is ont occupied. Were I to
say that it would be an insane expendisay that it would be an insane expenditure of money, to open new work in be parts, judicious thestimony cound the statement.
Our Crowsontown church has thre Hethodist churches within 18 miles it; Ayre's Chapel, has four; and the vil gent, with about 300 inhabitants.
The development of a part of the
Cork we have eatabishied is problematic year, with the brightest prospect of any has a membership of but sixteen ; Hall and this, if I mistake not, includes the membership at Modestown ; Parksley ith the environments of the Crowson own Church, where the greater part of the inembership of this weak charge
centres, cannot calculate on self suppor centres, cannot calculate on self support
in the near future. Reed's Wharf and New Church must continue to draw on our Conference charity, for a decade at
least, unless they are assigned to other charges.
Self-support in the case of theso weaklings cannot be, for a good while to come If ever; hence, as a Conference, we clothe and feed them, until they can care for thermselves.
3. Churches of six evangelical denom joations, occupying this field, adequate neople ; and it is is a ref demands of this denominations to say, that we need send missionaries into their church cir les, as we send them to Roman Catho In proof.
there are enoug that in the, we have only to state hurches to 15016 whites there are 56 every 268 of this population church abundant territory in Maryland, where the supply of church accommo dations is far less adequate than here It is plain, therefore, our Church's monis not needed in these parts; espec aly, so ong as the Macedonian cry
from the North-west is so urgent and can be answered to so livited a degree. 4. To style an office a parasite is to reflect very severely upon it. In the case of an individual, we would use the term vagraut; and perhaps a warran the case be adjudicated taken out, and do anye be adjudicated. But who can oa anything with an office? It is so abstract. Who, of the 150 men of our
Conference Conference, can be expected to serve writ? I don't know of any, unless it Had there been oung elden
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eld Ide $\quad$ Virginia district, calleldership of the Virginia from our exing for such expender an act of absiou orpchequer, an act of since have been fint cheque,
tion,
forth, forth, by
It is not lard to prove, that this of fice is parasitical. The seven che presidof the district pay $\$ 260$ for Ine ing elder's support. The Missionary ciety appropriates, or ratior, appropriation, bursed, $\$ 600$ out of their apprep this on the same account; but in of the Missouly the swallowing up of the district itself sonary money which the contributes contributes. The deducting from this, 563 for misawn from the parent Board the 5000 dathis parasitic office has left we find that of on $\$ 163$, as our coutri us a credio for Home aud Foreign Missions. This is certainly a grave injustice to the churches contributing. The money raised on the plea, that without who know not Good are be lavished up hope; and it should not be lavished whose on people, supplied with churches wher appointments bave been unbroker been $10 t$ years; where here there is a church for every 268 of the population. This seems more ap common sense, free frouild here and oc cupy this territory and have this office ad this district must be retained, let e money be raised in our own Confer ence for this specific purpose; then
will be dealing honorably with those will be dealing honorably with
who contribute to cur bevevolences, and e just before God.
Onanococh, Ta, Jan. 10th.

## Love Feast Fragments

What a difference between the Lovefeasts as reported one hundred years go, and at present. Then, tickets were ssued, and none but those who held and often the unsaved avail themselves of the opportunity, not always however e are sorry to say, for good. We have heard of persons having been denied admission, who were so impressed with such refusal, that they have gone away to seek God's pardon, lest heaven's door would be closed against them. It was dred years ago women were refused ad mission, because of a feather or a piece left to their own judgment and taste, as to how they shall dress. Then the min isters, who led our Love feasts were men of clean faces, as well as men of clean fter the clean hearts, and whiskers fter the fashion of to-day, would not Wve been tolerated; for did not th Wesleys, Coke, Asbury and the fathers set an example against all such hirsute adornments of the face by shaving close and clean, even until death? If we follow their theology, shall we not follow heir tonsorial fashion? The sound judgment of Dr. Franklin, which did much to correct erroneous notions, wa wrote, more apparent than when he

## Who can say with common sense A smooth sbaved chin gives $G$ Or that

Or smooth sbaved chin gives God offens Would it justice to disarm.'
Would it not be well, for
fully consider, whether we have care or lost, by throwing open our love gained loors to the world?
hat the old timer, will question the fact 8, in spite of the world still among the testimonies, full of How many of should fail to reach of truth and pathos unt tell. The following are only a canof the many impressively uttered.
This is a damp, cloudy morni the de unto God, my religions but ince does not depend on my surper ings, but upon my faith in Gurroundthere are few at the Low God. If needs are just as great as thoush, my were a thousand present. I am there
etter because of the crowd, nor am I better because of the crowd, nor and that worse for the few. I have learaed, of the cbeering and helping pron to him, Christ depends on ny relichs."

December's as pleasant of his love
While blest with a sense or hould appar,
A palace an toy whataces prove,
And prisons would pala dwell mith me there.,
And prisons would dwith me there. "I bave recently given my heart to God; I am traveling in new ha I'n as happy as a man can be. "I'm not as other men; 1 m billows cares depress. The waves and billow go over Zion, she will lift you above the billoms, and you can get clear of your burdens by throwing them overboard." I was convicted in Asbury Church Wilmington, Del., and converted in a rum mington, Del., and con Queen Hotel." hole, the old Indian Quean, are you Where, in the name of Satan, me. Sir going, said an unsaved man that person's replied, I don't travel io of the Lord. I'm , bing to church, will you go along? In ong $I$ beve blessing after blessing, aud feast after feast."

## 'Tis so sweet to trast Just to take him at his word, Just to lean upon his promise <br> Just to lean upon his promise

have had just two wee I helped to capture that young man. In time of the war, if we could capture a battery before the guns had been spiked, we soould turn and fire them against the enemy. So in capturing the young, hey can be turned and used with great effectiveness against the adverary of souls."
"I feel that I am but playing at relighim with so little religion, what could we do, if we were entirely consecrated and filled with his spirit.
IV. L. S. Murray

The Drexel Building Philadelphia, is one

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ctrson for somday, febtaby 10th, 1889 Mabe 5: 1-20.
by rev. w. o. Holway, u. s. y
[Adapted from Zion's Herad.]
THE FIERCE DENONIAC. THE FIERCE DEMONIAC.
Gonden TExT: "Go home to thy friends,
and tell then how great things the Lord bath
done tor thee, and bath had compassion on
thee" (Mark 5: 19).

1. Country of the Gadarenes (R. V., "Ger.
asenes")-in Mathew, "Gergesenes," Vs. asenes")-in Matthew, "Gergesenes." Va-
rious explanations have been offered for this confusion of names. The simplest solution is the following: Gadara was the capital of
Perea, and was situated southeast of the southern end of the Lake, on a monntain near the river Hieromax. It gave its name to a large district. Within that district, on the eastern shore of the Lake, the remains of an
old city,- Gergesa, or Cbersa, or Gersa, bave been discorered. Its inhabitants would be called "Gergeseues," or "Gerasenes."
and they lived within or on the horders o the Gadarenes. This Gergesa, or Gersa, i not to be confounded with Gerasa, the famous was afraid that it would be so confounded, and therefore changed the text from "Gerasenes" to "Gergesenes" He did not know, same. The word " $G$

## 2. DIct him out of <br> dwelling-place. The tombs were natural

 caves, or artificial excavations in the chalkycliffs. Whoever took shelter in them became ceremonially unclean (Num. 19: 11-16)
There were no asylums for the insane in thos days. All sucb charitable institutions are the offspring of Christianity. It may be not (Gadarn) are all Troglodytes, or dwellers in tombs" (Smith). A man -Ile had a com panion, according to Matthew, who was also
possessed. But the one mentioned here wa possessed. But the one mentioned here was
probably the leader, and the more violent of the two. With an unclean spirit-"in an un
clean spirit;" "the same idiom," kass Mori son, "that we employ when we speak
man being 'in a passion,' or 'in drink." man being in a passion,' or 'in drink.'
3. 4. No man could bind him, etc.-In R V., "No man could any more bind him, no
not with a chain;" implying that sach at not with a chain;" implying that soch at
tempts had been made, bat had proved un successfal. His case was an notorious one, aud
long-standing. Confinement was no longer attempted. Because that,-Mark describes the case with a peculiar vivid Dess and detnil.
Fetters and chains. "Fetters" were feet chains, not necessarily iron, probably of
cords; "chaius" were ropes or straps for any part of the body. Chains plucked (R. V.
"rent") asunder-showing the fary of bis par oxysms, and the superhuman strength which accoopanied his frenzy. Neither could any
man tame him-in E. V., "no man had strenglla to tame him." According to Mat thew, "he was exceeding lierce, so that no
man might pass that way." He was the ter 5. Night and day, etc.-The devil within,
gave him nu rest. The pieture is at featiol one, of a lut
level than the brute-naked, sleepless, tomb to mountail and mountain to tomb ewittiwg from time to time, uncarthly yells niac possession is unknown now, the answe trary, demoniacal possession is the most nat 'moral insanity.' That it should exist in less degree, and extent is just what we should expect from the declarations of Scrip ture. Zech. 13: 2; 1 Joha 3: 8. How far the how far be is to be regarded as guilty, and if not au insoluble, question (Abbott).
if not au insoluble, question (Abbott).
6,7 . When he saw Jesus afar off ( R . "from afar"). -The firstact, according to the rush, with loud yells, apon Jesus and His disciples as they landed. As he drew near, Jesus commanded the spirit to come out of
him; and therefore, instead of an assault, the demon within, was cumpelled to an act of worship. The man fell down before Jesus, und then the demon, who used the vocal organs of the man, began to expostalate with concern bave we in common now," before the final judgment? The phrase was a comSon of the Most High God.-The Deity and authority of Jesus, were instantly recognized by these evil spirits, while the Jewish nation thee, by God.- "Nothing is more common, sodly, the infidel, and even the atheist"
(Morison). To "'adjure' is to solemnly call upon, beg or entreat. The demon does this,
not the man. Torment me not-by sending me into the place of torment. Alexander parapbrases as follows: "We implore Thee to
deal with as as God bimself does, that is, not to precipitate our fival doom, but to prolons the respite which we now enjoy." In Mnt thew, the reading is, "Art
ment us before the time ?"
"Herein the true devilisb spirit spenk out, which counts it a torment not to be suf fered to torment others. 'Before the time, is the confersion on their part of a time com-
ing-a time, too, not to be averted-when ing-a time. too, not to be averted-when
there shall he an entire victory of the king. om of light over that of darkness, and when in the abyss, Rev. 20: 10 (Trench).'
8, 9. For he said-was saying, or had said
Come out-abandon, cease to control. Thou unclean spirit.-There were many, according laimed authority. What is thy name? question seemingly put for the information of the disciples and the multitade, not for His own. The commentators agree pretty
generally, tbat this question was asked of generally, tbat this question was asked of
be man, and not of the demon, but that the atter answered it The man was addressed order to recall him "to a distinct feeling of his own personality"' (Godet). My name
is Legion-The Roman legion numbered from is. Ligion-The Roman legion numbered from
hree to six thousand men. The word came 0 be used, however, in an indefinite sense implying a great number. "I am one, yet
more than one, nay, many, an embattled bost, o legion, sworn to the same cause, and 10. He besought him much-the prayer of emon, and Christ answers it, but only to them away-"into the deep." according to Luke, mearing not the sea, but the abyss o
torment. Out of the country - Says Morison Thes bad becowe localized in their associa tions And why not? All human spirits are All spirits but the Infinite, to a greater or
"The intolerableness of life in hell! The petition of the devils, may be regarded as equivalent to, 'Send us any where, any where
but to perdition; send us to the most shat tered man; send us to the lowest creature, in to man, or benst, bird, or reptile, anywhere but into hell" (J. Parker.)
bly by the heal herd of soine-owned probawho the heathen, bat possibly by the Jews, ical law, or by the Mosaic law, to uyo their
lesh for food. The liability
"somethiag exceedingly (
"something exceedingly disgusting and mornlly contaminating, connected with the
use made of the animal in Egypt" (Morison), use bade of the animal in Egypt" (Morison),
probably led to this prohibition. All the dev ars, all agreed as tonching one thing. If bey mant be expelled from the man, they 13. Guse them lcave-in Matthew, "He said,
13 Go." "The devil is not able, with all his
mirhlt, aud malice, to burt eyen swive with
out (iod's sulferance" (Sanderson). Entered into the swine. - The fact is distinctily stated.
Recn violently doren a sterp place- 'rnshed
maddeued by the bellish powers. which had suddenly seized them, and having oo higher,
no reasouing power, to govern hew, they rusbed pell-mell into the lake, and there per-
ished. Choked in the sea- "a vivid mirrorims of the lamentable wrecking of things, that
would speedily be realized, if the demonic powers that are in the world, had full an anfettered scope" (Morison).
thought of for a moment, in the is not to be that act were repugnant, to the merciful its parallel in tord's miracles. It finds its paralel in the cursing of the fig tree; and
we may well think that, if God has appointed so many animals to be slaughtered for the sustenance of men's bodies, He may also be
pleased to destroy animal life, when He fit, for the liberation or instruction of their souls (Alford).
14, 15. Fled-in fear and aishment Says Morison: "The moment that thes re cover from the first stun, they flee, first int the city, then into the surrounding fields,
where the people would be at work. They where the people would be at work. They
shout aloud, that the whole herd has rushed sbout aloud, that the whole berd has rushed
into the sea and is drowned, and that the wild man of the tombs is in his senses. They went out-in Matthew, "the whole city."
Sce him - R. V., "bebold bim;" gaze upon him. Silling. -He had been a ceaseless wau derer. Clothed -He had gone naked. In his right mind-sane, restored, with all the change in looks, manner, etc., which the ex
orcism produced. And had the legion-in R V., "even him that bad the legion." The sentence in R. V , is pat after "right mind." They saw that this was the
come into their right mind, andsee thinge ne they are. When we see Jesus liternlly 'cast-
fog out demons by a word,' effecting deli or out demons by a word,' effecting deliv Christ's sufficiency "is complete. All thing are in His hand. Lord over vature, provideuce, death, the grave, the world of apirits He can protect the soul, also, from its most subtle adversaries; can, comfort it, train it in this find perfect repose (Hopkins)
on this find perfect repose (Hopkins)
16, 17. They that saw it-the swibeherd
be climax-touched their pockets. They be climax-touched not afford a repitition of sach a miracle Pray h
wered.
"Carnal hearts prefer their swine before their Saviour, and had rather lose Cbrist' -Skesence than their worldly profit (Burkitt) Gadarenes, and repudiate Jesus, eeause the demons destroyed the swine (Whedon). 18, 19. That he might be with him-eith rom personal gratitude, or fear of reirpse,
from a disclination to remain longer, wit those who thought so much of their swin ad were so eager to dismiss his Delivere uffered him not.-Or the three prayers me
toned in ihis connection, this is the only on ot answered. It was best answered, bo ever, by being refused. A missionary wa ould be found than the restored demoniac Go hone-the firstsphere of duty for the conert. Some men Jesus called from home his man was sent to his home. Tell them.There was no injunction of silence in thi
ase, simply becanse there would be no dan ger of tumult, or a crowd of mere cariosity
mongers. Hozo grat things. - No tongue mongers. Hovo grcat things-No tongue
conld tell how great. The Lord-in Luke, "God." Hath had compassion-R. ;" a hint of a spiritaal blessing.
20. Departed-R. V., "went his
Began to publish in Decapolis-literall Began to publish in Decapolis-literally, the Decapolis," that is, in the region or dis one of them, Scythopolis, heing on th vest side).

Letter from Rock Hall, Md Dear Brother,
The past quarter has been one great spiritual comfort, marked by high spirituality on the part of the churci There have been some, who havin but a name to live, have not taken their place among the Spartan band, ao brave
ly standing in defense of the cause of Christ ; consequently, the contrast be ween the real and the nominal has been more sharply drawn. The classes hav not been as well atended, at any tins quatter. Glowing testimony, earnest prayer, and more faithful living, with been eflicient instruments with God blessing, in convicting sinners and bring have heen converted, without special re means of grace; and these are givio fulvess. Our congregations are larye Meetings have been held, mainly unde: he auspices of the W. C. T. U., tor in principles, and social purity. Mothers meetings have been very helpful in the ar reaching work of training the olive plats, "round about our tables." cumstances have been helped, and spir. tual counsel and encouragement, bap tized in prayer, have accompanied thes material blessings. The missionar cause has received earnest attention; and responses to calls for contributions, es pecially in the Sunday-school at Rock Hall, have been very encouraging. Sunday evening during Christmas, this splendid branch of our bevolent work vas brought impressively to the front, in a seripture responsive service, in thers ropriate music, (Miss Maggie Hersch presiding at the organ) and an address by Gussie Ayers on the best use of a pen ny, all combined to bring forward more forcibly the great missionary idea. An envelope collection, received from the Sunday-school scholars, amounted to $\$ 16.78$; making a total of 862.34 , from the Rock Hall Sunday-school during

0 deduoted for expenser. The entir mount received for home and foreign missionary work thus fur from all sources,
is 79.41 ; leaving $\$ 11.59$, yet to be raise is 79.41 ; leaving $\$ 11.59$, yet to be raised meet our apportionment. This we expect to raise before ce nference, God
helping us. We intend holding anni versary services in Piney Neck, and may secure the needed amount there without any other effort.
I think the other benevolent collecions will be up to apportionment, ex ept that for "Ladies Hall." This de ficiency will not be surprising, when all the circumstances are known, but the are all up so well. I suppose this has been the hardest year in the oyster trade (almost our only means of support) nown in the history of Rock Hall The dredgers have become desperadoes, and have driven the tongers from the ar, compelling them to work on almoss barren ground. Judging from the grea numbers of these pirates, who have been at work on Swan Point bar, I suppose the apparently inexbaustable oyster beds have been nearly broken up. The necesity of moving away from their snug little homes by the sea, is already engaging the hought of our people.
The stewards, a noble little band, seem to be doing their very best, to bring p their part of the finances. They are bout as near up, as they were this time last year. Piney Neck has paid $\$ 80.97$ and I believe intends making it $\$ 100$.
During Christmas week we held mes of special services at Rock Hall. Conday night, we had a Christmas love feast. Christmas morning at 6 oclock
a good number met, and an impressive service was held. Tuesday evening, the nnual Christmas treat was given to the school. Wednesday evening, the com ing of Christ was appropriately com memorated, in a responsive service in-
terspersed with songs, recitations, and dialogues, all pointing to the great cen ral idea, the incarnation. Friday even ing the W. C. T. U., aided by the Sun day-school, came to the front, and in beautifully impressive service, commem orated the same great event. Many of the scholars added to the interest by appropriate recitations, and other exer cises. Crowded houses showed popular nterest. Many pages of tracts, and
The trustees will show the best fina alal report, for a long time. Old debts have heen liquidated; improvements
made in church property; and all liabilities met; so that they can cluse the
ear with a clean record. The Rock Hall Mite Society, uur committee on parsonage and furniture, can present ments on the exterior, important additions to furviture, etc., and all paid for, A very helpful feature of our progress has been a revival among our sisters, The doing a grand work
The superintendent, officers and teach deserve commendation for their fidelit ad efficiency.
The church at Rook Hall was beautifully decorated for Christmas; appro priate mottoes adorning the walls, pulpit, and gallery. There were nine small rees and two large ones, and a platform or the organ and singers, and speakers. We have enjoyed many seasons of sweet
fellowstip with our people, not only in the public means of grace and the class room, but also in social gatherings; and as years go by, memory will weave this blessed christian fellowship into garlands that will never wither.
Januury 9 gh, 1889.
N. McQua

## "Suffer the Little Ones."

Bro. Thomas:-I have many times been impressed with the importance of praying for individuals; mentioning persons by name, when specially drawn out in fervent, effectual prayer; but re-

Core leaving the home of friends, with whom my wife and I had taken tea, we
had prayer with the family; and I felt led by the Spirit, and the attending circurnstances to pray for the father and mother, and another person present, by name ;-and also to mention the little daughter, about seven years old. As soon as we had arisen from our knees,
the child ran to my wife, exclaiming "He said, Lord bless Myra." Her child heart was delighted, that her pastor had alkerl to the Lord about her, by name.
It may not be best to do so on all occasions, but I think that sometimes it will benefit both parents and children, to mention them by name in our prayers. Brethren, let us talk to the children and let us talk to the Lord about them, hy name. Yours,

## W. M. Green.

To "Charity,"-An Open Letter. Poor Charity! Poor Charity! Evidently ou are a dyspeptic; physically, mentally, and morally. Perhaps an ocean voyage Poor fellow ! your fast tailing powers. Por fellow! you appear to have a spite gainst some brother, and think "Peters" is yourself to be, what the Bible terms, "a oan of tongu
How many pastors, dear "Cbarity," nse Garrison's, or any other Hand-book? Not many bave come under my notice. Besides, it has only been eight years since it was pablished; you say the church has been using this book for an "age", So I suppose they had the use of it, prior to its publication. You challenge me, dear friend, to show Had yon been readic of parione Methonist lately, or our Conference Minates, you wonld hardly make such a detatistics arese nae; $I$ forgot, that you and aral, however for hard mental exercise nould likely subject your mind to too great a strain. But will you explain, how in three tioners? Had lost over a thousand probaglass houd iknown you resided in the tioners, I -that you neglect your probastoves. I sincerely hope yours are not mortal wounds. $\qquad$
Peters.
Do you mean to indicate that you are an ob
feninsula detctholist, HLLEER THOMAS,


$\xlongequal{\overline{\text { Our Visiros. }} \text {-We are in receipt of }}$ Nos. 1 and 2 of this new venture in the journalistic field. Rev. T. L. Tomkin-
son, pastor of the Thirteenth St. M. E church, Harrisburg, Pa., is the editor, and Mrs. Tomkinson and Miss Sadie Richardson furm the butiness conmittee It is proposed to publish it monthly in
the interest of his charge, at 25 cts. year. The issues for Decenber aud
January, are neat and well filled with Eslections and items of local interest. We hid our brother good speed in this
effurt, to diffuse information among his eflurt, to dinuse information among hiis
people, and hope "Our Visitor" will
prove a welcume "nuest in the homes of the people of his charge, aud serve as the people of his charge, aud serve an
an efficiett help in buildin! up the churcl.

Henry White.
"The menory or the just is bleseded,"
"t he time of his death, in Christimas At the time of his dealh, in Christiaua,
Del., Oct. 17 th, $18 \overline{5} 6$, Rev. Heury White was the oldeses nemberer of the Philadel. phin Comference, baving been born in
Accomac county, Virginia, Sept. 17 th 17ī, aud recived on triul in that con ference in March, 1803.
He was converted in 1800 , and was
ordained deacon at the Chestertown ordained deacon at the Chestertown
conference of 1800 , and elder at the sesion of 1808 ; iu both cases, reccived seesion orders at the hands of Bishop
Asbury. After Carolina, Dover, and Smyrua, circuits, he located in 1810 ; and enguge
merchandising in Snow Hill, Md. werchand conference, serving two yeanx at Union, Pbiludel phia, und one year, 1825-6, at Astury Winniugton, The vest four aware district; and the next three years, Jeree 3 , he was presiding elder of West western portion of that State. In $1833-$ Shiladelphia ; in $1835-36$, at Burlington N. J. The nest four years, 1836-40, he was preiding elder again on Dela-
ware district. In 1840, the Wilming. ton district was formed, aud Henry White was placed in charge of it, four yeurs. The two following years 1844 46 , he was presiding elder on Easto took a auperaunuated relatiou. He was ${ }^{\text {a }}$ member of

## Conferences.

This record ahows an itinerant ministry of thirty years; thirteen of them in
circuis and statuins presiding elder.
The thirreen years of his location were fruitful io aluadant winisterial laborr; ; and duriag the nine years and more ol mis superamnuatiou, he preached
the blesed gospel, at often as he was able, and usually, with great inpresisive able, and usually
We give
Cunference Memoir seutences from the man and his miuistry.
"Impelled by a deep sense of obliga.
tion to God, and his fellow men, he de voted his time and talents to saving souls, with a directness, and zeal, and constagcy, that are rarely equaled. With an intimate acquaiutance with the higher attainments of Scriptural holiness, and with an ambition to accomplish God, he seemued absorbed with the inter e:ta of eternity, and to make known the zavor of Divine knowledge in every
place. His mind took strong hold of truth, and grappled with the mightiest questions in Christian theolngy. preather, be was elevated in his conce
tions, faithful in his delineations of char acter, and powerful in his appeals to the consciesce aud the heart.
The law, with its Diviue authority and penal sanctions, became the schoo
master to bring men to Christ. Sina uttered its thunders, and Calvary its accents of love. Total depravity, a full the reneral of the soul in righteounnese, holiness ot heart of the Christian religion, which were th great themes of our fathers, formed the ody of those discourses, that made hin New Testunvent. Ofien hundreds of people were bathed in tears, while his Divine love ; the heart of the sinner ecame like wax to receive the Spirit seal, and the devout worrhipper rose to
an ecstacy, that words could not express. On quarterly occasions, and at camp. meectings, he often proclaimed the gospel to many thousands at a time, with nenergy of thought, a force of diction, a depths of pathos, and a power of illus.
tration, that nade him a.m almost incomtration, that nade him aus almost incom-
parable preacher."
His last sermon was preached at the Red Lion (Del) camp nieeting, Aug 17th, 18.66 just two months before bis
death. His text was, "For God hath death. His text was, "For God hath
not appninted us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lard, Jesus Christ." 1 These. 5-9. He seemed to be baptized
with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and reached as though neither his mental
In his eightieth year, on the moruing of the seventeenth day of the following October, it was found, upon entering
his room, that his apirit had left the his room, that his spirit had left the
tevement of clay, to be forever with the Lord.
The venerable Bishop Beverly Wugh presched his funeral discourse from the ext "Therefure, be ye also ready, for in Mun cometh;" Mut. $2+44$; and his re mains were deposited in the burying ground of Asb
By some oversight upon the part of auther White's executor, no tonibstone wus erected to mark the place of his in terment; aud after more than thirty ears, that grave remans without auy hat is raised over it
There are, doubtless, not a few sur iving, who cherish the menory of this aiithful servant of the Cburch, and who in the spirit of grateful love, and pious it a privilege, to assist in placiug a suitable monument over the grave of Henry White.
At its last session, the Wilmington Conference adopted a resolution, "ree-
oumnendiug the erection of a suitable ommendiug the erection of a suitable
monument over the grave of our venermonument over the grave of our vener-
able father, Henry White;" and also recommendiug this purpose to honor the Worthy dead, to the favoralle attention of our bretbren of ull the Confereuces, now included in the vast territory over
which he traveled, from Canada, on the North, to Cape Charles, Va., on the Soutb.
As a committee of ways and means, Revs. Charies Hill and $\operatorname{Ad}$ dum Stengle were appointed to act with the writer.
The matter wrs brought to the atte
tion of the Philadelphia, New Jersay, and Newark Conferences, last spring, and rcsolution of approval were adopted. It is very desirable that the committee shall receive, at the earliest convenience of the donors, all contributions to this object. They may be hauded to cither wember of the committee, or forwarded
to the Merionsr Boos Surse, 604 to the Meriodist Boos Stere, 604 Market St., Wilmington. Del.; and as
they are received, they will be ncknowthey are received, they will be acknowledved in the Penissula Merrodist, either with the real or assumed name of
the contributors, as may be preferred.

Important Elections.
The constitutional convention of Hampshire, has decided to submit to vote of the peopit, on the 12th day of
March next, the following amendment "'That text, the orlo or keeping for sale, or man fracture of aleoholice or intoxicationg liganans
 smisdemanor, and is heraby probibited."
The Voice says the vote stood, - for adoption, 141 Republicans, 24 Demo crats, and 1 Independent; against it 08 Democrats, and 23 Republicans not voting, 15 Republicans and 9 Demcrats.
The 18th of next June, is the day ap. pointed for the voters of Pennsylvania The ofolowing is then mane.
The tollowing is the text of the pro posed Amendment:
sale, of many incture, sale, or keeping for


 intoxicuting liqaoors, for other purposes than
as a beverage, shanl be regulnted by anv un-
der sullicient penalties nad securities." der sunicient penalties nad securities."
In the House the question of submission was carricd by the following vote,
accordiag to The Woice; for it, 125 Republicans aud 7 Democrats; against it, 8 Republicans, and 46 Democrats; not crats.
In the Senate, the biil was passed
Wednesday the 30th ult. 31 RepubliWednesday the 30 th ult., 31 Republicans and 2 Demncrats voting for it, and
Republicans against it: not voting 1 Republican, and all the Democratic Senators but tw
In New Hampshire, the measure cratic votes; as 149 votes were neces sary to carry it, and only 141 Republi-
We trust in both states, the question will be decided on its merits, without any partizun complications. Let it be kept before the people, as a question of Home-protection, against its ruin by the
drink traffic; and in both the Old Granite State and in the Keystone State the honest vote of the people ean't fail to proscribe the saloon iniquity. It will be seen, that the only thing prohibited is providing intoxicants, to
be used as beverages; all other uses of alcoholic liquors are left without interference by this amendment.
We fully agree with The Voice, that a prime condition for a successful campaign will be harmonious action," a mong all friends of sobriety and true temper-

It seems to us therefore to be regret ed, that the chairman of the executive committee of the Prohibition party of the state of Pennsylvania, should have assumed to take the initiative in calling
a conference of all the friends of this a conference of all the friends of this
measure. Already has this action called measure. Already has this action called
forth a protest, and it cannot but prejuforth a protest, and it cannot but preju-
dice the cause, as an attempt on the part of that committee, whether designed or not, to make capital for their political party. The Voice, true to its instincts, which are nothing, if not ultra partisan, tries to break the force of thia protest,
by charging that the protestors are "all by charging that the protestors are "all
Republicans of the rankest kind." Will Republicans of the rankest kind." Will
The Voice tell us, what other kind of The Voice tell us, what other kind of
politicians carried the question of submission?
If "the rankest kind of Republicans" don't join with similiarly rank Demo-
crats, in voting for the amendment
must be overwhelmingly defeated; and must be over little more in this bentimenpaign, than "the windy and the see in a re al, which so disgusted Sa
cent one.
Unless the contest is strictly non-par Unless the for the amendment, wop hink, is impossible. Buth Repubs issue, and Democrats will divide on there is good it is not a party one ; and managenent, reason to expect, with onlighten the peoand diligent effurt io arests involved, that ple as to thatic endorsenent of the measure will be secured ; and the , not of of 1889 will prove to be a dot their the temp
Partisan appeals are not promotive o 'harmnnious action." The Republicans of Pennsylvania were pledged to sur vote; such an amendment to a popalar and they bave redeemed their for the same; are entitled to due credit for don't unbut in the present canvas, derstand, that it is a party quendment, all. If the people adopt the Ropublicans irrespective of party, both Republand to abide and Democrats will be b
by the will of the people.

Bishop Foss at Dickinson. The last Thursday in January w designated, as the "Day of Prayer for Colleges," throughout our Cburch, by action of the General Conference, of 1872, and has been observed with increasing interest ever since. By invitation of the authorities of Dickinson College,Bishop C. D.Foss, D. D., LL.D., an exceptionally successful
dent of Wesleyan University for five yerr's previous to his election
Episcopacy, visited Carlisle, last week, Episcopacy, visited Carlisle, last week,
and preached a remarkably impressive discourse in Bosler Hall,Thursday morn ing, the 31st ult.
The spacious and beautiful audito rium of that memorial building was filled, with as large a congregation as has ever convened within it. All the Protestant clergymen of the town. except our bro-
ther of the Proteatant Episcopal C hurch availed themselves of the rare privilege of hearing our accomplisbed and proparticipated in the services. Capt. Pratt of the U. S. Army, brought about hundred of his older Indian pupils. The schools of the town were largely citizens attended; these, with the sta dents and faculty, and Methodist ministers from the country around as far as ally inspiring audience, in an exception ally admirable place, for an exception ally able and inspiring sermon; to say nothing of the exceptionally excellent We of the spaker
voutly thank ful to pleased, we are device was an to leara, that the se vice whs attended with gracious mani Spirit, and the presence of the Hol collt,and at the evening meetings in college chapel, which have since been held under the inspiration of Bishop Foss' of the students, hang, among the best verted. We trust this good wappily condevelope in revival interest throughout
the college, and throug the college, and throughout the town. Bishop Foss was waited upon by th made a most favorable ious evening, and cannot fail to tell for the good of thich college. The students the good of the with the Bishop, and some were delighted gratitude," acknowledgement of a written him "for that ser they feel they Elsewhere in
our readers will find an paper this week Reed's visit to Dickinsocount of D thom one of our Peninsula It is writ matters of coll expect frequent boys, from

## Bishop Foss ge interest.

Bishop Foss spoke to $u_{B}$ ant state of harmony to us of the pleas-
prevalent between the students fy feeling
teachers, and the
condition of afficrs. We bespeak for con new president the most cordial support, and mont libers paration on the
friends of Christian education Peninsula. $\qquad$ visits Wilmington
Bishop made In other columns refere distinguished the recent visit of our Church to and beloved minister of impression made his city. The pleasante and the public, by him upon our people the conference, during his presidency of the con by his what Spring, was inuch euhanced by his late brief sojourn among us. Hasterly, move at Scott and Grace were masterly and profoundly impressed each edifice. gregations which crow the Bishop enjoyed Saturday evening, Drev. Todd, and he hospitality of Rev. Dr. Nods there, his lady;
cially. Sunday afternonn helley, whose impairCapt. Alexandives him of the privilege ed health deprives him of the sanctuary, as regularly itu his delight.
long has been litor's fumily had the Monday, the editor's Bishop to lunch ith them
with them. till will still exercises the pre why may not such ring degrees. Anorary titles come from the Episcopal on or the editorial tripod, with as much propriety, as from a board of much propriety, as from a board be that modest merit, that never applies a tille, might not be always over ooked, in the search for worthy subjects With our similarly favored brethren, e shall bear our blushing honors, with all possible humility.
A Charge Withdrawn.
In our issue of Dec. 1 万̃th, 1888 , w published, with an editorial note, an ex cerpt from the Baltimore Baptist, in which a correspoudent reflected upon he pastor of East New Market charge, Rev. L. W. Layfield, as going to work, inta his recent unon This charge of proselytising, we regarded as a huge joke, and quoted from in the aptist, only to show up its disgruntled Irespondent. In the Peninsula rifiodist of Jan. 12th, Bro. Layfield has a note, stating that the author had Writted to the Baptist, confessing tha he charge was false, and apologizing for The foll
The following note from Bro. Layfield retraction; thastist did publish such honorable, as thus making the amende "A forable, as far as possible
"A few weeks ago, the Baltimore Bap the author of the letter editorial, tha copied had written to that paper you drawing this charge. As paper, with and my friends have only your reader for it, you will please let your my word know, that the please let your readers he wrong, and thus ans acknowledged

## EFomference Hexus.

## Revival services in the M. E. charch, Frank- ford, Del, Rev. S. N. Pilchard, pastor, have ford, Del, Rev. S. N. Pilchard, pastor, have been going on since the first of the year, with very encouraging results. The number of converts ap to the middle of week before last, was twenty-one. The people would like to bave Bro. Pilchard another year; he is now closing his third year.

Rev. John France, presiding elder of the Faston district, visited his sister, Mrs. Joseph Hincbliffe, in Elkton, Thursday of last week.
A. revival has been in progress in Cecilton M. E. church for weeks. Nearly half a handred persons have professed conversion.

Asbury, Wrl--Revival interest is increasing in this charge, under the faithful labors
of Rev. J. E. Bryan, pastor. There have of Rev. J. E. Bryan, pastor. There bave 20 probationers were received that morning; commanion service followed, in whit 500 participated; the large audience room was crowded at night, and
penitents were at the altar

We learn that Ralph Wilson, the son of Presiding Elder John A. B. Wilson; of Dover Presiding Elder John A. B. Wistrict, has had an attack of diptheria; bat, as we are informed, it proved to be of a mild as we are informed, it proved to be of a mild
type, and we are glad to report the young type, and we are

Mrs. E. L. Hubbard, two children and nurse, have left New Castle for Frederica, Del. Miss

Easton, Md., W. W. W. Wilson, pastor; charch work progressing satisfactorily; over a handred conversions, we learn, during their Wilson's people that he return for a third Wear. Preparations for entertaining conferyeare are receiving attention.

The extra meeting in the M. E. church, Sudlersville, Md., began Sunday night, of last week, and will continue several weeks. There will be with us for two weeks or so,
two evangelists-Mrs. Kenney and "Sister Nettie." They are successful workers, and
we hope they will accomplish great good we hope they will accomplish great good
here. There are successful revivals in progress at Millingtou and Crumpton.

Chestertour MD., IR. W. Todd, pastor;
The protracted meeting in the Crumpton M. E. church, closed Tuesday night, Jan. 29th. It resulted in about twenty conversions, and as many accossions to the church.
In the absence of the pastor, Rev. James F. Orem filled his appointments at Chesterville and Crum
night, Feb. 3d.
Rev. Jas. B. Merritt, was visited by a domation party Saturday night, Jan, 26th; and
Rev. G. J. Smith, of the M. P. charch, was Rev. G. J. Smith, of the M. P. charch, was
treated likewise, by the members of his flock, Tuesday night, Jan. 29th.

Dr. Wm. Butler, the Indian missionary, arrived in Greensboro, Tuesday, Jan. 291h, and lectured to a large audience in the M. E. continued Weduesday and Thursday nights. All who heard bim, speak very highly of his ability and eloquence. Dr. Butler founded ability and eloquence. Dr. Buther founded the India Mission of the M. E. church, dur-
ing the terrible scenes of the Sopoy rebellion. ing the terrible
-Free Press.

## A subscriber writes from Crumpton Md.

 A precious revival meeting in tinued for twenty-seven successive nights, except Saturdays, has just closed. The church was often filled to its utmost capacity. There have been between twenty and thirty converts; eighteen of whom have joined onprobation.
Among the converts are a gentleman o seventy-two years, and his wife, their sons and danghters, their sons-in-law, and The old gentleman is hale and hearty, sup porting him

## daily labor.

The charch members also have been re-
vived. Bro. Merritt, by the help of the Lord, io doing a good work here. He has two other appointments; each about two and a half miles distant. He preaches three times takes quite a storm, to keep him from his sppointments; some times he goes when the weather prevents a congregation. I think
be is the right man in the right place. A bout he is the right man in the right place. About
a year and a half ago, he secured a parson
age, and has nearly paid for it. He is a
great walker, as well as worker. He keeps

Revival servicos in the M. E. church, Pree ton, Md., L. P. Corkran, pastor, closed Fri
day of last week. About ffteen were con day of last week. About
verted during the meeting.
Presiding Filder Jobn France made his, 4th official visit, for the present conference year to the M. E. chureb Trappe, Md., last Sun day, preaching an eninently practical sermon
at the evening service, and bolding quarterly conference, Monday.-Talbot Tines.
Bro. R. Watt has had a successful meeting t Snow Hill, Md. His work has been in induced by a severe cold. He is now able to induced by a wevere cold. He is now able to
sit up.
Both Berlin aud Frankford are luaring blessed revivals. Such an
not been wituessed fur years.

The Milton M. E. church, T. R. Creamer, pastor, is enjoying a great revival. All the people to go to the meetings.

The people of Cecilton and St. Paul's, are petitioning for the return of their pastor, E . C. Atkins, for the fourth year.

The revival at Cecilton continaes with unabated interest. 57 sonls bave been led to Nearly all who have been converted are adult and the majority, heads of families.

At Bridgeville, Del., an extensive revival has just closed; and Rev. J. H. Howard and which will soon be began. Quite a farge portion of the money has been subscribed.
A revival resulting in over 100 conversions, churches Pocomoke City, Md. All the Episcopal, co-operated in anion services for one week, daring which the interest of the whole community was awakened in the submutual agreement, each church held its own evening services; union meetings continuing for sone time, at noonday. The converts
are joining the several churches, as their preferevces determine. New stores and
dwellings are springing up from the ash piles of the recent fire; displaying the roused energies of this bee hive town. It is gener
ally conceeded, that the fire was a blessing Pocomoke is soon to have a bank.

## A Double Bereavement

Dear Bro. Thomas:-Mrs. Prettyman Md., last Saturday, to attend the funeral of her uncle and aunt, Mr. J. Medford Arm strong, and Miss Aramintia Armstrong
brother and sister; both of whom died the brother and sister; both o
same day, Thursday 31st.
Monda Monday.
Truly,
A. P. Prettyman.
Trappe, Mrd., Feb. $5 t h$, '89.
Preachers' meeting met in Fletcher Hall last Monday, at 10 A . M. In the absence o the President, James E. Bryan, the Vice President, T. Suowden Thomas, presided
W. G. Koons led the devotions, Rev. Bishop C. D. Foss leading in prayer. After reading of minutes by the Secretary, V. S Collins, and their approval, W. G. Koons was ap es were called for, when the following respon ses were made: Union, A. Stengle, 48 conversions to date; Edge Moor, J. T. VanBurHanna, an interesting children's service, Sunday morning, with an illustrated sermon by the pastor; Swedish Mission, K. R. Hart ter in the services, preaching every two weeks are the Swedes in Philadelphia; where there Murray reported his visit to Red Lion and New Castle, with a missionary service in school house, in the afternoon; Wesley, W G. Koons, meetings full of interest, work
progressing satisfactorily; St. Paul's, L. E progressing sati8factorily; st. Pauls, L. L prowise of still larger results; Newark, N M. Browne, 5 received on probation yester
day, large congregation at night; Kingswood day, large congregation at night; Kingswood,
W. L. White, over 40 conversions, 11 recei ed on probation yesterday, 11 penitents for ward last night, and a refreshing comm union service Sunday moruing; Scott, V. S. Collins, Missionary Sunday, Bishop Foss prea ched, the largest missionary collection for the day ( $\$ 10 \mathrm{E}$ ) ever taken in that church, r date; Grace, J. Todd, large communion the morning, a crowded congregation night, and a grand sermon by Bishop Foss; Epworth, John White reported meetings stil porth, John White reported meetings sti bout 350 , the pastor $D$

Odessa, R. C. Jones, revival meetinge ln pro gress, 22 conversions to date. C. A. Qrice
reported a visit down the Peninsula, in which reported a visit down the Peninaula, in which
he learned of the ,revalence of the spirit of
revi ral in mauy of our churches, with lare revival in many of our churches, with large
numbers of conversions; suecially in Bringe numbers of converrions; sluecially in Bringe
ville, Poumoke City, Franklio Ciy, Bellia ville, Poromoke City, Frankliu City, Be
and Frankford. Some 120 conversions Pocomoke City, aud a similar work Bridgevile, itducing an attempt to build
oew elurch. new church
As Bro. Bryau was obliged to be absent to attend a fuseral, out of the city, the order
of the day was poatponed and Bishop Foss, the guest of the meeting, wha invited to occapy the time. 'Laough entirely surprised
at this furn of alfairs, the Bishop was equal to the occasion, and in an informal, but very iuteresting style, dielivered a uost instruc
tive aud stinulating adtress on the Irovideatial responsibilities of Metbotiom, prayer, and a stanza of "All hail the powe Jesus name," was sung.
On motion of Bro. Browne, the Presiding
Elders were requested to act Elders were requested to act as a committee
to negotiate with the Rail Road Company o negotiate with the Rail Road Company
or reduced fares to the seat of Conterence. General Critic reported; Curators announced a sermon by Rev. J. E. Bryan, for next
Monday, Feb. 11; critics, J. Todd and N. M. ced asda
Monday
Browne
Adjourned, with benediction by Bishop
Letter from Kenton, Del.
Dear Bro. Thomas, -The good work at this place continaes. Friday evening the usual exhortation or sermon was substituted with a general experience weeting, and joyous testimonies were given, by Caristians
long in the way, and by those but lately born long in the way, and by those bat antely
into the Kingdom. After this an invitition was given, aLd several penitents came to the

Soon the glad shout of salvation was
The next Suuday twenty-nine were heard.
received
date.

The good people here rally around their pastor, holding up bis hands in these eveor bringing substantial tokens of regard; e have an almost continuous donation. Thursday of last week, was the crowning emonstration of the year. Some seventg
ve of our members and friends filed into the parsonage about 1 p . m ., and brought supplies for the poultry yard, and corn-crib, and
abundantly stocked the larder with table comforts.
The young men qave the pastor, a box of very nice banderchiefs, and his wife received ister church, and other dear friends.
W. W. Sharp.

Letter from Elkton, Md.
Mr. Thomas:
Dear Siri-As you bave expressed a de sire for items, I send you one, which to us,
is of great interest. 「he new brick M. E. parsonage, begun lnst summer, stands com-
pleted, a "thing of beauty" and a marvel of pleted, a "thing of heauty"' and a marvel of
convenience and comfort.
The trustees have expended with a liberal
hand, and spared neither labor nor funds; hand, and spared neither labor nor funds;
there is nothing shabby or mean in the whole

The honse is a double one, (parlor on on
ide of the hall, library and dining-room o the other) three stories, surmounted by tower; the rooms are all high and cheery furnished with double windows, besides stained glass; the wood ank in finished oil, and varuished, adding much to the beau ty and brightness of the interior. The gas fixtures, throoghout the house, were a dona-
ion by a gentleman, who, though not a member of the church, is its warm friend and upporter.
The ladies are following in the footsteps of e trustees, in furnishing; their first consideration being our comfort. The pastor had
placed in his hands, by Wilmington friends the sum of $\$ 40$, which he handed over to the ladies, to aid in pnrchasing a parlor suit. he ladies, to aid in parchasing a parlor suit.
New carpets and bed-room furniture have already been bought.
We took possession last Wednesday. ae a noble people; "the lines have fallen goodly heritage.

> Very traly yours,

Elkton, Md., Fel. 4th, 1889.
From Dr. Phoebus.

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& 51 \text { Third Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. } \\
& \text { Jan. 31st. } 1889 .
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Rev. T. S. Thomas, A. M
Dear Brother,--By an accident which has prostrated me, I am confined to my room and for the most part, to my couch. Sunday, the he most part, to my couch. Sunday, the 20ta alt, in passing from the Sun
my left side: it was nowing, and I had my abrelin raised over me; the pavement wan ppery, by reason of the hoys having been tection. The Sunday-school Superintendent, Bro. H. S. Christian, and a brother Shana; who were with me, took me up and brough me to my home. Our physicinn was imme diately summoned, who with the assistance of my sons, hore me to my bed-room, took
off my garments attired me in my sleeping off my garments attired me in my sleeping
apparel, and put me in bed. The doctor apparel, and put me in bed. The doctor
thought at first, that there had been a dislocation of the hip; but, on his next visit, con cluded tbat there bad been a severe strain of the limb, but no bone lad been broken. I apprehend, that I shall not be able to at nd our Annual Conference at Easton, Md. shall do so, however, if I can.
The Lord is my stay and support. Glory e to His name. With love to the brethr am yours in the bonds of the Gospel.
Geo. A. Phoebus.

Wilmington District
Red Lion, Del., Rev. O. S. Walton, pastor, continues to go forward. The people are much pleased with Bro. Walton's services, and the quarterly conference unanimoasly

## requested his return.

Kirkwood responded, Sunday last, with Altha contribution to the missionary cause and bold a Sunday-school in a school house, with public services Sunday afternoons, this people are always ready to respond.

A goodly company from Kirk wood resolved heir purpose most surprisingly; calling to their assistance, a ferw of the good people of Red Lion, they presented their pastor with a well-filed purse, ay hith his family
New Castle, Del., -Notwithstanding the absence of their pastor, Dr. E. L. Hubbard, this charge is enthusiastic to keep every
thing in good shape; especially all the benevthing in good shape; especially all the benev-
olent collectious. They have resolved, that none shall fall below what they would bave been, had their pastor not been alllicted. The plau to supply the pulpit, has thus far refreshing, to hear expressions of their apprerefreshing, to hear expressious of their appre-
ciation of the services of the brethren, who ciation of the services of the brethren, who
have so cheerfully come to their help. Last Sunday evening was set apart for taking the conference claimant's collection. The official brethren, after canvassing the matter, re-
solved to begin in the morning, and if necessolved to begin in the morning, and if neces-
sary, finish up at night. Bro. James Wise was appointed to speak for the hoard, in pre-
senting the cause before the morning congregation; in a very few minutes, they were within $\$ 8$ of the apportionment; and lest the Elder should thiuk they had taken the
work out of his hands, they requested Bro. o. S. Walton to give them a sermon, which he did in a masterly. maner. At night the
house was filled to overflowing, and chairs in the isles. As Bro. Wise bad done so well in the morning for conference claimants, the
Elder turned him loose on the evening conElder turned him loose on the evening con-
gregation. The full amount was soon raised; and all are confident, that not only this, but all other collections will be equal to, if not surpass those of last year.

## The New Statistics

The article with the above caption in last veek's Peninsula Methodist, seems to me tangling them. The trouble that apparently looms up for our conference treasurer, whoever he may be, is more imaginary than real best that new plan, as I take it, is the very best that could have been devised,
members of the Conference at large.
It certainly must be evident, tbat it eas
for the brethren to make one report, than
ree. What brother has not felt the imper-
What brother has not felt the imper ative demand for a change in• our confer-
ence machinery, as he has stood in line about ence machinery, as he has stood in line about Treasurer? What need have we, for the usual "call of the stewards?" Why is it necessary for the stewards to know, how
much the individualcharges have contributed to their fund? Where is the necessity of laxing the patience of the conference, and of visiting friends, to bear the names called and the amounts reported as given by a hundred and fifty appointments? Would it "received from the conference treasurer $\$ 5000 ;$ " and then tell us what they have done with the money?
As to our missionary anniversary, why is it essential, to have that same long list of appointments read off, year after year
Would it not be far betler, for the mission ary treasurer to rert 'received from the conference treasurer, $\$ 22,000$; stating the in conference treasurer, $\$ 22,000$; stating the in-
crease or decrease? Every brother is requir-
conference, as to the contributions from each appointment. Then where is the need of to repeat verbatim a string of names and fignres, we bave already heard?
Now instead of all this cumbersome ma Now instead of all this cumbersome ma cbinery, which we bave heretofore used, the Disciplioe shows us a far more excellen velope, and hand it to one man;"" and then volope, and hand it done bothering with those bothersome

## "bene <br> year. As

system to the impossibility of working this system, it can be done, and done with less labor to those apon whom the burden falls,
than our present system. Those who have than our present system. Those who have served on the old "finance committee" know only too well, how much trouble they have had with bretbren getting money and vonch ers mixed. Three lots of money, to be paid to three different parties, confuse a great
many and the trouble falls on the committee, many and the trouble falls on the committee,
But to put all the money into one envelope, But to put all the money into one envelope
is such a simple process, that certainly "a wayfaring man $* * *$ need not err there
Will not this be an intolerable burden up on the conference treasurer? Not at all Of course the conference will allow him as
many assistants as he needs; bnt there will no suggeed of all that host, marticle. Thre men will be ample for the whole work-two

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