

day is the lack of conscientiousness in the discharge of what we commonly speak of as "covenant obligations." Every one of us on entering formally upon the Christian profession solem'nly and publicly promised, in substance, that we would "faithfully co-operate with all our fellow members in all the ordinances, worship, and work of the Church." Now this was either a barren and meaningless form, never meant to express obligation on our part, nor on the part of the Church; or else it has in it all the solemnity of a "vow" unto the Lord, taken in fellowship with his people. We must assume that the latter was the understanding which we had of the matter when we subscribed or assented to the Church covenant. But the painful fact is that but few, comparatively, seem at all to regard this covenant as being of any binding force upon either the conscience or action. The same class of people who hold all social and business obligations sacred, and would count themselves disgraced if they treated them as they do their Church covenantobligations do habitually set these covenantobligations as ideat their pleasure, or, rather, we must fain think have never thought of them as obligations at all. They participate in the "worship and work" of the Church according to their inclinations rather than in accordance with their covenant. The Lord's supper is ne-

ments with the Church, at the first or least suggestion of personal inconvenience to them, or for the sake of some carnal or selfish reason, wholly apart from Christian obligation, or privilege. A slight weariness, such as would not for a moment suggest to them the idea of staying away from business, or, a social engagement, is sufficient excuse to warrant them in giving up prayer meeting, or even the service, and in some cases a Sabbath-school class. Moreover, this slight weariness or indisposition (not so much of body as of mind), frequently yielded to, leads finally to an almost utter abandonment of work certainly, and worship, most probably. It is not uncommon for Christians deliberately to contract social engagements which they know will utterly coaflict with ordinary church engagements; and yet they do it, without a thought that they are being unfaithful to God and the Church, or, if they have the thought, they are conscienceless about it. There are thousands who habitually neglect every obligation in the direction of the work of the Church; and a simple declaration on their part that they have no taste in that direction, or a mere assertion that they would "rather not," is deemed a sufficient reason why they should be excused from all service, and any further urging on the part of pastor or fellow member is deemed an im-

have," and then requested a colored brother to lead in prayer. The prayer was homogeneous. Some of the sentences were specimens of artless eloquence, that flowed from his lips as fresh and sparkling as a mountain cascade: "O Loard, dou am honest, great an' holy. Notten dat am unclean an'

tion; if we do not wish to dethrone woman and destroy the divine ideal dishonest can touch de. O Loard, of home-life; if we do not wish to lose cum an' teach all classes an' colors de the best characteristics and happiest lesson ob honesty; make dem honest wid dare tongues, dare feet, dare hans, dare heads and dare hearts. O Loard, make um honest inside an' outside, in de dark an' in de light. O Loard, sweet Babe of Bethlehem, cum and bress dis our lubben Bishop; front and fight his ebery battle; send him frew dis world like a pigeon on de wings ob de eagle, and when de race am run and de last battle am fought wid dat old serpent, de debbil, an' dare am no more to do in dis world, let him mount de swift chariot and hab a short ride home to glory; and den, Loard, wid Abraham an' Isaac an' Jacob on de plains ob glory, himself all covered wid glory, let him ground his arms near de trone ob de Lamb an' lib an' rest an' shout foreber an' eber." This prayer says Brother Cushman, was uttered in a well controlled and musical voice, and with a power and | it is uphill work, and very discourpathos no one could forget. At the close, a volley of amens rose from all If you would consider the importance

fer in their judgments of what is best for final results; but all seek the salvation of souls. An evangelist isa messenger to those who have never heard the gospel. He builds not on another man's foundation ; he presses into the regions beyond the ministry and labors of others .- South Western Methodist.

BE NOT AFRAID'-The church has always fought against odds and what appeared to be her rashness has been her strength. The battle must not go by default. God is with us; our message is his. If we believe this, we shall be bold, and our lips will be touched with holy fire. The task of St. Paul at Corinth was a hopeless task, to the heathen observer. All science, wealth, civilization, luxury, refinement, were arrayed against his his preaching; but one thing that observer could not know, the Lord had spoken to him in his heart, "Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace. ... I have much people in this city." With the same voice he calls to us, "Be not afraid, but speak." -Archbishop of York.

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results of a social system based on the recognition of woman as the priestess of the household, and the first and most potent of all educators -we must see to it that the equilibrium of educational forces shall be properly adjusted and firmly maintained.-Nashville Christian Advocate.

them by their generous and public-

But it is time for both our men

and women to do some thinking up-

on this subject. If we do not wish

to have a lame and halting civiliza-

spirited brothers.

The Relation of Parents to the Sunday-School.

The first and most important duty of parents in relation to the Sundayschool is to see that the children study their lessons; that they are punctual; to impress upon their minds the object of the Sunday-school.

We do not think parents fully consider how discouraging it is for the teacher to have children come Sabbath after Sabbatb, without any preparation. We tell you, parents, aging; and we want your sympathy. parts of the house. In after days I of parental aid, we cannot but think

Gen. John C. Fremont is neither so old nor infirm that he declines to expose himself once more in exploration. He is to head a party of surveyors who will determine sundry New Mexican boundaries for a syndicate.

PENINSULA METHODIST, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1885.

Temperance,

Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging and whoseever is deceived thereby is not wise.—At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—Scripture.

Oh! thou invisible spirit of wine, if thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee devil.-Shakepeare.

Total Abstinence and Railroads.

The Toronta (Canada) Truth says : "There is nothing more encouraging than the growing conviction on the part of the great mass of employers that they can have nothing to do with men who drink intoxicating liquors even in moderation. They don't look at it in many cases from a moral point of view, but simply as a matter of business. They know that those employed in certain occupations must above all things be reliable, with all their wits about them, and their nerves like steel. Drinking even moderately is incompatible with this. One extra glass has often made a man reckless who in the ordinary sense was perfectly sober. Hence all the great railway corporations are getting to insist upon their employees being not only sober men, but men who do not meddle at all with intoxicating liquors. A man drinking even the smallest quantity of liquor when on duty would, if found out, be instantly dismissed on almost every railway on the continent. Railways can't afford to have men whose indulgence in liquor may cause the loss of life and hundreds of thousands of dollars. It don't pay." It is to be hoped that total abstinence may become the universal rule for all railway managers and employces. The business interests of the companies and the safety of the travelling public would be greatly pro-

The international Conference at does not admit of natural drainage, your days and all your hours." coming of autumn they vanished, wheel. That drop of oil on a dry Berlin, on Afiica, affords a most Here are some texts that I hope and formerly the refuse and waste leaving the town to sleep in quiet spot in the machinery made all were carted off by contract. This striking proof of the advance of Euyou will find and commit to memothrough the long months of winter right. ropean sentiment on certain great Wise heads, however, saw that there. plan proved unsatisfactory, and it ry. They will help you in spending There are many other places where 1885 all for Jesus: 1 Cor. 6: 19-30; moral questions. Who could have were a mildness of climate, an iquiwas determined to employ some more a drop of oil works just as great won- Psa. 139; 17; 1 Cor. 10: 31; Col. 3: expected that a proposal to prohibit effective methods. A commission was bility of temperature and recuperaders. For cold mornings, when temthe sale of alcohol both on land and 23.—Guide to Moliness. appointed to examine various systive properties in the sea air, which pers are apt to get frosted as well as water in the new Congo state would would some day attract as many vistems of drainage, and devise the best toes and finger-tips, there is no magbe received or seriously considered? An Important Verse. itors in winter as in summer. An possible plan from such as had workic like a few sweet, cheery words. So Such a proposal must affect most proed effectively elsewhere. The comenterprising hotel proprietor kept his when one is angry and ready to do or foundly the commerce which all Eu-The thirty-second verse of the sixhouse open for one winter as an exmittee studied the question with say rash things, just give them a ropean states are planning to increase teenth chapter of Proverbs is a verse periment. People came, a few at first, care, and chose as the best what is "soft answer," and you can see how for their own benefit. No article of that all children should have as an ilbut all experienced decided benefit, it will cheer and brighten the way known as the "West System." By trade with Africa produces such luminated text, hanging upon memand the number increased from year this method the waste and sewerage for yourself and all about you.large returns, and few articles can be ory's wall. It should be hung in a to year, until its reputation as a great are forced through pipes to a central Young Reaper. in greater demand. Are French, Engood light too, for there are cloudy winter sanitarium is now firmly esreservoir, and thence pumped out to glish and German merchants to be hours and dark shadows that find tablished. Last season six or eight a point beyond the corporate limits, "Have you ever given your heart their way into the children's hearts hotels were filled with winter guests, where, by the aid of machinery, the prohibited from sending cargoes of to Jesus?" said a teacher to a little as well as they do into those of grown and this winter others have joined rum to the new state which Europe solid substance is converted into is opening chiefly for commercial boy. "No, sir, I am too little to be up people. You will probably want religious," was the reply. "No, my the pioneers, and there will be ample purposes? Why, missionary vessels phosphates, and the liquid, purified to turn and look at it and read it little friend, you are not too little," accommodations for thousands of vis-(not American) have borne such by filtration, is allowed to flow into over a dozen times a day. This is freight in the South Seas! Can tradsaid the teacher; "for Jcsus said itors. the bay. This is a most effective the verse : "He that is slow to anger Many conditions combine to make ers be asked to abstain from that 'Suffer little children to come unto is better than the mighty; and he method, and one that has been used me." Soon after that little boy the place a great winter health resort. which a Christian missionary society with great success in this country and that ruleth his spirit than he that came to the altar for prayer, was hap-Its favorable location on the southern in Europe. The work of laying the deems unobjectionable? taketh a city."-Exchange. It seems incredible, yet we are shores of New Jersey at a point. it is pily converted, went back in the pipes is being pushed forward with told that the committee unanimousaudience and threw his arms around said, nearer than any other section of vigor by a New York firm, and the his father's neck, inviting him to ly agreed to report in favor of prohi-Jesus Knows. this coast to the Gulf Stream, secures early completion of the work is concome to Christ. His father, with bition for Congo. To the American for it a gentleness of climate unsur-All our little heart aches, delegates belong the honor of introstreaming eyes, came to the altar, fidently expected. passed on the North Atlantic. Be-All our joys and woes, All our hopes and wishes, In the matter of accessibility no ducing the proposal, and it was adopand in a short time realized the parhind the town is a vast waste of sand, ted in connection with that prohibitresort is more favored than Atlantic don of sin. A few weeks later, in Jesus says He knows which absorbs the atmospheric mois-And our every action Is to Jesus known, From the time we're little, Till we're fully grown. the absence of the father, this little City. From Philadelphia it is a ride ing slavery. ture, and aids largely in drying and of one and a half and from New York It was fitting that these two boy took down the family Bible, read purifying the air. There is no body four and a half hours by the Penngreat curses of Africa should be bana chapter, and lead in family prayer. of fresh water within fifty miles; the sylvania Railroad. To the residents When we pluy or study, When we wake or sleep, He delights to bless us, And His children keep. ished together. The Conference, The above I know to be facts, for I soft sea breezes, tempered by the of the East and North it offers the which has unanimously accepted the was that teacher .- Selected. ocean's warm currents, bring to land double inducement of easy access, recommendation as to slavery may, the health of the sea, while the land and it probably will, reject that con He will always guide us. and a complete change of climate. All For Jesus. winds are robbed of their dampness Listen to our prayers; For the loving Saviour For His children cares. cerning alcohol; but even if it should, In a day's journey they may pass in their course over the sands. These something will have been gained a-BY REV. J. H. JAMES. from the rigors of a Northern winter influences tone down the severity of gainst this twin evil, It is some--Selected. into the geniality of early spring. winter to a degree that is remarkable thing to have its character questioned In looking over some old papers Six young men of Prince Edwards' when the thermometric observations Although the season is not considin circles where it has hitherto passlately, I found one headed, "All for Island, active temperance workers ered opened until February, the vanof Atlantic City are compared with Jesus-motto for 1871." Then foled unquestioned for the most part, have succeeded in banishing every to have it brought forward with such lowed the hymn that some of you those of points of the same latitude guard of the coming army is already saloon from one country of 40,000 inhabitants. In a town in this counfurther inland. The medical fraterat hand, and the hotels are receiving have sung. It was written by the lady bad company. try not a single arrest has been made nity bear overpowering testimony to daily accessions to their number of the efficacy of the climate in pulmon- most successful season. guests. Every indication points to a

It would be a signal victory for the cause of humanity, a singular glory for the new state of Congo, and a sublime spectacle for the world if, in the very heart of the Dark Continent, the sale of rum should be as sternly prohibited as the sale of a slave.-Independent.

Mrs. Frances E. Williard, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, sends out an appeal to the women of the country for assistance to aid them in making their department at the New Orleans Exposition inviting and interesting. She asks that every State and Territory send on a design symbolic of its motto and work; also for money to purchase ice-coolers, literature and other suitable furnishings for a Temperance Booth. These noble women are doing a grand work, and we hope all the friends of Temperance wil give this appeal a hearty response. Forward money by postal to Mrs. Josephine R. Nichols, care Mrs. Judge Merrick, Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, La. Send all packages to Mrs. Judge Merrick, Women's Department, Exposition, New Orleans, La.-Episcopal Methodist.

Children's Bepartment.

A Drop of Oll.

The sewing machine went hard. Brother Will came and looked over Amy's shoulder and knit his brow, as was his custom when in a puzzle. At last, turning back the machine,

A drop of oil was supplied, and in another minute the slender needle was flying through the work like a fairy. It was easy now to turn the

whose letters in the *Guide* to little people you loved to read, and told of her purpose to spend that year all her purpose to spend that year all for the Master she loved to serve. Living all for Christ made her life beautiful for sixty years, and I wish all the boys and girls who read the Guide would take the words for their motto for the new year. To do that means more than writing it at the beginning of a diary, or in your Bible; though to have it where you will often see it may help you to remember it. It means first of all that your heart shall be for Jesus. That is the part of you that loves,

and that says, "I will," and "I won't." If your heart is for the Saviour you will say "yes," to Him, and "no" to tempters. You know that is the only right way and the only happy way. Then your mind will be for Jesus. You will study so as to know all you can, and especially that which will help you to be good. You will not read bad books or papers. Isn't it wonderful that a little child can "think God's thoughts after Him." You do that whenever you thoughtfully read the blessed book which I have been writing to you about.

Your body, too, will be for Jesus. You will eat, not just because food tastes good, but to be well and strong. Your feet will go where you ought to go and not in forbidden paths. Your hands will do what you can to help others for His sake, and you will learn to see and to hear and to speak for Jesus. Your work will be for Him,

Unconscious Backsliding.

It is generally admitted that great temptations are not the most dangerous to the followers of Jesus. Very few people are in danger of openly denying their Lord, or of committing flagrant acts of sin. We are in far more danger of yielding. all unconsciously, here and there, just a little. A Christian does not become a Sabbath breaker or profane because any one temptation is too strong for him. This result is reached by a more gradual process.

We do not become cold in our service by any sudden chill or failing of the spiritual life, but by neglecting one and then another duty. The disciples slept during Christ's agony before they forsook Him and fled. Peter is first found following "afar off" before he is ready to deny his Lord.

Those who would follow closely and serve faithfully must avoid the beginnings of coldness and evil. This is why Christian life is like to a warfare, and on this account we are enjoined to pray without ceasing, to watch with prayer.

If you will keep the gate of the citadel the enemy cannot storm your defenses. If you will avoid the fate of Demas, the first backslider mentioned in the Bible shun the halfunconscious beginning of evil. Keep out the foxes and the vines will bear

Winter by the Sea. ATLANTIC CITY.

helps children to grow and to get moted thereby. that." now being provided, which promises was unknown, except as a summer ready for work. If you give yourto prove a most potent factor in preself to Him in this way and trust resort. For a few months in summer Shall Rum be Banished from the new Congo State. serving the health of the growing Him fully, He will enable you to thousands thronged its beach and town. The topography of the town live for Him, as the hymn says, "all disported in its surf, but with the

ary and other kindred diseases, and their restored patients are willing witnesses to the same fact.

Apart from these considerations the city itself presents a number of desirable features. It is a well gov. erned, handsomely built, and attractive city of some eight thousand permanent residents. All the accessories of city life are at hand. There are miles of handsome avenues, street railway, stores of every description, churches, and an excellent market, supplied with all the abundance of the land. The hotels, originally built for summer use, have been reconstructed and refitted with the appliances necessary for comfort in winter. Open fires supplement the heat of stoves and radiators, while they add a charm of cheerfulness to their bright surroundings. The houses are builtin full view of the sea, and glass-enclosed porticos afford both a prospect and a promenade for the invalid too weak to face the eager

air One's enjoyment of out-of-door exercise is perfect. The bright, bracing air, charged with the freshness of the sea, is a constant temptation to walks. sails, or drives. For the pedestrian a handsome board walk along the whole ocean front affords a fine field for exercise. A splendid beach drive of ten miles, and a surprising variety of vehicles of all descriptions, offer fine facilities for driving, while the inlet is famous as well for its sailing, as for its fishing. There is no need of idleness, if one cares to be active.

No epidemic disease has ever prefor though your friends tell you what much fruit.-Baltimore Methodist. vailed at Atlantic City. The sanitato do, He has placed you under their ry measures are in the hands of a care, and if you think of Him as board of health, the members of giving you the work they tell, to do which fully appreciate the responsihe glanced over the works, and it will be easier. Even your play From N. Y. Home Journal, January bilities of their position. Pure drinkwill be for Him. "Recreation" means said. "Did you oil it here, Amy?" 28th, 1885.] ing water is introduced from the in-"making new," and right playing "Why, no, I never thought of Five or six years ago Atlantic City terior, and a system of sewerage is

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LESSON FOR FEB. 15, 1885. - Acts 22 1-21.

BY REV. W. O. HOLWAY, U.S. N.

[Adapted from Zion's Heraid.] GOLDES TEXT: "And I said, What shall 1 do Lord?' (Acts 22: 10)

1. A PERSECUTOR (1-5). 1. Men, brethren, and fathers.-So Stephen began his address before the Sanhedrim. Doubtless Paul recognized members of the council in the angry crowd below, for he uses the respectful term "fathers." R. V., omits "men." Hear ye my defence (R. V., "the defence")-a proper preliminary, and a claim which he could rightfully make, seeing that he had been violently assailed, with, no chance thus far for protest or self-vindication. Hebrew tongue-R. V., "Hebrew language." He might have used the Greek, and have been understood by most of his hearers; for that language was current in all the great cities, but in that case he would have lost the sympathetic associations which the mother-tongue excited. They kept the more silence-R. V., "they

were the more quiet." We have here the first of five selfdefences by Paul, recorded by Luke. His method of defence is the often very effective one of telling his own experience. With special wisdom in his case; for his experience and history have ever been held as a peculiar and striking demonstration of the truth of Christianity. The argument to these Jews now is: I was once, in your circumstances, a foe of Christ; you, with my experience, would be Christian (Whedon).

3. I am verily a man . . Jew-R. V. · I am a Jew; " a member of your own Assyria got possession of Damascus, race, not an alien. Born in Tarsus.and during the contests for empire that ensued for many centuries, while How compactly does Paul state his race, birthplace, and training, and Damascus often changed its masters, how admirably calculated were these it never became properly the capital opening words to calm the passions of a kingdom. In New Testament of the mob, and secure for himself a history it is chiefly celebrated for becandid hearing! Brought up in this ing Paul's residence immediately after his conversion, and the scene of city-a Jerusalemite in all but birth. At the feet of Gamaliel-the famous his first Christian labors (Abbott). rabban, son of Simeon, grandson of II. A CONVERT (6-16). Hillel. Only seven Jewish doctors 6-9. Was come nigh unto Damascus received the title of "rabban," and -R. V., "drew nigh unto Damascus." three of these belonged to the family About noon-when the sun was in his of this Gamaliel, and also attained meridian glory. It was then that to the high elevation of nasi, or "presithis blinding, unearthly light shone dent of the school." As to the attiupon him with such awful brilliancy. The phenomenon was no delusion. tude of the scholar in reference to the teacher, Meyer states: "The tradition Fell unto the ground-smitten by, or that, until the death of Gamaliel, sinking down beneath, the intolerathe scholars listened in a standing ble manifestation. Heard a voiceaudible, for his companions heard it, posture to their teachers, cannot be urged against this view [that the | and it used "the Hebrew tongue" scholars sat at the teachers' feet], as (26: 14). Persecutest thou me?—a fine even the standing scholar may be conillustration of how really our Lord ceived of as being at the feet of his identifies Himself with His followers, so that to harm them is to harm teacher sitting on the elevated cathedra," Taught according to the perfect Him. I am Jesus of Nazareth-What a revelation this must have been to manner-R. V., "instructed according to the strict manner." The law of the this fiery and conscientious, but misjathers-the Mosaic law. He does guided zealot! How his brain must not emphasize here, as before Agriphave reeled under the shock that pa, his Pharisaic training, but lets what he had fought as false had been that be inferred from the well-known all the time true: that all his hatred character of his teacher. And was and cruelty had been leveled against zealous toward God-R. V., "being zealthe Lord of light and glory. They ous for God." As ye all arc-R. V., that were with me saw . . the light-R. V., "they that were with me beheld "even as ye all are." He shows how deeply identified with them in views ... the light;" important confirmatory and feelings he had himself been in evidence. And were afraid-omitted in R. V. Heard not the voice.-But his early history. Nearly every term is emphatic: in chapter 9: 7, we read that they heard the voice. The discrepancy is "Verily a Jew," "this city," "Gamalionly a seeming one, and is paralleled el," "perfect," "law," "fathers," all on other occasions, as e. g., John 12 are points of a pre-eminent instance 29. The companions of Saul heard (Whedon). a voice speaking, but the words spok-4. I persecuted this way unto the en were intelligible to Saul only. Hence they could not testify to his was currently spoken of at the time divine commission.

terminate the rising heresy. Binding and delivering .- He dwells upon the details of his pitiless course. He had spared neither age nor sex. He had filled the prisons, and, at the trial of his victims, had given his voice against them.

current colloquial term used by the the disciples as indicating that they he who is stoned in Stephen, flayed had found in Christ the way of eternal life; used, it may be, by others with a certain tone of scorn, as of people who had chosen their own way, and must be left to take it (Plumptre).

5. High priest . . . bear . . . witnesseither the then high priest, Theophilus, who had commissioned him to go to Damascus, or the now high priest, Ananias. Estate of the elders-the Sanhedrim. Received letters unto the brethren-credentials to the synagogue in Damascus. Plumptre says : "The phrase is interesting as showing that the Jews used this language of each other, and that it passed from them to the church of Christ." Them which were there bound unto Jerusalem-R. V., "them also that were there unto Jerusalem in bonds." Punished-by scourging, imprisonment, or death. Damascus is probably the oldest

existing city in the world. Its origin is lost in antiquity. According to Jewish tradition it was built by Uz, great-grandson of Noah. It was existing in Abraham's time, after which we hear no more of it until David subdued it. In Solomon's time, and under Rezon, it became the seat of the Syrian kingdom, and one of the most formidable rivals of Israel. The two Benhadads waged long and bloody wars with the contemporaneous kings of Israel, and when Hazael seized the throne of Damascus the kingdom of Israel fared still worse. At length the rising monarchy of

His purpose had been to utterly ex- ly appearing, Abraham had been faith, the candidate declares that he called (Gen. 17: 1) and Moses commissioned (Exod. 3: 1). So, by the repeated vision of Jehovah-Jesus, Saul had been both called and commissioned. This Jesus, like the Jehovah of old, appears, in the splendor of the Shekinah; he is "Lord," the The speaker obviously uses the "Just One," the pronouncer of the "I will send thee" (Whedon).-It is in the person of Bartholomew. He was roasted upon Laurence's gridiron; exposed to lions in Ignatius; burnt in Polycarp; frozen in the lake where stood forty martyrs of Cappadocia (Bishop Taylor).

10, 11. What shall I do, Lord ?- the submissive words of a changed allegiance. Paul acknowledges a new Master in Christ. Arise, and go into Damascus.-There was "work appointed" for him, but this was not the time or place to tell it. The revelation would; come to him later on. Could not see for the glory of that light-dazzled, blinded by the radiancy. "He was three days without sight," in order, says Augustine, "that his heart might be enlightened with an inner light. Came into Damascus -"led by the hand." How different from the way he expected to enter!

If we contemplate the awful struggle within the mighty spirit of this great man, we shall not wonder that its violence left no vitality for the outer perceptions or sensations. Like a powerful rail-train, he is stopped and driven back by solid collision, and terrible and apparently wrecking is the recoil : Jesus, true and divine the whole structure of his past life. education and hope in ruins; the sin of relentless slaughters, etc. (Whedon).

12, 13. One Ananias-unknown. save in connection with Saul. He was "a disciple" (9: 10), of wide reputation for his piety and strict devotion to the Law. Having a good report-R. V., "well reported of." Stood, and said unto me-R. V., "and standing by me, said." For the commission given to Ananias to visit Saul, see 9: 10-17. Receive thy sight -or, as the word may read, "look up." And the same hour--R. V., "and in that very hour." I looked up upon him.-R. V., "I looked up on him." Ananias was probably standing, and Paul sitting.

Paul brings out specially the holy Judaism and wide reputation of Ananias, to show him as a worthy witness to his divine legation from the risen Jesus (Whedon).

14. The God of our fathers.-So Stephen had spoken of Him before the Sanhedrim. Hath chosen thee-R. V., "hath appointed thee." Know his will .- Paul was distinguished before, as well as after his conversion for his loyalty to conscience. He needed only to know the divine will to promptly do it. Hence his being 'chosen." See that Just One (R. V., "the Righteous One")-"Am I not an apostle?.. Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?" (1 Cor. 9: 1.) Hear the voice of his mouth-R. V., "hear a voice from his mouth." This personal interview with the risen Saviour was essential to his apostleship. Without it he could be a Christian and a preacher, but could not be an apostle, for the apostles were called to bear special testimony from personal knowledge to the resurrection of Jesus (Vincent). 15, 16. His witness-R. V., "a witness for him." Ananias had been told that Paul was to be "a chosen vessel, to bear my name before the Gentiles." Why tarriest thou?-words very grateful, no doubt, to a man so prompt as Paul. Baptized, and wash thy sins-not that water can cleanse soul stains, but that in using this appointed and significant ordinance by Methodist Episcopal Church.

renounces everything that defileth and trusts in the "washing of regeneration." So elsewhere : "Be baptized unto the remission of your sins," Calling on the name of the Lord-R. V. "calling on his name." It is right to address prayers to Christ.

Observe that redemption does not merely relieve from punishment, but "washes away sin" (Isa. 1:18), and that sin is washed away, not by baptism, but by the gift of God which is accepted in baptism(Abbott). 3. AN APOSTLE (17-21).

17, 18. When I was come again (R. V. "had returned") to Jerusalem.-He passes over the three years spent in Arabia (Gal. 1: 17). And while-R. V., "even while." I prayed in the temple.- Even Paul, in the youth and fervor of his Christian experience, was too much a Jew to forsake the temple. He tells this now that his hearers may understand that a man may be a Christian and yet be a conformist to the customs of the old faith. I was in (R. V., "fell into") a trance-an ecstatic, abnormal state, in which he was fitted to receive a

divine communication. THERE is a most remarkably strong sentiment in favor of Temperance, in Great Britain and Ireland. Temperance meetings of all kinds are held, and "Temperance Sunday" Dec. 14th, was observed by direction of Conference. The religious press is alive on the issue, and there is a general uprising of feeling in the land. And no marvel this, as crime, pauperism and wretchedness have rapidly increased lately. During the past year \$675,000,000 were spent on strong drinks, while foreign missions cost only \$5,000,000.

Rev. M. K. Schermerhorn, whose withdrawal from the Unitarian to the Episcopal church has been announced, confesses that Unitarianism was a "constant disappointment" to him. He is quoted by the Independent as saying: "Out of fifteen societies in the New York and Hudson River Conferences, six have died outright during the past twelve years. No new ones have been started, and those remaining are, with a few exceptions just alive. The same is more or less all over America, and England too. I lost all hope for any permanent growth of Unitarianism long before I left Newport." Unitarrianism is rich in æsthetics and humanities, but poor in blood and vitality. It does not grow, and has a hard struggle for mere existence.-Conference News.

The Nashvilie Advocate says: The salary of the Baptist pastor at Granville, Nebraska, is \$100 a year. The recipient does not try to live on it, but works at his old trade of shoemaking. His congregation do not object to this way of providing a cheap ministry to them, but they have made a tremendous row because on several Sundays, in making announcements from the pulpit, he has included a notice that he would mend shoes better and cheaper than any opposition cobbler!

Dr. Nevins, Presbyterian mission-ary in China, reports that the result of his tour the past winter was over two hundred baptisms, and Mrs Hunter Corbett, in this spring's work baptized one hundred and four. Mr. Laughlin was requested by a native preacher, some weeks ago, to come to the place in which he was working, saying that he had a number to be baptized. As a result eighteen gave satisfactory evidence of piety and were baptized .- Free Methodist.

Mark how yon heavens stand. without a pillar! See how the round world floats in space, without a stay What more does the universe require than the power of the Eternal? Oh, believer! Get thee out into these deep waters, where there is sea-room for faith, and no weak creatures to interfere with unmingled reliance upon God! Blessed is that man whose life is rendered sublime by an individual confidence in the living God. -Spurgeon.

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The question often arises, What is the difference between a Christian life and that which men call a good or moral life? Personal, saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by which the soul is regenerated, and being regenerated, is kept in loving obedience, is indispensable to the fulfilling of the law of God. So plainly teaches the Apostle Paul in the seventh and eighth chapters of Romans, and this teaching has been verified by thousands who have tried to keep the law without Christ, and failed miserably, and then tried to keep it with Christ's presence and help, and succeeded gloriously.

What every moralist lacks that distinguishes him from the Christtian is a regenerate heart filled with a love for Christ, which counts it no sacrifice, but an unspeakably joyous privilege, to forsake all and follow him.-Western Christian Advocate.

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Mr. Harry Whitely, in the Bulletin of the American Iron & Steel Association, says the late Delaplaine McDaniel, devised by will \$10.000 to Drew Theological Seminary at Madison New Jersey, and the same amount to Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

We have received the following sad intelligence of the death of the youngest daughter of our esteemed brother, Rev. John Allen. We tender the stricken ones our deep sympathy; and assure them of the earnest prayers of their many friends;

"Miss Bessie Allen, youngest daughter of the Rev. John Allen, a supernumerary of the Wilmington Conference M. E. Church, died suddenly on Monday, the 14th inst, at her father's residence, 25 Park Place, Brooklyn. The immediate cause of her death was inflamation of the brain superinduced by chronic ear ache. She came down stairs on that morning with severe head ache, cry-"O papa! papa! papa! papa! My dear papa! My head, my head"-"Dear mamma! mamma!" After two or three hours' efforts to aleviate her pain she fell asleep and awoke no more,-breathing her last about 4 p. m., of the same day. She was a dear, sweet child, meek and patient of heart, full of innocence and love. The gentle Shepherd has gathered her in his arms and hides her in his bosoni, beckoning the sorrowingones

to follow on." Price for both. 3,50 As a matter of interest to many 2,50of our readers we give the following 2.00provisions in the will of the late 3,50Jethro J. McCullough, who died some 1,75 seven years ago,-in reference to certain liberal bequests, that have be-1,75

come available upon the recent death 3,00 of the testator's widow. His executor is directed to pay 4,75 1. To the Wesleyan Female College, 3,75 Wilmington, Del., the sum \$5000. 4,50

2. To the Home for Aged Women, 4,50 4,50 in the same city, \$5000. 3. To the Trustees of the Home 2,60

for Friendless and Destitute Children, 2,25 in the same city, \$5000. 4,50 4. To his son, Enoch McCullough,

his heirs and assigns, the sum of \$2000, in trust, to hold, invest and re-invest the same, and to pay over the interest and income thereof, (less five per cent. of said income, commissions,) towards the support and natural remedial agencies combined may from time to time be appointed to, or stationed at the Methodist Episcopal Church at North East, Md.,.

State or Territory requires a specified is prayed for, remains, as you notice, thus far unanswered. One impregnable position at least is reached, which is this: In view of the facts presented, and in view of mental influence, to say nothing of Bible injunctions, men are under as solemn obligation to come together to pray for the sick as they are to call a council of physicians and administer visible agencies. This obligation rests upon the whole world as well as upon the church. The following question may be regarded as too remorselessly scientific

or as too vigorously theological, but we ask it: If the physician in his practice does not add the agency of prayer to his use of visible remedies, 's he doing his utmost to restore and save his patient? However much he may do, could he not do more? If he could, should he not?

But the interest in this discussion gathers at this point about the question whether in prayer for the sick, the aid afforded is natural or supernatural. Should some one say it is natural, we must not call him an infidel, or say he is irreverent, for it is certainly in harmony with divine methods to allow natural agencies rather than manifestly supernatural ones to accomplish beneficent results. Any different procedure is exceptional. . Therefore, if the only aid needed by nature in a given case of sickness can come from a change of mental conditions produced by thrills of faith, by words of prayer, by devo tional influences, then, why expect, or why are needed, supernatural interpositions? In case there is no need, why require the divine Being to abandon natural in favor of supernatural method.

But, on the other hand, from what has been said earlier in this discussion, we must admit that there are cases so obstinate that they will not yield to the usual methods; cases where nature is helpless, and where all her ordinary aids are equally helpless. One obstinate case, as you remember, is reported in the gospel. The disciples, who had frequently been successful in casting out devils, failed in this given instance. In explanation, our Lord said to them : "This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting." A faith ordinarily successful had here failed, So, too, each drug, though ordinarily successful, sometimes fails. Mental cure sometimes fails. Even the highest type of mental cure resulting from the serene repose of religious faith, or from the combined desires and prayers of a multitude, may likewise fail. Indeed, there may be cases too obstinate for all these to help. Have we, therefore, reached the end of our line? Can nothing more be done? Can God himself do

your board held, and reports made to the fourth quarterly conference as

the law of the church requires. 4. Is the record book, or Minute book of the meetings of the board correctly kept, and it it in good

shape? 5. Will the record show for years back, and for this year, that the trustees have made an annual report to the quarterly conference embracing the items named in the Discipline, viz: 1. "Number of churches and parsonagés. 2. Their probable value. 3. Title by which held. 4. Income. 5. Expenditures. 6. Debts, and how contracted. 7. Insurance. 8. Amount raised during the year for building or improving church or parsonage? The quotation marks are to tell you that we have quoted the Discipline. See Paragraph 392 and 393, discipline of 1884. We don't mean to offend the trustees who have Disciplines by intimating that they don't read them and don't know their duty, we only suggest to trustees who have not the Discipline that they ought to have it and ought to read it. Now, it may be that all of this had better have been left out of my article. The editor may do as he likes about it. 6. Inform yourself if your present board is a legal one. There is not much doubt, we presume, about the legality of all the boards in the Delaware churches. But there is grave doubt, amounting in some cases to a dead certainty that the Eastern shore of Md. churches are at fault, and that their boards of trustees contain members that are not legally in their places-hence not trustees at all.

A large number of the churches are incorporated under an act of the general assembly, and in such cases the boards of trustees are self-per petuating. Now in some cases, we don't know how many, but do know of some, the trustees seem to have forgotten the requirements of the law governing their case, and have made trustees according to their own notion, or according to the provisions of the Discipline.

The old acts of incorporation run about as follows

1. The free white male members over twenty-one years of age met and elected the first board.

2. The board to be self-perpetuating after that.

3. A trustee once elected can get out only, 1. By death. 2. By resignation. 3. By removing a certain number of miles from the church, or 4. By ceasing to be a member of the M. E. Church. No provision is made for compelling attendance on the meetings of the board, or attending to the business of the of

We know of one case in which members were expelled by simple

it as a matter of fact that your board is all right, but look into the matter and know that it is all right. If you find that you have gone wrong, call your pastor's attention to the matter and go to the brethren who you have unwittingly put into your board. and tell them the state of the case and then proceed to elect officers as the law directs.

Yours truly. A TRUSTEE.

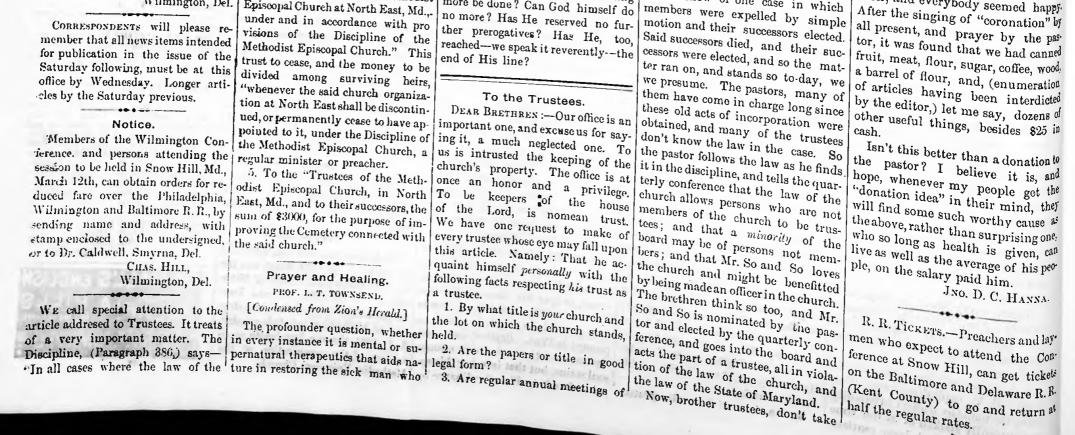
(Next to the pastor, the responsi bility for this important church in. terest is undoubtedly with the Presiding Elder who is charged, see Dis. cipline Paragraph 171, section 5, "to oversee the spiritual and temporal business of the church in his dis trict; to see that all charters, deeds and other conveyances of church property is his district conform strictly to the law, usages and forms of the State or Ter. ritory within which such property a situate, and to the Discipline; to see that all church property is well in. sured." ED.)

Not a Pastoral Donation,

If the pastor of Deals Island were to report all the donation parties that visit the parsonage, and leave sub. stantial marks of their esteem ha. hind, he would tax the patience both of the editor and of the people. From the beginning of the year to the close, it is ever the same-day after day, one constant stream of friends with supplies for the larder. I have an idea that some single days here. as much is left at the parsonage as would constitute a respectable donation at some other charges.

But it is not of these things I wish to write, but of a donation, (better than one to the preacher), which the people gave this week. At the beginning of the oyster season, one of our best citizens had his knee cap crushed by the crank-handle of the oyster boat, on which he was working. For three months he has been confined to his bed, and now has no hope of getting out for some months to come Not as a charity merely, but because we love and esteem the man and he family, we determined to give hims surprise. So on last Sunday, the pastor announced, that on the following Thursday evening-our regular prayer-meeting occasion-we would have a general social reunion at the church, every body being invited to come and bring some mark of regard for our afflicted friend Committees also were appointed # assure success. On Thursday the people came bringing the good thing of life, a pleasant social time was enjoyed, music was furnished by the choir, and everybody seemed happy-





J. H. CALDWELL

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WIT DAG TON DISTRICT - Rev. Charles Hill, P. E., Wilmington, Del. North East, Md., R. W. Todd, pastor. Last Sabbath large and attentive congregations gathered to hear the word; the cause of missions was presented in the morning, and at night considerable revival interest was manifest. Rev. E. C. Atkins of Bethel has been assisting pastor Todd this week.

Frank Beggs has been engaged as cornetist by the Asbury M. E. Sunday-school, Wilmington, for the coming year.

The Sunday school will hold its missionary anniversary on Wednesday evening, March 6th.

The revival at Epworth M. E. Church continues with considerable interest. A number of penitents are nightly at the altar. The pastor who has been absent a few nights on account of sickness, is now able to be present, and is pushing forward the good work.

The entertainment held on Thursday evening of last week by the young people of the M. E. church, in Peter's Hall, was a grand and complete success. The hall was packed. About \$50 were realized, nearly all net clear, which was made a present to Mrs. Green, wife of Rev. W. M. Green, as a token of affectionate regard. This was kind of those young folks all of their own good will and pleasure. Mrs. G. very heartily ap. preciates their material kindness, tut more the love of those most excellent young people, and she expresses her thanks. The performers might be mentioned, but all did exceedingly well, and the whole program was very fine.

At Ebenezer M. E. church, in Christiana charge, there will be an all-day, reopening meeting on Sunday, February 15th. Big time expected .- Daily Republican.

EASTON DISTRICT-Rev. J. H. Caldwell, P. E., Smyrna, Del.

Easton charge, H. S. Thompson, of a very valuable and handsome mond and a Mrs. Perry holding forth watch from F. A. Crook Esq., a memson in charge. firstat Sharptown, then at Wheatleys pastor, writes: There are no signs of In the Roxanna and Bethel church ber of Madison Ave. M. E. Church decrease in the interest or results of near Galestown has somewhat dis-Balto. Md. Bro. Warren exchanged es there have been remarkable reviour meeting. Over one hundred turbed and hindered us in our work. pulpits with Bro. Courtenay of that vals during the past three months. souls have been converted, and each church in August last and made many friends. His labors among us We do not want such people-pro-70 were added to Roxanna church fessed faith-healers; and I would of the past four nights, from 20 to 30 and 62 to date have joined Bethel are now drawing to a close and where hereby warn our ministers. Doubtpenitents have presented themselves church. About 150 have professed ever his lot may be cast we wish him less they are sincere, but we may at the altar. Our noon-day meetabundant success and prosperity. conversion, and including a few of the not know what harm they might acings, from 12 to 1 each day, are grow-Sound church 135 have been receiv-Townsend charge, C. K. Morris, complish in the end. ing in interest and power. On Satured on probation, and more are expastor, writes: We are in now the Yours &c. day last, nearly 100 were present, and pected. midst of a gracious revival. There 14 presented themselves at the altar, JOSEPH DARE. The Bethel (at Ocean View) revivhas been great interest. Several evensome for pardon, others for heart al still continues with many earnest ngs a baptism of the Holy Ghost A Card. purity. Milton, Lewes, Nassau, Houston, Milford, Fuederics 22 22 22 1 penitents at its altar. The pastor came down upon the congregation. A large amount of money is paid 20 21 58 At the close of the morning serhas been kindly remembered in a On last Wednesday evening the work by the various charges of the Convice on Sabbath last, the trustees and Mar. substantial gift of a fine new cerriage Mar. commenced in earnest, 20 were at ference every year, for which no credasked for \$300, to discharge some old Fgederica, Harrington, from friends of the circuit. the altar, 10 conversions. Thursday it is given in our Minutes. Accordindebtedness, and in a short time A. W. MILBY, P. E. evening, 28 at the altar, 7 conver-A correspondent from Newark Md. ing to the Minutes of the prestheir needs were met. The church SALISBURY DISTRICT-FOURTH QUARTET. sions. The interest is increasing. Smith's Island. writes: Our meeting is still continu-Feb. 14 15 ent year, over fifty of the brethren is crowded at almost every service, Tangier Island 15 The altar is crowded every night with ing with increased interest. There incurred bills for moving to their and the power of the Holy Spirit ... Fairmount, $\frac{21}{22}$ penitents, and the shouts of new born .. 23 bave been 28 conversions and eight new fields. It is supposable that rests sensibly upon the congregations, Westover. Deal's Island, Mar. souls are heard almost every service. these bills were paid by the charges penitents at the altar last Tuesday and pervades the community. "All 2 Princess Anne to which they were sent. The Dis-cipline intimates the propriety Over 30 conversions to date. The night. The membership is working glory to Jesus be given," that the JOHN A. B. WILSON, P. E. whole community is stirred. The grandly and harmoniously. We are dark clouds are scattered, and the of publishing such sums in a church has been greatly revived and glorious morning of salvation has praying for still greater success. separate column. May I suggest that all such sums be included in the MRS. J. PERCY Makes a specialty of quickened. Wo are working and Barren Creek charge, J. W. Gray, dawned and Zion is coming "up from column of table No. 2 for "other col-lections?" Let said column include praying that the Lord will show us the wilderness leaning upon her bepastor, writes: I am closing up my Saratoga Waves and Ventilated Hair great and glorious things, such as second year at Barren creek, my pro-Works. loved." moving expenses, church relief, colnever was known in Townsend. The 613 MARKET STREET. tracted meetings all over; the result is lections for district parsonage, and Water Curl Frizes &c. All kinds of Hair Jewelry made to order. Combings rooted, glossed and made poto Switches Pauls, Curls, &c. The latest styles in Hair goods. Combs and Ornaments constantly on hand. Oxford, Md., A. S. Mowbray, following brethren have rendered us 62 conversions this year, with 56 acanything else authorized as a benevopastor, writes: On Saturday good service : Revs. J. H. Caldwell, cessions to the church ; 20 last year lent interest of the church. evening, Jan. 31st, a committee of P. E., D. F. Waddell, A. T. Scott and J. D. RIGG. and 20 accession to the Line. Makyoung men, representing the non-T. E. Bell. May the Lord rewaed ing in all 82 conversions and 76 ac---Wesleyan College-members of our community, came Notice. them for their labors. cessions to the church. The Lord to the parsonage and after a pleasant Class of the Second Year will meet has indeed blessed us and we are go--FORchat presented us with a purse of in the basement of the M. E. Church, DOVER DISTRICT-Rev. A. W. ing on to victory. YOUNG LADIES. \$24. It was a genuine surprise. Ain Snow Hill, Md., Tuesday evening Milby, P. E., Harrington, Del. DELAWARE. WILMINGTON, March 10th, at 7 o'clock. It is desira-Graduating courses, classical and English, with prepartory department. Best advantages in music and art. Homelike care and com-forts. Reasonable charges. Address, 18-2m JOHN WILSON, President gain, on the Thursday following our Galestown, Md., Joseph Dare, pas-tor writes: Friday evening, Jan. 30, we had a surprise visit from the peoble that members both of the com-Rev. T. R. Creamer of Scott M. E. Church home was entered by a large party Wilmington, who has been suffering with a mittee and class, be present at the ladened with excellent and substantumor in one of his eyes, is reported to be time and place designated. tial presents. As we were in the midst ple, bringing their gifts, gladdening improving rapidly. T. S. WILLIAMS. 18-2m shiparitioni biO. anen to o ni noza

A subscriber writes from Hillsboro, Md., under date of Feb. 9th; as follows,

Our extra meetings began at this place New Year's night, with Rev. J. E. Kidney, pastor, in charge. There E. Kidney, pastor, in charge. There has been great interest manifested from the first by the pastor and his flock, and up to this writing, forty have professed faith in Christ. Sun-day night twenty-five were at the al-tar carnestly seeking Christ. The ontire community areas wonderfully. entire community seem wonderfully aroused to religious concern, and the church has been unusually re-vived and quickened. The house is crowded every night to its utmost capacity. Bro. Wm. Galloway from Wilmington, has been with us for the past week. He is a man, full of the spirit and power from on high,—a man of consecrated life, earnest activity, positive faith, and has great personal influence over those with whom he comes in contact. Our pastor, "full of the Holy Ghost and of faith," by his preaching wonderfully convicts sinners of the error of their ways. We are all praying for and expecting the good work to go on, until every house shall become a house of prayer.

The revival at Sudlersville, Md., still continues. The entire community is deeply impressed with thesubject of religion. Ten have made a pro-fession of faith. Others are still seek-ing after Christ, and we are hoping and praying that many more may yet be added unto the Lord such as shall be saved eternally. Our meetings have been glorious. No wild excitement, but a deep and holy awe has pervaded the large congregations. The conversions have been clear and decided.

Rock Hall charge, G. S. Conaway, pastor. The revival meetings on this charge have closed with sixteen conversions at Rock Hall and three at Pinic Neck, nearly all of whom joined on probation. The church has been greatly quickened and the classes are largely attended.

Chestertown charge, C. H. Baker, pastor. The revival services begun the 1st inst. The pastor being assisted by Mrs. L. H. Kenney. There have been twenty conversions and the church is greatly revived.

A member from Royal Oak charge, writes: Our very popular pastor Rev. B. C. Warren has been the recipient

of our rejoicing, the climax came. The ladies, by their representative, presented the pastor with \$30, to buy a suit of clothes. All this is but in keeping with the every day kind-ness of the good people of Oxford. All this is to the every day kind-

Dover charge, T. E. Martindale pastor." The precious work of grace commenced a little more than two weeks ago, continues with deep interest and fine results. The number of conversions up to date issixty. Near ly all the Conference Academy students, who were not previously members of the church, have been converted. Among them are sons of several of our preachers.

The extra meetings which have been held in the M. E. Church, Georgetown, Del., for some weeks, were to have been concluded last Wednesday, but the interest manifested has been so great that Rev. Mr. Rawlins decided to continue them, and they are proving very successful.—Democrat.

An interesting meeting is now in progress on Felton charge.

SALISBURY DISTRICT .-- Rev. J. A.

B. Wilson, P. E., Princess Anne, Md. J. Hubbard writes us from Laurel, Del. "The Rev. George A. Hilton, by invitation of the W. C. T. U. lectured in the M.E. Church here Friday evening, Feb. 6th. The congregation was large, attentive and well pleased with the address. About \$12 were contributed and handed over to the speaker, and several persons signed the petition to the legislature in favor of the passage of a local option law. Mr. Henry Erbswell and Mrs. Phamy Wolf were united in marriage Jan. 28, by Rev. F. C. McSorley. Mr. H. Benjamin Hitch and Miss Anna Smith were married Jan. 29th by the Rev. Mr. Ellis. The Peninsula Methodist is very popular with those who are blessed with its weekly visits. Two members were received by certificate last Sunday. and one on probation the week be fore.

Roxanna charge was divided early in the conference year; three appointments forming Bishopville charge with Rev. E. P. Roberts as pastor Roxanna, Bethel and Sound forming Roxanna circuit with E. H. Hy-

Letter from Camden, Del MR. EDITOR: Last Thursday evening, Feb. 6th, being the thirtieth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. J. A. Brindle, pastor of the M. E. church, Camden, Del; the members and friends of the church began at an early hour to assemble at the parsonage, until all available standing room was occupied,-parlor, hall, dining room, and even "the upper room"-all even packed. The aged, the middle aged, the young,-Methodists, Friends, Episcopalians, and Presbyterians united in the demonstration of good will. In the midst stood the bride and groom of thirty years, the recipients of hearty congratulations. Early in the evening, Dr. E. W. Cooper in some appropriate remarks, presented the happy pair with a purse of thirty-threedollars on behalf of the ladies. This was responded to by the pastor, who expressed the hope that we should all meet after life's cares and joys are over in the home above. Many voices led by Dr. Cooper, united in the song,

"I hope to meet you there."

The next move was to the dining room, where the pastor's family had prepared refreshments which we found abundant enough and to spare. Toward the close of the evening, our genial friend, Dr. J. W. Sharp of the P. E. Church, made a pretty little speech. About eleven o'clock the guests retired, having received great pleasure in giving this esteemed pastor such a demonstration of affectionate regard.

Letter From Galestown.

Mr. Editor: The recent visitation of Rev. A. W. Milby at our Fourth Quarterly meeting was truly profitable.

First in the worthy and acceptable manner of presiding in the conference. Then also his remarks at the opening of our excellent love feast. The preaching afterwards was characteristic of the man. Thoughtful, earnest, instructive. For several weeks we have had good meetings, but at this time there seems to be manifestations of more than usual interest. Several are at the altar seeking. The coming of Elder Ray-

Reduced Rates to the ineugura-tion via the Penneyivania Rallroad. The inauguration of President elect (leve-land on the 4th of March next promises to be a note-worthy event in the history of Washington. The cliizens of the capital are working energetically and systematical-ly to make the occasion a great auccess. In anticipation of an enormous throng of peo-ple, every effort is being put forth to provide accommodations for all who may come. Be-side the regular hotels and boarding-houses, with which the city is well equipped, num-bers of private families have agreed to en-tertain visitors, and sleeping quarters are being improvided in hells and understand bers of private families have agreed to en-tertain visitors, and sleeping quarters are being improvised in halls and such other buildings as are suitable. There will doubt-less be ample accommodations for all, but those who desire to secure their lodgings in advance can do so by applying to Colonel L-P. Wright, Chairman of Committee on Pub-lic Comfort Preparations for all the care lic Comfort Preparations for all the cere-monies are in the hands of competent committees, and every measure calculated to promote the comfort and pleasure of visit-ors will be carefully looked after.

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MARRIAGES.

JONES-MUIR-On the 1st inst. at the Geo. W Jones and Miss Annie Muir, both of Somerset Co., Md.

TINLEY—WHITE—On the 4th inst. at the Deals Island M E. Church, by the same, Henry J. Tinley of Baltimore Co., and Miss Jennie White, of Deals Island.

REDMAN-HOLLOWAY-On the 29th ult. at Garrettson M. E. Church Harford Co, Md., by Rev. W W. Redman of the Wilmington Conference, assisted by Rev. Mr. Cronin of the Baltimore Conference, Mr. Nicholas T Redman of Washington D. C., brother of the officiating minister, to Miss Corinne Holloway, daughter of James Hol-loway of Harford Co. Md.

WALSTON-MARINE-At the bride's residence, at Harrison, Dorchester Co, Md., on Wednesday, Feb 4th 1885, by Rev. J. H. Bell, Mr. James W. Walston to Miss Mar-garet A. Marine, all of Dorchester Co. Md.

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