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ASERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST.
 I am only n servant, He carries the care,
He makes the provision, He gives me a share, In the toil of His kingdom, to work out His His infinite oodness protects me from ill.

## 1 am only a serrant-He makes all the plan For the work of my life, He tells me I can

 Find all that I need in the smile of His love, abd my.abor
I am only a servant-bave nothing to fear,
Delighted to serve, I am waiting to hear
What next is my doty-a cross or a crown-
To bear any burden, or lay my life down.
I am glad in His service, I'll sing of His fame,
Cause many to trast in the strength of H is While others are sad, as with burdens oppres'd, I welcome His burdens $\rightarrow$ His burdens being
rest.

## Faithfulness.

The following editorial from the lindependent of Jan. 8th' is worthy of serious consideration. The censures may be too sweeping in their appli. cation, yet they are certainly none too severe where they do apply. The "go as you please" or 'do as you please" attitude of too many professed disciples of the Master is a great obstacle to the progress of the Church
and a dishonor to Him to whom they have vowed obedience. For the sake of Him who spared not himself let every one of us consccrate anew his service unto the Lord and with honesty of purpose asking, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do," give
ourselves to instant and cheerful ourselves
obedience:
"One of the painful features of the average Christian professor in our day is the lack of conscientiousness in the discharge of what we commonly speak of as "covenantobligations."
Every one of us on entering formally upon the Christian profession soleminly 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 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
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 ob. ligations sacred, and would count
themselves disgraced if they treated themselves disgraced if they treated
them as they do their Church covethem as they do their Church cove-
nantobligations do habitually setthese covenantobligations asideat theirpleasure, or, rather, we must fain think sure, or, rather, we must 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-
glected, the prayer-meeting is passed by without a thought, the Sabbath services are frequently given up for
trivial reasons, or for no other reason trivial reasons, or for no other reason
than a present disinclination; and as for the "work" of the Church, it is systematically avoided by many who never seem once to haverealized that they have any connection with it.
The benevolent contributions of the Church is a matter wholly apart from their purpose. It is urged by some in answer to this that religion is a voluntary matter and not one of compulsion, and, therefore, church-
members or Christians are not to be members or Christians are not to be
judged or held bound to the faithful discharge of these duties by any such rules as govern in other walks of life-notably in business and social life. It is true that religion is a voluntary matter. But when you voluntarily took upon yourself the obligations of a religious life, those obligations became as sacred as the promise of God is to you, and should be so regarded. The volunteer soldieris as much bound by the laws of the army as though he had been drafted; indeed we expect better service from
volunteers than we do from conscript volunteers than we do from conscript
troops, from men who serve from pa triotic motives alone, than from men whose service is compelled. Jesus did not force his yoke upon you, but held it out and said: "Take it upon you." Now, having taken it, it is in he highest sense disloyal and disor shirk the labor which you have voluntarily engaged to do, for and with your Master and with his breth ren, who are yoked up with you. It is positively shameful the way inal followers of Christ, and yoke fellows in the "worship and work of the Church"-throw over their engagements with the Church, at the first or least suggestion of personal inconve nience 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 Sabbath-school class. Moreover this slight weariness or indisposition (not so much of body as of mind) frequently yiclded to, leads finally to an almost utter abandonment o
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 di rection 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.
pertinent interference with their liberty of choice as to how they erve God, or as to whether they shall serve him at all. There are
many more thousands who utterly many more thousands who utterly tion of the maintenance of the expense of public worship or the carying on of the benevolent work of the Church. Their giving is wholly a matter of impulse or conformity to habit, or out of shame, when they are present at the time of taking the offerings of the people. As to formally, conscientiously and systematically setting apart a portion of their income or increase for the work of God, it never occurred to them but to be rejected. The loose change in the pocket, or at least the smaller and baser coins thereof, usually find their way through their unsanctified hands into the basket.
This utter lack of conscience on the part of so many professors of ligion as to obligations involved in a confession of Christ, leads many who are not Christians to doubt the truth f the whole matter, embarrasses the Church in her work, makes the char-
iot wheels of service to drag heavily, and we doubt not sorely grieves the Spirit.

## The Negro's Prayer

Rev, I. P. Cushman tells Zion's Herald how the late Bishop Gilbert Haven was held in esteem through. out the South. At the Texas Conserve reproof to certain members who had been derelict, and on the following morning conducted the opening religious exercises by reading the 91 st Psalm, and the hymn commencing, "A charge to keep I have," and then requested a colored brother to lead in prayer. The pray. er 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 dishonest can touch de. O Loard, cum an' teach all classes an' colors de wid dare tongues, dare feet, dare hans, dare heads and dare hearts. 0 Loard, make um honest inside an' outside, in de dark an' in de light. O Loard, sweet Babe of Bethlehem, cum and loress dis our lubben Bish op; 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 chari ot and halb a short ride home to glo ry ; 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 pathos no one could forget. At the close, a volley of amens rose from all parts of the house. In after days I came to know this man. Physically
he was tall, straight as an arrow and black as a coal. He was as artless as a child, and as free from guile as Nathaniel. Of books he knew but little-could not write his own nameby God as were the fishorma ilee. I stood by his bedside in his lowly cabin when be mounted the chariot and crossed the river exclaiming: "De angels am cummin'-de an gels am cummin'; I seed dem. Brud. der Cushman, de Loard has sent dem to take me ober Jurden." No massive monument bears his humble name, but no doubt his redeemed
and triumphant spirit, with that of the Bishop, rests in the desired ha ven.-Philadelphia Methodist.

The Education of Women.
The quality of the motherhood of our country will more than anything else determine its prosperity and happiness.
The quality of the education received by our girls will largely determine what that motherhood is to
The enormous disparity between the expenditure for the education of the different sexes is astonishing. While millions upon millions have been poured out for the education of our young men in universities and colleres, only here and there has anything been done on a liberal scale in
behalf of schools for our young wombehalf of schools for our young wom-
en. There has been one Vassar in the North, and none in the South. Even the women benefactors of education, as a rule, give nothing for their own sex-ihinking, perhaps, that the other is more in need of the refining influence of liberal cult ure; or, what is more probable, not thinking closely at all about the matter, they have followed the example set them by their generous and publicspirited brothers.
But it is time for both our men and women to do some thinking upon this subject. If we do not wish to have a lame and halting civilization; if we do not wish to dethrone
woman and destroy the divine ideal of homelife; if we do not wish to lose the best characteristics and happiest results of a social system based on the recognition of woman as the
priestess of the bousehold, and the first and most potent of all educators -we musi see to it that the equilibrium of educational forces shall be properly adjusted and firmly main-tained.-Nashville Christian Adrocale.

## The Relation of Parents to the Sunday-School.

The first and most important duty of parents in relation to the Sundsy school is to see that the children study their lessons; that they are punct ual ; 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 como Sabbath after Sabbatb, without any preparation. We tell you, parents
it is uphill work, and very discour aging; and we want your sympathy If you would consider the importance of parental aid, we cannot but think you would give it.

Children come to school with the impression that they are under very little restraint, and that it is of little consequence whether they are prepared or not. To an earnest teacher, these are heartsore trials: but our motto is, "Hope on, hope ever," that all the seed sown may not fall by the wayside. We both hope and pray that some good is done, though not so much, as if you would give us a lift once in a while. Some parents when they speak of the school before their children talk as if it did not amount to much. Let them ask themselves the question, whose fault

Our Saviour said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and for bid them not." Do you think yout are obeying this commandment? You cannot be negative in the mat ter. "He that is not for meis against me." You either aid us or stand in the way. For the love you have to your children, give us your countenance and your aid; "come over and help us;" come into the school and see us; if we are ever glad to see you it is there. The Religious E'lucator.

## The Evangelist.

It is time to insist on theseripture meaning of the term "evangelist." He is not an evangelist who goes bout to well-organized Churches, and with the co-operation of pastors and members holds revival services. No matter how grat a stir that man may make, or how great a revival he may lead, he is not an evangelist. If he claims to be an evangelist because his single aim is the conversion of souls, we answer that this is the single aim of every true minister of the gospel. Ministers may dif fer in their methods because they dif fer in their judgments of what is best for final results; but all seek the sal vation of souls. Anevangelist isa messenger to those who have never heard the gospel. He builds nat on another man's foundation; he presses into. the regions beyond the ministry and labors of others.-Sowsth Western Metho odit.

Be not Afraid-The church has always fought against odis 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 belicve 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, "BC 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.

Gen. John C. Fremont is neither so old nor infirm that he declines : to

PENINSULA METHODIST,

## Tempratict

Wine is a mocker; strong driak is rasiggs not
sud whosereer is deeeired therebs is not
wise. At the last it bileth like serpent,
on! thon invisible spirit or wine, if thou
hagt no name to be knowo by, let us call
thee devil.-Shakespeare.
Total Abstinence and Rallroads.
The Toronta (Canada) Truth eays
"There is nothing more encour aging 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 liquors even in moderation. They 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 ees being not only sober men, but men who do not meddle at all with intoxicating liquors. A man drinking even the smallest quantity of Jiquor when on duty would, if found out, beinstantly dismissed on almost
every railway on the continent every railway on the can't afford to have men mhose indulgence in liquor may caase the loss of life and hundreds of thousands of dollars. It don't pay. It is to be hoped that totacreal male for all railway managers and employces. The business interests of the companies and the safety of the travelling public would be greatly pr moted thereby.

## Shall Rum be Banished the new Congo State.

The international Conference at Berlin, on Afiica, affords a most atriking proof of the advance of European sentiment on certain great expected that a proposal to prohibit the sale of alcohol both on land and the sale of alcohol both on land and we received or seriously considered? Such a proposal must affect most profoundly the commerce which all European states are planning to increase for their own benefit. No article of trade with Africa produces such large returns, and few articles can be in greater demand. Are French, English and German merchants to be probibited from sending cargoes of rum to the new state which Europe is opening chiefly for commercial purposes? Why, missionary vessels freight in the South Seas! Can traders be asked to abstain from that which a Christian missionary socicty deems unobjectionable?
It seems incredible, yet we are
told that the committee unanimous told that the committee unanimous. ly agreed to report in favor of prohi-
bition for Congo. To the American delegates belong the honor of introducing the proposal, and it was adopted in connection with that prohibit. ing slavery.
It was fitting that these two great curses of Africa should be ban-
ished together. The ished together. The Conference,
which has unanimously accepted the which has unanimously accepted the recommendation as it probably will, reject that con cerning alcohol ; but even if it should, zomething will have been gained against this twin evil, It is some thing to have its character questioned in circles where it has bitherto passed unquestioned for the most part, to heve it brought forward with such bad company.

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

Mrs. Frances E. Williard, PresiMrs. Frances. Wational 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 ineresting. She asks that every State and Territory send on a design symbolic of its motto and work; also for money to purchase ice-coolers, litera ture and other suitable furnishings for a Temperance Booth. These nob women are doing a grand work, and we hope all the friends of Temperance wil give this appeal a hearty response. Formard money by postal to Mrs. Josephine R. Nichols, care Mrs. Judge Merrick, Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, La. Send all packages to Mrs. Judge Merrict, Women's Department, Exposition, New
dist.


## 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, he glanced over the works, and said,
"Did you oil it here, Amy?" that."
A drop of oil was supplied, and in another minute the slender needle was flying through the work like a airy. It was easy now to turn the wheel. That drop of oil on a dry
spet in the machinery made all right.
There are many other places where a drop of oil works just as great wonders. For cold morninge, when tempers are apt to get frosted as well as toes and finger-tips, there is no magic like 2 few sweet, cheery words. So when one is angry and ready to do or say rash things, just give them a sort will chswer, and you can see how it will cheer and brighten the way
for yourself and all about you.Young Reaper.
"Have you ever given your heart to Jesus?" eaid a teacher to a little religious" sir, I am too little to be religious," was the reply. "No, my
little friend, you are not too little," said the teacher; "for Jesus said 'Suffer little children to come unto
me.'" Soon after that little boy me.'" Soon after that little boy
came to the altar for prayer, was hap. pily converted, went back in the audience and threw his arms around his father's neck, inviting him to come to Christ. His father, with and ining eyes, came to the altar and in a short time realized the par the absence of the father, this little boy took down the family Bible, read a chapter, and lead in family prayer The above I know to be facts, for I

## All For Jesus.

## by rev. J. h. James.

In looking over some old papers Jately, I found one headed, "All for lowed the bor 1871," Then fol lowed the hymn that some of you
whose letters in the Gead, and told of people you lover spend that year all her purpose to spend loved to serve. fiving all for Christ made her life besutiful for sixty years, and I wish all the boys and girls who read the Guide would take the wor. To do that motto for the new year. means more than writing in your Bi ble; though to have it where you will often see it may belp you to re member it. It means first of all member heart shall be for Jesus That is the part of you that loves That is the part "I will," and " and tha
won't."
If your heart is for the Saviour you will say "yes," to Him, and " $n o$ " to tempters. You know that is the only rigbit 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. Isn' not read bad books or papers. In ca "think God's thoughts after Him." You do that whenever you thought fully read the blessed book which have been writing to you about
Your body, too, will be for Jesu 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 Jesus. Your woork will be for Him, for though your friends tell you what to do, He has placed you under thei care, and if you think of Him as
giving you the work they tell, to do giving you the work they tell, to do
it will be easier. Even your play will be for Him. "Recreation" means "making new," and right playing helps children to grow and to get ready for work. If you give your-
self to Him in this way and trust Him fully, He will enable you to live for Him, as the hymn says,
your days and all your hours."

Here are some texts that I hope you will find and commit to memo ry. They will help you in spending 1885 all for Jesus: 1 Cor. 6: 19-30; Psa. 139; 17; 1 Cor. $10: 31$; Col. 3 : 23.-Guide to Holiness.

The thirty-second verse of the sixteenth chapter of Proverbs is a verse that all children should have as an illuminated text, hanging upon memory's wall. It should be hung in a good light too, for there are cloudy hours and dark shadows that find their way into the children's hearts as well as they do into those of grown
up people. You will probably want to turn and look at it and read it over a dozen times a day. This is the verse: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that
taketh a city."-Exchange.

## Jesus Knows.

All our little heart-aches,
All our joss and woes, All our jogs and woes,
Jour hoper and wishes,
And our every action
Is to Jesus known, From the tirme we're litle,
Till we're fully grown.
When we pluy or study,
Wbecn we wake or sfeep,
He delights to bless un,
And His children keep.
And His children beep.
He will always guide
Listen to our roprayers;
or the loving Saviour
For His children cares

## -Selected.

Island, active temprance Edwards have succeeded in banish workers saloon from one country of every try not a single arrest in this coun
or drunkenness in six monthe, an the docket of the last coul case. contain a single criminal case

## Unconscious Backsliding.

It is generally admitted that grea temptations are not the most danger ous to the followers of Jesus openly few people are in danger of opitting denying their Lord, or of commith far flagrant acts of sin. We are uncon more danger of yielding. just a little. sclously, here and there, just a Sab A Christian does not beause any bath breaker or profane because any one temptation is too strong for him. This reault is reached by gradual process.
We do not become cold in our ser vice by any sudden chill or failing of the spiritual life, but by neglecting ne and then another duty. The disciples slept during Christ's agony beore they forsook Him and fled. Pet$r$ is first found following "afar off" before he is ready to deny his Lord.
Those who would follow closely nd 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 balfunconscious beginning of evil. Keep out the foxes and the vines will
much fruit.-Baltimore Methodist.

## Winter by the Sea.

From N. Y. Home Journal, January 28th, 1885.]
Five or six years ago Atlantic City was unknown, except as a summer resort. For a few months in summer thousands thronged its beach and disported in its surf, but with the coming of autumn they vanished, leaving the town to sleep in quiet through the long months of winter Wise heads, however, saw that there were a mildness of climate, an iquibility of temperature and recuperative properties in the sea air, which would some day attract as many visitors in winter as in summer. An enterprising hotel proprietor kept his periment. People came, a few at first but all experienced decided benefit and the number incressed from yea to year, until its reputation as a grea winter sanitarium is now firmly es tablished. Last season six or eight hotels were filled with winter guests, and this winter others have joined the pioneers, and there will be ampl accommodations for thousands of vis tors.

解 Its favora great winter health resort. shores of $N$ location on the southern said, nearer than ony at a point. it i this coast to the Gulf Stream, secures for it a gentleness of climate unsurpassed on the North Atlantic. Be hind the town is a vast waste of which absorbs the atmospheric moisture, and aids largely in drying and purifying the air. There is no body of fresh water within fifty miles; the ocean's warm cure, tempered by the the health of the sea, bring to land winds are of the sea, while the land in their robbed of their dampness in their course over the sands. These influences tone down the severity of winter to a degree that is remarkable of Atlantic City netric observations those of points are compared with further points of the same latitude further inland. The medical frater nity bear overpowering testimony to
ary and other kindred diseases, and their restored patients a witnesses to the same fact.

Apart from these consideration he city itself presents a number of the city itself it is a well gov desirable featuresy built, and attract erned, handsome eight thousand per ve city of somb All the accesso manent residents. at hand. There ries of city life are at hand. Ther are miles of handsome avenues, strcet railway, stores of every description supplied with all the abundance of suppland. The hotels, originall built for summer use, have been r built for sumed and refitted with the ap pliances necessary for comfort in pliances necessarires supplement the heat of stoves and radiators, while they add a charm of cheerfulness to their bright surroundings. The here are builtin full view of the sea houses glass-enclosed porticos afford and glass-enclosed a promenade for the invalid too weak to face the eager

Oir. ercise 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 sandsome boari 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 pre vailed at Atlantic City. The sanitary measures are in the hands of a

## Paul's Defense

esson foz feb. 15, 1885. - Acta 22 1-21.

BY REY. W. O. HOLWAY, U. S. N.
[Adapted from Zlont Berald.I
Golder Texp: "And I
do Lord
7 " (Acts 22: 10 )

1. A persection (1-5)
2. Men, brethren, and fathers.-So Stephen began his address before the Sanhedrim. Doubtless Paul recog nized 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 prelim inary, and a claim which he couldright fully make, seeing that he had been violently assailed, with", no chance thus far for protest or self-vindica tion. Hebrew tongue-R. V., "Hebrew language." He might have used the Greek, and have been understood by most of his hearers; for that lan guage was current in all the great citics, 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 yace, not an alien. Born in Tarsus.How compactly does Paul state his
race, birthplace, and training, and how admirably calculated were these opening words to calm the passions of the mob, and secure for himself a candid hearing! Brought up in this city-a Jerusalemite in all but birth. At the feet of Gamaliel-the famous
rabban, son of Simeon, grandson of Hillel. Only seven Jewish doctors received the title of "rabban," and three of these belonged to the family of this Gamaliel, and also attained to the high elevation of nasi, or "president of the school." As to the attitude of the scholar in reference to the teacher, Meyer states: "The tradition that, until the death of Gamaliel, the scholars listened in a standing posture to their teachers, cannot be urged against this view [that the scholars sat at the teachers' feet], as even the standing scholar may be conceived of as being at the feet of his teacher sitting on the elevated cathedra." Taught according to the perfect
manner-R. Y., "instructed according to the strict manner." The law of the fathers-the Mosaic law. He does not emphasize here, as before Agrippa, his Pharisaic training, but lets that be inferred from the well-known character of his teacher. And was ous for God." As ye all arc-R. V "cven as ye all are." He shows how deeply identified with them in views and feelings he had himself been in his early history.
Nearly every term is emphatic: "Verily a Jew," "this city," "Gamaliel," "perfect," "law," "fathers," all are points of a pre-eminent instance (Whedon).
4. I persecuted this way unto the death.-R. V., capitalizes "way," that being the name by which Christianity Has currentiy spoken of at the time

His purpose had been to uttorly ex-
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.
The speaker obviously uses the current colloquial term used by the the disciples as indicating that they 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 m
(Plumptre).
5. High priest
either the then high priest ... wrinesswho 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. Jerusalem in bonds." Punished-by scourging, imprisonment, or death. Damascus is probably the oldest 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 bloody wars with the contemporaneous kings of Israel, and when Hazael seized the throne of Damascus the kingdom of Israel fared still worse. Assyria got possession of Damascus, and during the contests for empire that ensued for many centuries, while Damascus often changed its masters,
it never became properly the capital
of a kingdom. In New Testament history it is chiefly celebrated for being Paul's residence immediately after his conversion, and the scene of his first Christian labors (Abbott). II. A convert (6-16).

6-9. Was come nigh unto Damascus -R. V., "drew nigh unto Damascus." About noon-when the sun was in his meridian glory. It was then that
this blinding, unearthly light shone upon him with such awful brilliancy The phenomenon was no delusion. Fell unto the ground-smitten by, or sinking down beneath, the intolera ble manifestation. Heard a voiceaudible, for his companions heard it,
and it used "the Hebrew tongue" (26: 14). Persecutest thou me?-a fine illustration of how really our Lord identifies Himself with His follow rs, so that to harm them is to harm Him. I am Jesus of Nazareth-What a revelation this must have been to guided zealot! How his brain must have reeled under the shock that what he had fought as false had been
all the time true; that all his hatred and cruelty had been leveled against the Lord of light and glory. They hat were with me saw.. the light-R. , the light;" important confirmatory vidence. And were afraid-omitted in R. V. Heard not the voice.-But in chapter 9: 7, we read that they heard the voice. The discrepancy is only a seeming one, and is paralleled on other occasions, as e. g., John 12 :
29. The companions of Saul heard a voice speaking, but the words spok en were intelligible to Saul only. Hence they could not testify to his divine commission.
Byine commission.
By the vision of Jehovah repeated- $\begin{aligned} & \text { pointed and significant ordinance by }\end{aligned}$.

1y appoaring, Abraham had boen missioned (Exod. 3: 1). 80, by the repeated vision of Jehovah-Jesus
Saul had been both called and com Saul had been both called and com-
missioned. This Jesus, like the Jehovah of old, appears, in the splendor of the Shekinah; he is "Lord," the "Just One," the pronouncer of the "I will send thee" (Whedon). -It is ho who is stoned in Stephen, flayed in the person of Bartholomew. He was roasted upon Laurence's gridiron 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 differen 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 (Whedon)
12, 13. One Ananias-unknown, save in connection with Saul. He was "a disciple" (9: 10), of wide repution to the Law. Having a good re-port-R. V., "well reported of." 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 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 he risen Jesus (Whedon)
14. The God of our fathers.-So the Sanhedrim. Hath chosen theeR. V., "hath appointed thee." Know his will.-Paul was distinguished be-
fore, as well as after his conversion for his loyalty to conscience. He needed only to know the divine will o 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 from his mouth."

This personal interview with the risen Saviour was essential to his Christian and a preacher, but could not be an apostle, for the apostles were called to bear special testimony rom personal knowledge to the resurrection of Jesus (Vincent).
15, 16. His woitness-R.
ness 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
fiith, the candidate declares that, he enounces everything that dofileth
and trusts in the "washing of regenoration." So elsewhere: "Be baptizéd unto the remission of your sins."
Calling on the name of the Lord -R . Calling on the name of the Lord-R.V. 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 bapism, 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. ."even while." I prayed in the temple.-Even Paul, in the youth and
fervor of his Christian experience ervor 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 aith: I was in (R. V., "fell into") a trance-an ecstatic, abnormal state, divine communication

There is a most remarkably strong entiment in favor of Temperance sentiment in favor of Temperance,
in Great Britain and Ireland. Temin Great Britain and Ireland. Temand "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 only $85,000,000$.

Rev. M. K. Schermerhorn, whose withdrawal from the Unitarian to the Episcopal church has been announced, confesses that Unitarianism 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." Unitar rianism is rich in æsthetics and humanities, but poor in blood and vitality. It does not grow, and has hard struggle for
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 making. 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 an nouncements from the pulpit, he has included a notice that he would mend shoes better and
any opposition cobbler!

The Bible is circulated in Pennsyl vania in 22 languages, and 60 lan guage
State.

Methodism has now had three centennials. 1. In 1839, which was the one hundredth anniversary of Methodism. 2. In 1866, the one huntion of Methodism into this country. 3. In 1884, the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Neyins, Presbylorian mivetion-
 two tour the past winter was over Hunter Corbett; In this apring'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 eightoen gave satiafactory evidenco 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.
"What Lack I Yet?" " he 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 fulfillingof the law of God. So plainly teaches the A postle 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 Christ-

Peninsula Vethodisis,

State or Territory requires a specified mode of election, that mode sball be observed. Otherrise, the trustee are to be elected by the Quarterl
Conferences upon the nomination the pastor, or Presiding Elder. (Para graph 387.)
Mr. Harry Whitely, in the Bulle tin of the American Iron \& Stee Association, says the late Delaplaine McDaniel, devised by will $\$ 10.000$ to Drew Theological Seminary at Madi to Dickinson College, Carlisle. Pa

We have received the following sad intelligence of the death of the young est daughter of our esteemed brother Rer. John Allen. We tender the
stricken ones our deep sympathy; and stricken ones our deep sympathy; and of their many friends:
"Miss Bessie Allen, youngest daughter of the Rer, John Allen, a super numerary of the Wilmington Con ference M. E. Church, died suddenl on Monday, the 14 th inst, at her
father's residence, 25 Park Place father's residence, 25 Park Place,
Brooklyn. The immediate cause of 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 bead acke, cry 'O papa! papa! papa! papa! My dear papa! My head, my head"two or three hours' efforts to aleviate her pain she fell aslecp and awoke no more, -breathing her last abou 4 p. m., of the same day. She was
a dear, sweet child, meek and patient a dear, sweet child, meek and patient of heart, full of innocence and love.
The gentle Shepherd has gathered hor The gentle Shepherd has gathered hor in his arms and hides her in his boson, beckion
to follow on."

## As a matter of interest to man of our readers we give the following

 provisions in the will of the latJethro J. Mecullough who jethro J.Mc Cullough, who died some
seven years ago,-in refere.ace to certain liberal bequests, that have bethe anable the upent deat His excerto widow.
His executor is directed to pa . To the Wesleyan Female College Wilmington, Del., the sum 85000 . 2. To the Home for Aged Women in the same city, 85000 .
3. To the Trustees of the Hom for Friendless and Destitute Children in the same city, 85000 .
his heirs and Enoch McCullough $\$ 2000$, 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, com-
missions,, towards the support and maintenance of the minister, who
mest waintenance of the minister, who
may from time to time be appointed to, or stationed at the Methodist Episcopal Church at North East, Md., under and in accordance with pro visions of the Discipline of the
Methodist Episcopal Churc " Methodist Episcopal Church." This divided among surviving heirs "whenever the said church organization at North East shall be discontinued, or permanently cease to have ap pointed to it, under the Discipline o the Methodist Episcopal Church,

To the "Trustees preach.
dist Episeopal Church, ine Meth East, Md., and to their succesisors th sunn of $\varepsilon 3000$, , for the purpose of imthe will church.

## Prayer and Healing

[Countensed from Kion's Itcrald.] The profounder question, whethe in every instance it is inental or suture in restoring the sick man naheld.
is prayed for, remains, as you notice thus far unanswered. Ono impregna ie position al east she facts presen d, and in view of mental influence, to say nothing of Bible injunctions, to say nothing of men are under as solemn obligation men are under as solemn obliga to come together to pray for of physias they are to call a council of physicians and administer visible age whole 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 prayer to his use of risible remedies, he doing his utmost to restore and ve his patient? However much he may do, conld he not do
he could, should he not
But the interest in this discussion athers at this point about the ques tion whether in prayer for the sich the aid afforded is natural or super natural. Should some one say it is natural, we must not call him an in fidel, or say he is irreverent, for it is certainly in harmony with divine methods to allow natural agencies rather than manifestly supernatura ones to accomplish beneficent results Any different procedure is exception

Therefore, if the only aid need dd by nature in a given case of sick ness can come from a change of men tal conditions produced by thrills of faith, by words of prayer, by devo tinnal influences, then, why expect or why are needed, supernatural in terpositions? In case there is no need why require the divine Being to alandon natural in favor of super natural method.
But, on the other band from what has been said earlier in this discussion, we must admit that there ar cases so obstinate that they will not
yield to the usual methods; cases where nature is helpless, and wher 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 noth ing but by prayer and fasting.' faith ordinarily successful had failed So too, each drug, though or dinarily successful, sometimes fails Mental cure sometimes fails. Eve the highest type of mental cure sulting from the serene repose $r$ ligious faith, or from the combined desires and prayers of a multitude may likerrise fail. Indeed, there may be cases too obstinate for all thes natural remedial agencies combined to help. Have we, therefore, reached the end of our line? Can nothin more be done? Can God himself do no more? Has He reserved no fur
ther prerogatives? Has ther prerogatives? Has He, too, end of His line

## To the Trustees

Dear Brethres:-Our office is an mportant one, and excuscus for saying it, a much neglected one. To $u^{5}$ is intrusted the keeping of the church's property. The office is at To le keepers and a privilege. of the Lerders is of the house We have one refuest to make every trustee whose eye may fall upe of this article. Namely: That he upon foaint himself personally with the following fucts respecting his truis truste.

1. By what title is your church and the lot on which the church stands
2. Are the papers or title in good egal form?
3. Are re

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your board held, and reports mad your board held, anderly conference the law of the church requires. the law of the card book, or Minute 4. Is the the meetings of the board correctly kept, and 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 embracin theitems named in the Discipline, viz "Number of churches and parson ges. 2. Their probable value. 3. Title by which held. 4. Income. Expenditures. 6. Debts, and hov contracted. 7. Insurance. S. Amoun aised during the year for buildin 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 offen the trustees who have Disciplines by intimating that they don't read them and don't know their duty, wo nly suggest to trustees who have not the Discipline that they ought to have and ought to read it. Now, it ma be that all of this had better hav been left out of my article. Th editor may do as he likes about it 6. Inform yourself if your presen 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 Easternshore of Md. churches are at fault, and that their boards of trustecs contain members that are not legally in thei places-bence not trustees at all.

A large number of the churches re incorporated under an act of the the boards of trustees are self-per petuating. Now in some cases, w don't know how many, but do know of some, the trustees seem to have forgoten the requirements of the law governing their case, and have made trustces according to their own notion, or according to the provisions of the Discipline
The old acts of incorporation ru bout as follows
The free white male members ver twenty-one years of age met and elected the first board.
2. The board to be self-perpetua ing after that.
3. A trustee once elected can get out only, 1. By death. 2. By resi nation. 3. By removing a certain number of miles from the church or 4. By ceasing to be a member of he M. E. Church. No provision is made for compelling attendance on he meetings of the board, tending to the business of the er ons in whicb olion and their suce by simpla aid succersors died, and the eleted cessors were elected, and so the suc we presume. and stands so to day, w them presume. The pastors, many of these have come in charge long since obtained acts of incorporation were obtained, and many of the trustee don't know the law in the case. So in pastor follows the law as he find terly conference thand tells the ruar church allows persons the taw of the members of the chure who are not tees; and that a minority of the bers; and that of persons not meme the church and So and so love by being madean might be benefitted The brethren think so to the church. So and So is nominated by and Mr. Lor and elected by the quarterize pas. acts the and goes into the boar con tion of that of a trustee all in and the law of the siathe church, and Now, brother trug of Maryland. and
it as a mattar of fact that your boarid is all right, but look'into the math and know that it is all right. If yo find that you have gone wrong, cal por's attention to and go to the brethren who you hav unwittingly put into your boar and tell then the state of the cas, and then proceed to elect officers the law directs.

Yours trily:
A Trusteg.
(Next to the pastor, the responsi: bility for this important church in terest is undoubtedly with the $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{re}}$. siding Elder who is charged, sce $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{is}}$. cipline Paragraph 171, section 5, "to oversee the spiritual and temporal business of the church in his dif trict ; to sec that all charters, deeds and other conveyances of church property is his district conform strictly to the lam usages and forms of the State or Ter ritory within which such property a situate, and to the Discipline; to su that all church property is well in sured." En.)

## Not a Pastoral Donation.

If the pastor of Deals Island were o report all the donation parties that visit the parsonage, and leave sub stantial marks of their esteem be hind, he would tax the patience both of the editor and of the people. From he beginning of the year to th lose, it is ever the same-day afte lay, one constant stream of friend with supplies for the larder. I har an idea that some single days here as much is left at the parsonage would constitute a respectable dona ion at some other charges.
But it is not of these things $I$ wish to write, but of a donation, (bette han one to the preacher), which the people gave this week. At the beginning of the oyster season, one of ou best citizens had his knee cap crush ed by the crank-handle of the oyste oat, on which he was working. F three months he has been confined to his bed, and now has no hope of ge ting out for some months to come. Not as a charity merely, but because chove and esteem the man and bi family, we determined to give him surprise. So on last Sunday, th pastor announced, that on th following Thursday evening-our regular prayer-meeting occasion-ri would have a general social reunion at the church, every body being in vited to come and bring some mark Committes for our afflicted friend assure tees also were appointed to people success. On Thursday the people came bringing the good thing: rife, a pleasant social time was en jod, music was furnished by the After the everybody seemed happs. all prese singing of "coronation" bs or, it was and prayer by the pas: frit mes found that we had canned barreat, flour, sugar, coffee, wood farel of hour, and, (enumeration y thes having been interdicted other useful things, say, dozens of cash. Isn't this better than a donation to hope, whenever believe it is, and donation idea" my people get the will find some in their mind, thes the above rather worthy cause ai tho so long as than surprising one ve as well as health is given, cal ble, on the salare average of his peo y paid him
R.R.Tick....
men who expe-Preachers andla ference expect to attend the coron the Baltinow Hill, can get ticketi (Kent Coumore and Delaware R. half the regular to go and return

##  NEWS. <br> Whi IU TON DISTRICT - Res <br> Charles. Huh, P. E., WClnington, Did North East, Md., R. W. Todd, pas <br> r. Last Sabbath large and atten the:word; the cause of missions was presented in the morning, and al night considerable revival interest was manifest. Rev. E.C.Atkins of Bethel has be

Frank Beggs has been engaged as cornetist by the Asbury M. E. Sun-day-school, Wilmington, for the com-
ing year.
The Sunday school will hold its missionary anniversary on SVednesday evening, March 6th. 1000,00 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 norv 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 850 were realized, nearly all
net clear, which was made a present 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 appreciates their material kindness, tut more the love of those most ex-
cellent young people, and she expresses her thanks. The performers might be mentioned, but all did exceedingly well, and the whole program was very fine.

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

EASTON DISTRICT-Rev. J. H. Caldwell, P. E., Smyrna, Del.
Easton charge, H. S. Thompson, pastor, writes: There are no signs of decrease in the interest or results of
our meeting. Over one hundred souls have been converted, and each of the past four nights, from 20 to 30 penitents have presented themselves at the altar. Our noon-day mectings, from 12 to 1 each day, are growing in interest and power. On Saturday last, nearly 100 were present, and 14 presented themselves at the altar,
some for pardon, others for heart purity.
At the close of the morning service on Sabbath last, the trustees asked for $\$ 300$, to discharge some old indebtedness, and in a short time their needs were met. The church is crowded at almost every service, and the power of the Holy Spirit rests sensibly upon the congregations, and pervades the community. "All glory to Jesus be given," that the
dark clouds are scattered, and the glorious morning of salvation has dawned and Zion is coming "up from the wilderness leaning upon her beloved."
Oxford, Md., A. S. Mowbray, pastor, writes: On Saturday evening, Jan. 31 st, a committee of
young men representing the nonmembers of our community, came to the parsonage and after a pleasant chat presented us with a purse of \$24. It was a genuine surprise.
gain, on the Thursday following our home was entered by a large party ladened with excellent and substantial presents. Aswe were in the midst

The our rejoicing the climax came The ladies, by their representative a suit of clothes. All this is but in
keeping with the every day kind-
ness of the ness of the good people of: Oxford. A subscriber writes from Hillsboro
Md., under date of Feb. 9 th, as folOur extra meetings began at this
place New Year's night, with Rev. J plac has been great interest manifested flock, and up to this writing, forty have professed faith in Christ. Sun tar carnestly seeking Christ. The entire community seem wonderfully aroused to religious has been unusually revived and quickened. The house is crorded every night to its utmos 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 daith, and has grea personal influence over those with Whom he comes in contact. Our pas tor, "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 praying for, un of prayer.
The revival at Sudlersvilie, Md. still continues. The entire commu nity 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 ings have been glorious. No wild excitement, pervaded the large congregations The conversions have been clear and decided.
Rock Hall charge, G. S. Conaway pastor. This cherge meetings on this charge have closed with sixteen 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 pastor. The revival services begun the 1st inst. The pastor being assist have been twenty conversions
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 a very valuable and handsome watch from F. A. Crook Esq., a mem. ber of Madison Ave. M. E. Church Balto. Md. Bro. Warren exchanged
pulpits with Bro. Courtenay of that pulpits with Bro. Courtenay of that church in August last and made many friends. His labors among us are now drawing to a close and where
ever his lot may be cast we wish him abundant success and prosperity.
Townsend charge, C. K. Morris, pastor, writes: We are in now the midst of a gracious revival. There has been greatinterest. Several even-
ings a baptism of the Holy Ghost came down upon the congregation On last Wednesday evening the work commenced in earnest, 20 were at the altar, 10 conversions. Thursday sions. The interest is increasing. The altar is crowded every night with penitents, and the shouts of new born souls are heard almost every service Over 30 conversions to date. The whole community is stirred. The
church has been greatly revived and quickened. Wo are working and praying that the Lord will show us great and glorious things, such as never was known in Townsend. The good service: Revs. J. H. Caldwell P. E., D. F. Waddell, A. T. Scott and T. E. Bell. May the Lord rewaed them fo: their labors.

DOVER DISTRICT-Rev. A. W
Milly, P. E., Harrington, Del.
Galestown, Md., Joseph Dare, paswe had a surprise visit from the people, bringing their gifts, gladdening
and cheering ourheartg at i the parsonage After a brief atay at our home, all repaired to the church where we had singing and prayer
and renlly a good and spiritually reand renlly a good
freshing season.
Dover charge, T. H. Martindale nastor. The precious work of grace commenced a little more than two weeks ago, continues with deep inter est and fine results. The number of conversions up to date issixty. Near
ly all the Conference Academy stuy all the Conference Academy students, who were not previously mened. 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.

SALISBUKY DISTRICT.-Rev.J. A. B. Wilson, P. E., Princess Anne, Md. J. Hubbard writes us from Laure 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 mar riage Jan. 28, by Rev. F. C. McSorey. Mr. HI. Benjamin Hitch and Miss Anna Smith ware 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 weekly visits. Two members were
received by certificate last Sunday, and one on probation the week before.

Roxanna charge was divided early in the conference year; three appoint ments forming Bishopville charge with Rev. E. P. Roberts as pastor Roxanna, Bethel and Sound form ng Roxanna circuit with E. H. Hyson in charge.
In the Roxanna and Bethel churchs there have been remarkable revivals during the past three months. 70 were added to Roxanna church and 62 to date have joined Bethel church. About 150 have professed onversion, and including a few of the Sound church 135 have been receiv-
on probation, and more are exed on p
The Bethel (at Ocean View) reviv al still continues with many earnest penitents at its altar. The pastor has been kindly remembered in a
substantial gift of a fine new cerriage from friends of the circuit.
A correspondent from Newark Md. writes: Our meeting is still continuing with increased interest. There bave been 28 conversions and eight penitents at the altar last Tuesday night. The membership is working grandly and harmoniously. praying for still greater success.
Barren Creek charge, J. W. Gray, pastor, writes: I am closing up my second year at Barren creek, my protracted meetings all over; the result is 62 conversions this year, with 56 accessions to the church; 20 last year
and 20 accession to the Line. Making in all 82 conversions and 76 accessions to the church. The Lord has indeed blessed us and we are going on to victory.

Rev. T. R. Creamer of Scott M. E. Church Wilmington, who has been suffering with a tumor in one of his eyes, is reported to be improving rapidly.

Letter, from Campen, Del. Mn. EDiron: Last Thursday even ing, Feb. 6th, being the thirtieth an
niversary of the marriage of Rey $J$ niversary of the marriage of Rev. J A. Brindle, pastor of the E. and friends of the church began at an early hour to assemble at the par sonage, 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,-Meth odists, Friends, Episcopalians, and Presbyterians united in the demon stration of good will. In the midst stood the bricle 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,
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 affec
tionate regard.

## Letter From Galestown

Mr. Editor: The recent visitation f Rev. A. W. Milby at our Fourth Quarterly meeting was truly profitable.
First in the worthy and acceptable manner of presiding in the conferpening oin our excellent love feast The preaching afterwards was characteristic of the man. Thoughtful earnest, instructive. For several weeks we have had good meetings, manifestations of more than usual interest. Several are at the altar seeking. The coming of Elder Ray mond and a Mrs. Perry holding forth firstat Sharptown, then at Wheatleys near Galestown has somewhat disturbed and hindered us in our work We do not want such people-pro fessed faith-healers; and I would hereby warn our ministers. Doubtless they are sincere, but we may not know what harm they might accomplish in tne end.
osepil Dare.

A large amount of money is paid by the various charges of the Conference every year, for which no cred it is given in our Minutes. Accord ing to the Minutes of the pres ent year, over fifty of the brethren incurred bills for moving to their new fields. these bills were is supposable that to which they were sent. The Dis cipline intimates the propriety of publishing such sums in a
separate column. May I suggest that all such sums be included in the column of table No. 2 for "other collections?" Let said column includ moving expenses, ehurch relief, col lections for district parsonage, and anything else authorized as a benevo
lent interest of the church.
J. D. Ritgi.

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