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Dr. James A. McCauley. The latest intelligence we have received of the condition of this eminent servant of the Church, and the writer's warm friend from his school boy days, is not re-assuring. The most skillful medical attendants give but little encouragement to the hope of his recovery. His wife and daughter merit, as they no doubt will have, the fullest sympathy and most earnest prayers of their many friends, in this time of so sore trial. May the Divine Comforter impart strength and peace!

A telegram, received by The Advo cate last Tuesday, makes the gratifying announcement, that "Dr. McCauley is better."

Home Missions,

Last week we published the full programme of an all-day meeting of the W. H. M. S., of our conference, which is to be held in Grace M. E. Church, this city, next Thursday, March 13th. Among the attractions, we note especially an address by Rev. Dr. Wil liam Nast Brodbeck, the talented and popular pastor of Tremont St., M. E Church, Boston. This Church ranks with Mt. Vernon, in Baltimore, Grace in this city, and Arch St., Phila. We have no hesitation in assuring the public, that they will have an intellectual and spiritual treat, in Dr. Brodbeck's address. The evening meeting is designed to be a mass-meeting of all friends of Home Missions, in this city and vicinity. Philadelphia Conference. To our neighbor, the city of brotherly love, belongs the honor of entertain ing the first formal conference of itinerant Methodist preachers, in this country. It was three years before the immortal Declaration of Indepen dence was made by our patriot fathers, eleven years before the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the cotemporary adoption of the United States Constitution, and only four years after Mr. Wesley's first missionaries to his brethren in America arrived in the same city, in October 1769, and only twenty-nine years after the first Conference in Methodism, in England in 1744.

who had been sent over the sea, by Mr. Wesley: Richard Broadman and Joseph Pilmore, who came in 1769, Francis Asbury and Richard Boardman, who came in 1771, and Thomas Rankin and George Shadford, who followed in 1773. There were also present, Capt. Thomas Webb, and Messrs. John King, Abraham Whitworth and Joseph Zearbry, all of whom, except Capt. Webb, had come over under Mr. Wesley's sanction to assist in the work.

The next two annual sessions were held in the same city. The eight succeeding sessions, were held in Maryland and Virginia.

A special conference convened in Baltimore, Dec. 24th, 1784, at the call of Dr. Coke and Mr. Asbury, for the purpose of organization, on the plan proposed by Mr. Wesley. This was the historical Christmas Conference, at which our church was fully organized, with Thomas Coke, LL. D., and Francis Asbury as its first bishops.

Three conferences were held in '85, 86, and '87; eight in '88; eleven in '89; fourteen in '90, and '91; and eighteen in '92. These last five years, a conference was held annually in Philadelphia.

Nov. 1, 1792, the first General Conference met in Baltimore; Bishops Coke and Asbury presiding. The next four years there was a conference held annually in Philadelphia, and at the second General Conference held in Baltimore in October, 1796, the bounfor the first time, and their number reduced to six; the Philadelphia, Balti more, Virginia, South Carolina, New England, and Western; the churches in New York being divided between Philadelphia and New England Conferences.

Va., on the south, the old conference has suffered partition of territory in the lapse of years, until now it includes only that part of Pennsylvania lying east of the Susquehanna river, and not all of that.

Twenty years ago, the choice part of its territory, south of Mason and Dixon's line was taken from it, and organized under Bishop Simpson, into the Wilmington Conference.

Last year's roll shows 297 names; forty of these are on the retired list, and eleven on trial, leaving 240 effective members. Four of these effectives are presiding elders; four, secretaries; two, college professors; two, chaplains; one, president of an Infirmary; one, a missionary to Corea; and four, editors. Of the thirteen superannuates, two have entered into rest; Daniel L. Patterson, who was admitted on trial in 1842, and died, April 18, 1889, and Joseph Mason, who was received in 1838, and died Jan. 18, 1890. Both of these brethren labored well and successfully, on the Peninsula.

Among the other itinerants in this body, who have been taken from labor to reward, in the last year, are Henry R. Calloway, an earnest and zealous brother of the class of 1841, who died July 5th, 1889, the beloved and devout George W. Lybrand, of the class of 1844, who exchanged mortality for life eternal, Jan. 1st, 1890, and our promising young brother, Leroy M. Magee, son of Rev. Wm. daries of annual conferences were fixed T. Magee, whose earthly career closed so soon after its bright beginning. The surviving veterans, with the dates of their entrance upon their itinerant work, and their post office addresses, are as follows: Joseph Carlisle, 1835, Media, Pa.; John A. Watson, 1837. West Chester, Pa.; Gasaway Oram, 1838, No. 2124 North 13th St., Phila. Pa.; Wm. H. Elliott, 1839, Germantown, Phila.; Mahlon H. Sisty, 1839, Langhorne, Pa.; John D. Long, 1840, Pocomoke City, Md.: Peter J. Cox, 1841, No. 64 North 4th St., Easton. Pa.; John Shields, 1844, Frenchtown, N. J.; Solomon M. Cooper, same

year, 906 North 13th St., Phila.; Peter

Nearly all these brethren have labor-

Hallowell, 1845, Raymond, Iowa.

will be glad to read this brief record. In the hurry and absorbing duties of this fast age, is there not great danger, that we forget those who have served us in the Lord, and fail to offer them the little attentions, even if it be but a letter, or a friendly call, which these old soldiers so richly deserve and so highly appreciate in their days of loneliness and decline.

The ensuing session of the conference, which is in reality, its one hundred and thirteenth consecutive meeting. will be held in Pottsville, Pa., a mountain city in the anthracite coal regions, of 14,000 inhabitants, distant one hundred miles north, from Philadelphia.

Bishop James N. FitzGerald, D. D., will preside.

In 1854, the writer was appointed to the pastorate of the First M. E. Church, in that city; Rev. A. Longacre, now Dr. Longacre and pastor of our church in Newburgh, N. Y., was our pleasant associate, as pastor of the Second Church. At the close of our term in 1856, Rev. W. L. Gray was appointed our successor, and under his administration, the Second Church united with the First, and since then, there has been but one M. E. Church in that city.

Rev. Theodore Stevens was appointed pastor, last Spring, and has the honor, of arranging for the entertainment of the conference.

Pleasant calls were made on the editor, this week, by Rev. John B. Quigg, of North East, Rev. R. H. Adams, of Middletown, Rev. R. K. Stephenson, of Smyrna, Bro. Smithers, of Smyrna, Rev. B. F. Price, of Christiana, Rev. E. H. Hynson, of Zion, and Rev. John France, presiding elder of Smyrna district. Bro. Quigg was at the preachers' meeting, and was called on for a speech.

Dating from this, the next session of the Philadelphia Conference will be its 103d annual meeting; though as we bave seen, the first three conferences were held in Philadelphia, and nine other annual sessions were held there from 1788 to 1796.

Our Baltimore brethren, on the other hand, by some occult method of calculation, make their approaching session, the 106th.

ed on the Peninsula, and we doubt not, Its boundaries reaching from the There were present, six itinerants Canadas on the north, to Cape Charles there are surviving friends here who

A CLEAN CUT EXPERIENCE. We trust no one of our readers has overlooked Bishop Taylor's account of the great crisis in his religious experience, which we published in our issue of Feb. 22. Entire consecration of ourselves and ours, with unquestioning faith in God, never fails to bring per-fect peace. The prophet Isaiah addresses Jehovah in these words of full assurance, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is sayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."



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THE SNOW-FALL. BY JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

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The snow had begun in the gloaming, And busily all the night Had been beaping field and highway, With a silence deep and white

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Every pine and fir and hemlock re ermine too dear for an earl, And the poorest twig on the elus tree Was ridged inch deep with pearl.

From sheds new roofed with Carrara Came chanticleer's mutiled crow The stiff rails were softened to swan's down And still fluttered down the snow.

I stood and watched by the window The noiseless work of the sky, And the sudden flarries of snow-birds, Like brown leaves whirling by.

I thought of a mound in sweet Auburn Where a little headstone stood; How the flakes were folding it gently, As did robins the babes in the wood

Up spoke our own little Mabel, Saying, "Father, who makes it snow, And I told of the good All-Father Who cares for us here below.

Again I looked at the snowfall. And thought of the leaden sky That arched o'er our first great sorrow

When that mound was heaped so high, I remembered the gradual patience That fell from that cloud like snow,

Flake by flake, healing and hiding The scar of our deep-plunged woe. And again to the child I whispered,

'The snow that husheth all. Darling, the merciful Father Alone can make it fall.'

Then, with eyes that saw not, I kissed her; And she, kissing back, could not know That my kiss was given to her sister, Folded close under deepning snow.

Our Church in Mexico.

BISHOP W. F. MALLALIEU.

Mexico is a land of wonders. Every one who, in his earlier youth, has read the works of Prescott, has many a dream-land vision when he thinks of this southern land. To be in Mexico is the realization of many a bright day-dream. Last August, on the eleventh of the month, which was Sunday, I was in far-away Maine, at Bar Harbor, assisting in dedicating a new church in that famous summer resort. Five months later to a day I find myself within the tropics in the

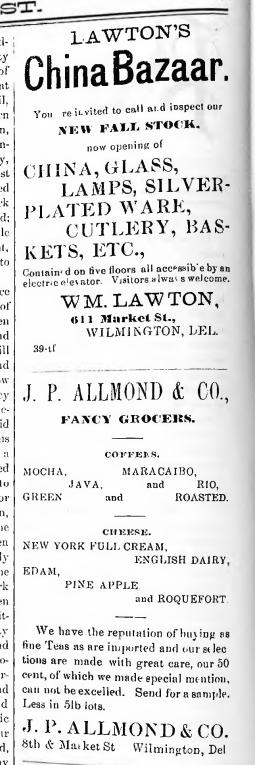
Ala., dedicating one of the best churches we have in all the south; Nov. 24, Chalsen, Mass, somi-contennial anniversary of Walnut St. Church; Nov. 17, Kausas City, Mo., missionary anuiversary; Nov. 10 and 3, Topeka, Kansas, bishops' semi-annual meeting; Oct. 27, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Oct. 20, Grand Forks, North Dak.; Oct. 13, Drayton, North Dak.; Oct. 6, St. Paul, Minn.; Sept. 29, Platteville, Wis.; Sept. 22, Aurora, Ill.; Sept. 15, Harrisburg, Pa.; and so on and so forth, to the beginning of the year. The enumeration just given indicates that in eighteen Sundays fifteen different states were visited, and all the way from Drayton, in the extreme northeast of North Dakota, on to Boston, to New Orleans, and to Mexico. In several of the places three sermons were preached on the Sunday, with much work thrown in, varied in kind and quantity, according to circumstances.

In coming to Mexico from New Orleans we take the route via San Antonio and Laredo. This is the shortest, most southern, and quickest. It must be said, if the truth be told, that there is not much of special interest to be seen along the way. The four most remarkable towns are San Antonio, in Texas; Monterey, Saltillo, and San Luis Potosi, in Mexico. These names were long since made familiar to Amercans from the fact that they were visited by the troops of the United States at the time of the Mexican War. It is a sad commentary on human nature that brave men should come so far from home, and endure endless hardships, to wage war against a weaker people, for the purpose of extending slavery. But plan and toil and sacri-Oce as men would in the support of that institution, it was all in vain, for the fiat had gone forth, "Thus far shalt thou go and no further." Man proposed, God disposed. This country has been settled more

than three hundred and fifty years, achieved!-Zion's Herald. and yet it is doubtful whether the native people are as well off now as when Cortez first landed on these shores. They are exceedingly poor and degraded, and would have lived and died without hope of improvement had not the power of the Roman Catholic Church been broken. The hierarchy of that apostate Church had full sway in this land, and they used their power to such an extent as to crush the people, and debase and degrade them in every respect. But the time came when human nature would endure the tyranny of the corrupt priesthood no longer, and so, under the leadership of brave men and self-sac-

people were delivered from their bondage. It was the contagion of liberty from the example of the republic of the United States of America. That contagion has recently struck Brazil, and the last throne on the western hemisphere has toppled and fallen, never, we trust, to be restored. Canada has no throne; it is only a colony, and it may be that ere long the last vestige of royalty will be removed from her escutcheon. The good work is going on in all parts of the world; and with France tranquil and stable in its present form of government, Spain and Portugal are sure soon to follow the bright example.

There are two men whose presence I constantly feel in this capital city of the Mexican Republic. They are men wonderfully alike in some respects, and as much unlike in others. One still lives, to bless,, with his holy life and rare Christian devotion, all who know him. May God in His great mercy spare yet for years to come the precious life of William Butler, who did so much to establish our work in this southern land! The other, after a brilliant but all too brief career, passed on, ten years ago this very month, to his eternal reward in the heavens for which he longed. His works remain, and wherever he labored, wherever he planned, wherever he executed, even though in part, the plans he so wisely formed, there we may see to-day the grand and glorious results. The work of Bishop Gilbert Haven abides even in this land. Indeed, I am now writing within the walls of the property secured by his wisdom, persistency, and energy. I walk about these commodious premises, enter these rooms, worship in these sanctuaries, pass out and in at these portals, and almost see, and fully feel, the presence of the heroic soul that dared so much for God. Our Church is grandly planted in this land, and if future action shall be worthy of the past, then magnificent victories are not far distant. May they be





city of Mexico. It is sure that in this episcopal work surprises are the regular experiences. It is a most unsettled life one must lead, especially in the southern part of the field. This is the case for two reasons; first, the southern country is vast, and there are only three bishops below the border, then all the great anniversaries and special meetings are held in the north. Glancing back, the past eighteen Sundays have been spent in the following places: Jan. 12, Mexico City; Jan. 5. San Antonio, Texas; Dec. 29, Lake Charles, western Louisiana; Dec. 22, De Funiak, Fla; Dec. 15, Cincinnati, Ohio, Freedmen's anniversary; Dec. 8, rificing patriots, the yokes were brok-

Preaching in Ripon Cathedral on a late Sunday evening, Archdeacon Farrar said that if they attached the least force to the Kingship of Christ, or their own professed allgeiance to him, they would not neglect the support of the great cause of temperance, which, in these days, was one of the r clearest duties, as citzens of England and soldiers of Christ The abuse of drink had furnished the spirits of evil with deadliest engines for distruction of myriads of souls here in England and all over the world, and the advance of Christ's kingdom, for which they daily prayed, would never Obio, Freedmen's anniversary; Dec. 8, rificing patriots, the yokes were brok-New Orleans, La.; Dec. 1, Anniston, en and the chains cast off, and the that terrible obstacle. — Christian World

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Girls of To-Day.

CHARLOTTE PERKINS STETSON.

Girls of to-day, give ear! Never, since time began, Has come to the race of man A year, a day, an hour, So full of promise and power, As the time that now is here!

Never in all the lands Was there a power so great To move the wheels of state, To lift up body and mind, To waken the deaf and blind, As the power that is in your hands!

Here at the gates of gold You stand in the pride of youth, Strong in courage and truth-Stirred by a force kept back Through centuries long and black-Armed with a power threefold.

First, you are makers of men. Then be the thing you preach! Let your own greatness teach! When mothers like this we see, Men will be strong and free; Then, and not till then!

Second, since Adam fell. Have you not heard it said That men by women are led? True is the saying-true! See to it what you do! See that you lead them well.

Third, you have work of your own, Maid, and mother, and wife. Look in the face of life! There are duties you owe the race Outside your dwelling place, There is work for you alone!

Maid, and mother, and wife, See your own work is done! Be worthy of a noble son! Help men in the upward way! Truly a girl to-day Is the strongest power in life. - Woman's Journal

Africa Mission Fund.

Bishop Taylor says: "I am giving the best end of my life to this work, leaving behind all I hold dear, in this world." Returning once from long absence, he went to Greenwood Cemetary, and casting himself on the ground by the graves of two of his sons, said he, "I wept for joy to be that near my home." He invests all for God in Africa's redemption, his personal expenses being on the same line of wise economy that prevails in all his mis sion work; and the eleven chapels and school houses on the Kru Coast, costing \$5,500.00, were paid for from the episcopal salary. Presiding Elder Kephart writes of the Bishop's late ar rival on the west Coast: "He is full of faith, and as young and enthusiastic as ever, he preached twice on Sabbath. (29th,) walking three miles and return." Garaway reports over thirty native converts, "who live for God, an l all speak and pray in meeting." Sas Town Station, less than nine months old, has one hundred and fif. teen native members of church, with the King and several of his chiefs "on the official board," and has established two interior missions, manned by its own native converts. Glorious reviv- the column. It is a great responsials in progress at Grand Cess, and at bility. Let us march rapidly and other points. The Bishop writes, that steadily forward, and not stop short of funds are now needed for the immedi- ONE MILLION DOLLARS for For- to show a more excellent way.

ate construction of the mission steamer aud then men and money for the opening of a hundred new stations. His re-adjustment of the work, which excludes the administrative authority of the Transit and Building Fund Committee from Africa, establishes the loyal relation of this work to the church, under the Africa Annual Conference. And funds are coming in for this glor ious work. Missionary applicants may address Rev. Stephen Merritt, Corresponding Secretary, 210 8th Avenue, New York. Bro. Richard Grant is not connected with the Africa Fund, he having resigned that trust Feb. 10th Contributions may be sent to this paper, or to S. A. Kean, treasurer for Africa, at his banking house, 115 Broadway, New York, and 100 Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

"And who then is willing to consecrate his services this day unto the Lord ?"

Ross Taylor. South Evanston, Ill., Feb. 17th, 1890.

At the Front on Foreign Missions.

The Methodist Episcopal Church now stands at the front of all American Churches, in contributions to Foreign Missions. The amounts contributed by each Church as follows:

Methodist Episcopal Church \$877,527 Presbyterian Church, North 852,815 685,111 American Board, Congregational American Baptist Mission Union 398,145 Protestant Episcopal Church 159,149

These are the five great denominations of the country. It will be observed, that Methodism stands at the front. This statement will be a surprise to many who have seen the tables published in the Methodist Review, and also in the "Almanac of the American Board."

They, somehow, always fail to add to the amount propriated for Foreign Missions by the Parent Missionary Society of our church, the amount appropriated by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; yet they unite with their Treasurer's Report, the amounts contributed through their Woman's Boards. So they are perpetually comparing themselves united, with us divided.

eign Missions alone, and another round million for Home Missions .- World-Wide Missions.

ITEMS.

The Pittsburg Christian Advocate has the following, among its "items and notes:"

We look upon this incident as one of great importance. It is refreshing, and shows how the influence of American ideas changes even the rachydermatous doctrines of Episcopalian bigotry.

Perhaps the most important utterance, at the Plymouth Church Council last week, was Dr. Donald's declaration of independence. He said he and Phillips Brooks had come as Episcopalian clergyman, openly to recognize the pastors of this Congregational church as fully equipped clergymen, competent to preach the gospel and to administer the sacraments.

The Independent says:

Peking University is an educational enterprise projected by the Methodist Episcopal Church, in connection with its mission work in China. It is only the form of the enterprise that is new; it was begun as Wiley Institute. The development of the institute into a university awakens a great deal of interest in the Flowery Kingdom. The Chinese Times, an independent secular weekly of Tientsin, discusses it very favorably, and wishes it all success. An appeal is made to Christians in the United States, for an endowment of half a million dollars for the university.

Our Pittsburg confrere adds,

If Methodism can establish a powerful center of education in the Chinese capital, she will increase her strength tenfold in that country.

Dr. J. T. Gracey, in his missionary column in the Northern Advocate, gets off the following very palpable hit:

Some time ago we asked a very prominent and influential missionary

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It you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. A Boston lady, whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience below: " In one store where I went to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their's

would last longer; that I might take it on ten lo Get

days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, knew what it was, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other. When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable with dyspepsia, and so weak that at times I could hardly

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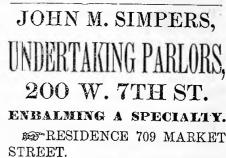
stand. I looked like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." MRS. ELLA A. GOFF, 61 Terrace Street, Boston.

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This ought not so to be. It is doubtless a mere oversight, and may not occur again.

The Parent Board gave last year to Foreign Missions \$607,031 The Woman's Foeign Mission-226,496 ary Society gave The Missions under the charge of 44,000 Bishop Taylor, received

in Japan, if he could make use of a large number of English papers and magazines, among Christian and non-Christian people in that country. He replied enthusiastically in the affirmative, but added, "Do not send us religious weeklies; they are too full of contention." The editors of Zion's Herald and Christian Advocate have been for some weeks, trying to peove which of their respective journals was the older. We suspect if the heathen read the discussion, they would conclude that the Christian Advocate editor had proved that there was "probation after \$877,527 death," and that he of Zion's Herald So that now we stand at the head of had established a case of metempsy-

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"Dividing Charges."

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MR. EDITOR;-A number of articles have recently appeared in your paper under the above caption; but there are some important points, it seems to me, that have not yet been touched. Most of the writers have dwelt chiefly upon the financial features of the questionand, particularly, the support of the ministry. Is not this a somewhat low and sordid view of work which is for God's glory and the salvation of dying men? Money is indeed an important factor in carrying forward the work of the church. But certainly we ought to gather some lessons, in this line, from the grand old hero bishop who leads our columns in the "dark continent." Souls are as valuable here, as in Africa. Then, too, the "laborer is worthy of his hire," and, as far as our personal experience and observation goes, if he is worthy he will receive his hire, as a rule. We say, as a rule, for there always have been and always will be exceptional cases; and we use the term worthy in its broadest sense.

But, should we not, in considering this question of dividing the work. first of all respect the possibilities of accomplishing the most for God and souls? Let us look at some facts in the case. Under the old regime of large circuits, it was customary to have preaching at each appointment, every two or more weeks. If the preaching was every Sabbath at the stronger points, and at the weaker ones on alternate Sabbaths, we were open to the charge of sordid motives, and discriminating against the weak. The result of this alternate Sabbath preaching was an almost inevitable lack of interest, a lessening of congregations, and a failure to sustain with success the general work of the church. "Outsiders," and in many instances members of the church, would forget when "preaching day" came; the Sunday school suffered neglect; it was almost an impossibility, to secure all the collections ordered by the "powers that be," and the revival spirit had to be wrought up by Herculean efforts, if it Then, too, if we are Methodists at heart, we believe, that this type of christianity, "Christianity in Earnest," Master's cause, than other branches of her fold, especially in her ministry.

into the hands of other denominations. Those who are not members knowing there will be public service every Sabbath at the other churches, go there at their convenience, and in many instances, become regular attendants. It may be, some of these suggestions seem unworthy of the sacred mission of the Church of Christ. But you cannot save men by church services,

without their presence at the "means of grace;" you cannot secure desirable results, without concentrated, weekly efforts of the church under her divinely appointed leader. The world is to be saved through "preaching;" and "how shall they hear without a preacher?" Personal knowledge and observation would charges, that have grown strong and itself unseemly." successful, with such direct oversight and regular labor of the pastor; while adjacent points, formerly famishing and almost ready to die, have been quickened into new life and usefulness. There is much more we would like to add on this line, but this item is already too long. Α. Feb. 26, 1890.

Reflections.

EDITOR PENINSULA METHODIST; DEAR BRO .- The manner in which you corrected the printed mistake in the "Reflections," last week, was so adroit and gentle that it is worthy of praise-the way you did it produced no ripple on the wave of feeling, and was sufficient to invite a shaking of hands-with the bars down-over the fence of combative composition. We would call it tasteful. It must not he called vanity, if we submit that the playful or pleasant example of the writer whose word was misprinted, gave the inspiration that guided the editor's pen. And moreover, as it furnishes a subject for this paper, reader and writer, editor and printer may each find some compensation. Taste is a quality borrowed fr sense, which the tongue is the organ, sailed from Hamburg, has been lost and transferred to the intellectual de off Cape Palmas. The English steampartment, where it becomes a perception of the mind. It appears in visiever visited the churches; and if it the Creator's works, we find it discame, much of the fruit was lost, for played in multiform and perfect patterns. In beauty as well as in wisdom -God has made them all. In the human sphere it exists and may be designated good or bad, and He in them, to such there is no loss with its Bible doctrines and policy is shows itself in acts and words. It is not altogether a mental quality, but has a mental property. It is a natural the church. If we do not so believe, endowment, which culture may dewe are hardly worthy of a place in velop and improve, or by neglect, some

bigot! By this alternate Sabbath beings and fallen, the grosser tendenpreaching, we unquestionably, play cies are always present and unless there be religious vigilance, what might otherwise appear in becoming and even in lovely forms, will betray the groveling or the inflated or the snarling. I would advise all who undertake to criticise, by speaking or writing, not to spoil it by had taste-a critic will honor himself by respecting others. In the department of controversy, where one writer differs with another, his words, as the vehicle of good taste, should be appropriate and kind. We should never allow ourselves in discussion to degenerate into personalities, for those who do it smirch their performances, and put themselves to a disadvantage. Everything should be done "decently and in order," with enable us to have a goodly number of the "charity that doth not behave

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From the Front

We take the following extract, from a letter written to Rov W. W. W. Wilson, by Rev. W. P. Dodson, one of Bishop Taylor's Missionaries and a son of the late Leonidas Dodson of Easton, Md.

Have not long returned from our prayer conference, held at Pungo Andongo and Malange. Had a nice long walk of 300 miles; the remainder, by steamer to Doudo.

Returning from Doudo this time, we came to a place called "Cunga" by steamer, and from there to Loanda by rail, over the 1st and 2d sections of the Trans African Railroad; about 42 miles of which is in good running order, with two daily trains. It seemed odd enough, to be riding though the Atrican wilderness over rails.

Our beloved elder, Rev. A. E. Withey, returned to L anda with me. We have for some days been awaiting thearrival of the worthy of missionaries, advertisd to have left America, Bro. Burling and party; but yesterday received the news, that the S. S. Adolph Woerman, on which they ship, now over due a week, will bring correct news of her real coudition, and our people, too, un ess they have gone to their graves in the deep. We have hope against this. Ships cargo to us was worth perhaps \$2,000 All is loss, to such as are outside of God but to all who dwell in H1m and Such may boast of treasures, all laid up above. Your unworthy brother. her fold, especially in ner ministry. permotous growth may distort and der bue Adolph woerman which is lost, If this be bigotry, we own to being a form. And indeed, as we are moral but that the outgoing steamer is strand-Wm. P. Dodson.

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The Way To Use Sunday,

What is the use of Sunday to a business man or a working man? It often seems to put a stop to his work just when he wants another day; but a sensible man knows that he cannot get on without his Sunday, or day of rest and change and recreation. Men have tried to do without it, and some men have no real Sunday. Napoleon tried to make his army do without it, but was obliged to give it up. The men who do not keep Sunday are generally bitter, discontented, hard and disagreeable. Why is it so, and what is the use of Sunday?

1. Sunday is a day of rest. No man was ever intended to go on at his work day after day without change. It is not healthy. This was partly the reason why one day in seven was appointed for rest. The Sabbath was made for man. God considered man's health when he made the law. He told him to do things because they were good for him, and not to do other things because they were bad for him. 2. Sunday is a day of worship. Man is an animal, and needs rest. Man is a spiritual animal, and needs to lift his mind to God, and hold communion with him, and offer sacrifice and thanksgiving. Without these there is no worship, and Sunday is a day on which he can do this without the distraction of business.

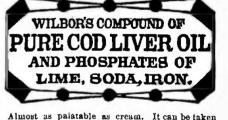
3. Sunday is a day of instruction. Sermon-hearing is not worship, however much we may learn from it or be moved by it. But we ought to know whom and why and how we worship. Willful ignorance is a common vice among Christians, and many men who think that they worship God do not know as much about their religion as they could learn from a five-cent catechism.

4. Sunday is a day of good works. Our Lord and Master healed the sick on the Sabbath, and preached that the right use of the day was rest from work for self, but not from work for others. Sunday may be used as a day for works of mercy. All spiritual works of mercy may be done on Sunday. To convert the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, for-give injuries—all these are Sunday works, and every man can do some of them, if he will. But that is not all. The corporal works of mercy can be done on Sunday, and few men can do them except on Sunday. A man may feed the hungry, clothe the naked, entertain strangers, visit the sick, go to see prisoners, even if he has no other opportunity .- Iron Cross

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 9th 1890. Luke 4: 33-34.

BY REV. W. O. HOLWAY, U. S. N. [Adapted from Zion's Herald.]

GOLDEN TEXT: "He cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick" (Matthew 8: 16).

33. In the synagogue-on this particular Sabbath, when Jesus was teaching. A spirit of an unclean devil-not a lunatic, or an epileptic, but a case of genuine "possession." Strange that such an one should be in the synagogue! They usually "haunted burial-places, and other spots most 'unclean' in the eyes of the Jews" (Geikie). Cried out-the demon within using the man's organs of speech, showing both its learned of it, and talked about the new control over the man and its own personality. It was the presence and words of

of the spirit of evil, altogether distinct wise explained in eastern lands, as in Syria and to talk about the deed" (Lindsay). and in India. May we not see, even in our hold on a man's soul by first taking possession of his body, where every tissue of the to bind a sinful habit?" (Professor T. M. Lindsay.)

these words are rendered by the single interjection "Ah?" The Greek seems to express a howl or yell rather than an intelligible expression. What have we to do with thee?-a resentment of interference, based on a consciousness of hostility. He felt the region, but more raging and fatal. Besought spell of the Holy Presence, and raved against it. The Gadarene demoniacs used the same language (Matt. 8: 29). Come to destroy us?-"The devils also believe and tremble" (James 2:19). These domons seemed to live in fearful anticipation of being expelled from their human habitations and consigned to the "abyss," or place of torment. The plural "us" may mean that there were more than one possessing the man, or that "this one spoke for the entire

circle of kindred pirits." I know thee. The spectators d not know Him; even Come out of him .- The double personality is distinctly recognized in this command. Had thrown him .- Mark uses the stronger descriptive word, "had torn him." The demoniae fell to the ground convulsed and screaming, but the paroxysm was brief, and the man sustained no injury. Only a word from our Lord sufficed for all this. 36, 37. Amazed-at the miracle itself,

the case of its performance, and the evident superiority of the Exorcist. What a word is this! (R. V., "What is this word?")-Comparing the accounts, we see that the synagogue became a babel. The abrupt comments show how intense was the astonishment of the people, and how quick their perception of "the new and unexampled power" manifested by Jesus. The fame of him went out, etc. - In R. V. "there went forth a rumour concerning him," etc. From lip to lip passed the tidings of this strange and wonderful scene till all Galilee Prophet.

"This miracle of healing the demoniac in Capernaum is the first recorded by Mark "Upon the whole, it seems best to con- and by Luke. The first miracle recorded clude that there was, in the case of those by Matthew is the healing of a leper (8: 1possessed, the exertion of a unique power 24), The first miracle recorded by John is the turning the water into wine at Cana from what is to be seen either in mental or (2: 1-11). The people who saw the demobodily discase. Physicians assert, that niac cured were so astonished that each there are still cases which cannot be other- turned to his neighbor to ask his opinion, 38. 39. Entered into Simon's house own country, some analogy to these cases of John mentions Bethsaida as "the city of possession, in the strange and awful fact Andrew and Peter." The brothers must quite common among us, where sin lays have removed to Capernaum (Mark 1: 29) early in the gospel history. Simon's wife's mother .- Marriage, then, was no hindrance body becomes a temptation to sin, a chain to the call of this apostle. "The first pope was a married man." (Whedon). The celibacy of the clergy is a purely papal invention. The name of Peter's wife, according to tradition, was Perpetua or Concordia. She seems to have subsequently traveled with her husband (1 Cor. 9: 5). Taken with a great fever-possibly, then, not the low intermittent type common to that him .-- The tense is aorist, not imperfect. They had only to ask once. Stood over her -"came and took her by the hand and lifted her np" (Mark). Rebuked the feveras though it were an evil personality. It left her-instantly, entirely. Immediately she arose-literally. "arising at once she began to wait on them." The cure was plainly miraculous, for the recovery was immediate-no languor or tedious convalescence intervening.

40, 41. When the sun was setting .-–Jewsh serun

42. When it was day-in Mark, "exceedingly early in the morning, while it was yet dark." It was the day after the exhausting and eventful Sabbath. Departed -R. V., "came out." He left the house (Simon's apparently) where he had passed the night. A desert place-a secluded place up among the hills probably, back of the town. The other Evangelists tell us that He "there prayed." Pcople sought him.-He was missed in the morning by Simon and the others, who eagerly traced His footsteps till they found Him. Stayed him (R. V., "would have stayed him")-""rather, tried or wished to detain Him. It is the tentative imperfect" (Farrar). The Capernaumites were naturally very eager that One who taught as Jesus did, and worked such compassionate miracles upon their sick, should not leave them.

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43, 44. I must preach.-This was the central purpose, not miracle-working- The miracles simply confirmed the authority of the truth preached, and showed the Divine compassion. Other cities .- His blessings must not be confined to Capernaum. I behooved Him to go about and do good He preached-R. V. "was preaching." In the synagogues of Galilee—"throughout all Galilee" (Mark). He made eight circuits of greater or less length, taking in "the many villages and towns of the plain of Esdraelon, and the whole of the hilly country north of it, almost to Lebanon' (Geikie).

Peace Flowing As A River. As flows the river calm and deep, In silence toward the sca So floweth ever, and ceaseth never, The love of God to me. What peace he bringeth to my heart, Deep as the soundless sea! How sweetly singeth the soul that clingeth, My loving Lord, to thee! How calm at even sinks the sun

Beyond the clouded west tempest-driven, into the haven, I reach the longed-for rest Selected.

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34. Saying, Let us alone .- In R. V. all

His disciples did not recognize Him fully but the devils knew Him at once and felt compelled to confess His divine rank and Messiahship. The holy one of God .--- "The' is emphatic. Jesus was essentially the Holy One. An unclean spirit would especially be sensitive to this quality of holiness in Christ-not His wisdom, or power, so much as His holiness.

35. Jesus rebuked him-the demon, not the man. The latter appears to have no part in the collequy or transaction except Matthew quotes it as a fulfillment of Isaiah Farrar: "Jesus never accepted or tolerated this ghastly testimony to His origin and office." Hold thy peace-literally, "be muzzled;" "a word for a beast" (Morison). Says Trench: "It was to bring the truth

ness would not permit the carrying of the sick through the streets until after sunset, when the Sabbath ended; the heat of the day might also have hindered. All they that had any sick-a glimpse at the unspecialized miracles of our Lord. He cured so many, and cured so rapidly, that no detailed account was possible. Heated them .- "This twilight scene of Jesus moving about with word and touch of healing among the sick and suffering, the raving and tortured crowd, is one 53: 4." (Farrar). Devils also came out of many .- These cases are always classed by themselves in the Gospels, and distinguished from the sick. Thon art Christ the Son of God .-- The words "art Christ" are omit-Says Trench: "It was to bring when it Crucifixion that 'Christ' became a proper a proper a by the spirit of lies." name, and not a title" (Farrar).

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Wine 18 a mocker; strong drink is raging .ud whosoever is deceived thereby is not vise .-- At the last it biteth like a serpent, and singeth like an adder.-Scrip. ture.

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

Learn from our Enemies.

Here is a confidential letter, written nearly a year ago by Mr. J. M. Atherston, president of the national liquor dealers' association, to a citizen of Michigan. We copy it, from a temper ance paper, and our purpose in doing so, is to permit our readers to judge for themselves, as to what temperance measures are least objectionable to the liquor interest. The following is the letter:

Brands of Fine Kentucky Whiskles, 'Atherton," THE J. M. ATHERTON Co. "Muyfield", LOUISVILLE, MARCH 2, 1889. "Clifton,"

E A. Fox, Esq., Eaton Rapids, Mich.: DEAR SIR - Your letter has been on my desk for some time without reply, because of my absence most of the time from the city. The two most effective weapons with which to fight prohibition, are high license and local option. The difficulty is that the remedy is almost as bad as the disease. High license is a vague, indefinite term, and is variously construed in d fferent localities. I think \$500, entirely too high, and a very unjust tax upon the liquor trade. Two hundred and fifty dollars is as much tax, as the ordinary retail liquor fraternity to pursue, is to advoliquor dealer can afford to pay and sell anything like old whiskey or pure liquors, however cheaply he may buy from the trade, and thus be pacified. them.

The true policy for the trade to pursue is, to advocate as high a license as they can, in justice to themselves, afford to pay, because the money thus raised. | the legal barriers to an extent entirely tends to relieve all owners of property | satisfactory to the dealers. from taxation, and keeps the treasuries

option by townships. If local option can be defeated, without encouraging prohibition, it should be done. These are my views in a general way. Of course each locality and state has its peculiarities, and must modify its views to such existing conditions, but I think the suggestions I have herein given you, are sound.

You will please pardon me for the neglect or discourtesy in delaying this reply, but my absence from the city most of the time is the reason. Would be glad to give you any information, or give any suggestions at any time. With kind regards, your truly.

J. M. ATHERTON. From the foregoing it appears-

1. That in a liquor dealer's judgment, high license and local option are the most effective weapons, with which to fight prohibition. These are the weapons, which Michiganders are now using.

2. That high license and local option are almost as bad as prohibition. when they are worked for all they are worth; but the liquor dealers know by "experience," that nowhere are they used to the best effect; practically, as compared with prohibition, they are acceptable measures.

3. That \$250 is as much tax, as the average liquor dealer can stand, without adulterating his liquors. What vile stuff, then, the drunkards and tipplers of Michigan must be taking down to-day.

4. That the wisest course for the cate taxation, in order that tax-payers may experience some financial benefit

5. That local option is so local and so optional, that under the manipulations of the lawless saloonists, it permits intoxicating liquor to leak through

6. That the purpose of the liquor of the towns and cities pretty well filled, gentry is (1) to destroy prohibition, by This catches the ordinary tax-payer, the local option and high license clubs; who cares less for the sentimental oppo- and then (2) to destroy local option by sition to our business, than he does for sheer force of numbers, or by political manœuvering.

to Bristol, Bustleton, and Holmesburg Pa.; '42-43, Leehman Chapel Mission, Pa.; '43-44, Annamessex; '44-45, Accomac; '45-46, Newtown; '46-47, Annamessex; '47-48, Snow Hill; '48-49, Salisbury; '49-51, Annamessex, (Supy); '51-52, effective again, Dorchester; '52-54, Northampton; '54-55, Snow Hill; '55-57, Accomac; '57-59, Millington; '59-61, Frederica; '61-62, North East; '62-63, Tabernacle, Phila.; '63-65, Summerfield, Phila.; '65-66, Waynesburg, Pa.; '66-67, Pottstown, Pa.; '67-68, Coventryville, Pa.; '68-71, Delaware City.

Barton, George, admitted in 1835, and sent to Delaware City, (Junior); '36-37, Centreville; '37-38, Talbot, '38-39, Caroline; '39-40, Norristown, Pa.; '40-41, Cambridge; '41-42, Church Hill; '42-43, Milton; '43-45, Nottingham, Pa.; '45-46, Elkton; '46 -'85, sup'y at Church Hill; '85-90, superannuate, at the same place.

Bell, Thomas E., admitted in 1859, and sent to Wye circuit; '60-61, Camden; '61-62, Talbot; '62-63, Centreville; '63-64, Smyrna circuit; '64-66, Superannuate; '66-69, Supernumerary without appointment.

Brindle, James A. admitted in 1843, sent to Salisbury; '44-45, Snow Hill; '45-46, Berlin; '46-48, Northampton; '48-49, Newton; '49-51, Cambridge; '51-53, Accomac; '53-55; Annamessex; '55-56, Church Creek; '56-58; Bethel: '58-60, Newark, Del.; '60-61, North East; '61-63, Ebenezer, Manayunk, Pa.; '63-65, Union, Wilmington; '65-68, Port Deposit; '68-70, Talbot.

Browne, N. M., 1860 admitted and sent to Morrisville, Pa.; '61-62, continued at Morrisville; '62-63, Millington, (Jr.); '63-64, Easton, Md., (Jr). '64-65, Centreville, (Jr).; '65-66, Kent circuit, (Jr.).; '66-69, Kent Island.

Bryan, J. E., 1857, admitted and sent to Talbot, (Jr.); '58-59, Camden, (Jr.); '59-60, Easton, (Jr.); '60-61, Centreville, (Jr.); '61-62, Kent circuit (Jr); '62-64, Snow Hill; '64-65, Kent



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taxes on his own property. The point is to prevent the gross imposition in the way of excessive and exorbitant taxation under the name of high license-Local option is local prohibition, but the experience is, that there is always enough license counties mixed in with the no license counties, to practically supply the latter with all the liquor they need.

I think local option is less objectionable in its practical operations, than the extreme high license. Sooner or later the trade may be able to defeat the lo cal option feature, but until prohibition 1869; the Philadelphia Conference, having is destroyed, or its political efforts broken, I repeat, that our best weapons to | ference.] fight it with are high license and local

These points are legitimately deduced from this significant letter written by the official head of the foremost organization of liquor dealers, and a Kentucky politician of great shrewdness and power -- Michigan Christian Advocate

Pastoral Record; Supplemental

[The following list of appointments of members of the Wilmington Annual Conterence, has been prepared by Rev. H. S. Thompson, now pastor of our church, in Lewes, Del. It gives the appointments filled by the constituent members of the new conference, prior to its organization in previous to that date, included the territory now covered by the Wilmington Con-

Allen, John admitted, 1841, and sent del.

Circuit, (Jr.); '65-66, Sudlersville; '66-68, Millington; '68-71, Cecilton and St. Paul's.

Burke, George, W., 1865, admitted, and sent to Harrington ; '66-68, Frankford; '68-69, Milton.

Carroll, Jas., 1865, admitted and sent to Guthrieville, Pa.; '66-68, Laurel; '68-70, Princess Anne.

Conaway, George S., 1862, admitted and sent to Berlin; '63-64, Newtown; '64-65, Halifax, Pa.; '65-67, Birdsboro, Pa., (Jr.); '67-68, Nesquehoning and Summit, Pa.; 68-69, Gumborough Del.; 69-70, Harrington; '70-71, Sharptown; '71-72, D-Imar; '72-74, Wyoming: '74-76, Gumboro; '76-78, Church Creek: '78-80, Lincoln; '80-83, Elk Neck; '83-86, Rock Hall; '86-89, Appoquinimink; '89-90, Mary

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Through the courtesy of Rev. Dr. Willey, pastor of our church in Milford, Del., we are able to publish in this issue, the list of homes in that town in which members of Conference, and visitors are to be guests, during its session, to begin, Wednesday March 26th, Bishop C. H. Fowler D. D., LL. D., presiding.

THE PENINSULA METHODIST makes its acknowledgment to pastor Willey, and the Committee for hospitalities proffered to its editor and proprietor.

Our Visit to Odessa, Del.

For the historic facts, in relation to this place, which we gave last week, we are mainly indebted to Rev. T. R. Creamer's article in the new "History of Delaware" by J. Thomas Scharf, published two years ago.

Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22, in company with Rev. Julius Dodd, who was en route for Townsend, to assist Rev. S. M. Morgan, Jr., in his missionary anniversary exercises, we made the run of twenty-five miles to Middletown in about three quarters of an hour. Here we took the stage, with five other passengers besides the driver, and started for our destination, three miles to the eastward. Although our propelling power was furnished in the muscles of one moderate sized borse, we made excellent time, over the smooth and level road. One of our party was Rev. Mr.

hop Levi Scott, D. D., I.L. D., who was born on his father's farm, about two miles from Odessa, Oct. 11, 1802, and died at bis birth place, July 13th, 1882, having resided there the last thirty years of his life. Bishop Scott was converted at the age of 22, in a prayermeeting held in Fieldsboro, a village near by; the same place, in which were converted the young men, by whose enterprising zeal, Methodism was afterward introduced into Odessa, nee "Cantwell's Bridge." Beginning his official career as sexton in "Old Union," he was soon licensed to preach the gospel; entered the itinerant field in 1826, joining the old Philadelphia Conference; continued to serve the Church, as an able, devout, and faithful minister of the word, the remaining 56 years of his life. He was appointed presiding elder of Delaware District, in 1834; elected principal of Dickinson Grammar School, in 1840, and Book Agent, from 1848 to 1852, when he was elected bishop with E. R. Ames, O. C. Baker and Matthew Simpson. He served the Church in this high

office, thirty years; and was a general conference delegate in every quadrennial session from 1836, until his elevation to the episcopacy. His name here as elsewhere, is "as ointment poured forth."

His grave, in front of "old Union," is marked by a neat and modest monument in marble, inscribed with a brief record of his life.

Bro. Brown is the son of the late Joseph T. Brown, for many years one of our most acceptable local preachers and a faithful chaplain in the U.S. Army, during the war of the Rebellion. .36

Bro. Brown, senior, was one of the writer's best friends and most helpful brethren, that he had in his early min istry, when as the junior preacher, he traveled old Cecil Circuit, in 1850-51.

We were glad to greet his son, as a valued official member in the Church his father loved so much and served so Marshall, of Philadelphia, who is serv- well, and to find his name perpetuated ing as temporary supply in the Presby- in his son and grandson. May the terian church, whose pastor, Rev. H. mantel of the father and grandfather rest upon them both! AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR. Chaplain Brown was incarcerated in Libby prison with Chaplain McCabe and other captives from the Union army. While thus detained as a prisoner, he was called on to perform a very painful duty. Citizens of Missouri had been conscripted into the rebel army, contrary to the orders of the Union General in command, and two persons so offending had been put to death. General Wiuder resolved to retaliate, and announced his purpose, to put to death two of the comes from the fact, that it was the Union captains who were his prisoners.

were drawn up in line, and at their request, Chaplain Brown was detailed to draw the names of the men, upon whom the fatal lot was to fall. The first name drawn was that of the man who had nominated the Chaplain.

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Fortunately, news of General Winder's purpose reached President Lincoln in time for him to act. Orders were instantly telegraphed to our General, commanding at Fortress Monroe, to notify General Winder, that if any of our soldiers, who were prisoners of war were harmed, his own son, and the son of another prominent rebel officer, both at that time our prisoners, would be immediately put to death. This had the desired effect, and General Winder's retaliatory orders were countermanded. At family prayer in Bro. Brown's home, it was our privilege to use, a copy of the Holy Scriptures, furnished his father, by the Maryland Bible Society, and carried by him all through the war.

THE SABBATH.

We were favored with large and attentive congregations, morning and night, and enjoyed talking to them, of the victories of faith, and of Daniel, the young captive in Babylou, purpos ing in his heart, "that he would not de file himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine that he drank." The singing of our grand Wesleyan lyrics, by the congregation, led by an excellent choir, and supported by a first class organ, was most delightful. All this was in striking contrast with the humble scene of fifty years before, when Dr. Greenbank preached in the unfinished chapel, to a little company seated on improvised benches while the preacher used the carpenter's bench for his pulpit.

In the afternoon, we visited the Sunday-school, and were pleased at the large attendance, good order, evident interest in the lesson, and admirable management of superintendent Brown. Among the teachers, we noted the wife of the superintendent, Rev. C. H. Sentman, editor of the Odessa Herald, and Bro. George L. Townsend, the late Bishop Scott's son in-law, who has long been one of the leading members, serving as Sunday-school superintendent for many years, and in other official positions attesting his zeal and fidelity in church work. We had a pleasant talk on the lesson with the pastor's class, and made "a few remarks" to the school on the topic the temptation of Christ. Bro. Jones has recently organized a League among his young people, which promises grandly. We looked in upon their prayer meeting, just before evennative locality, of the late revered Bis- At the appointed time, all the captains | Harry Stevens, in charge. Success to paper.

these young people, in their noble consecration to Christian work!

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It was, of course, very pleasant to find that the PENINSULA METHODIST was highly appreciated among Odessa people. Bro. Brown was so kind as to say to the school some very flattering things in its favor, and one of the. young men in the pastor's class, volunteered to tell the editor, that he believed his mother would sooner have every other paper stop coming to their home than the PENINSULA METHODIST.

Sunday evening we took tea with Bro. Sentman, and were glad to meet his excellent wife and their two interesting little girls. Many of our readers will remember him as the proprietor and editor of the Conference Worker for some ten years, until it was sold and its name changed to the PENINSU-LA METHODIST. We were glad to learn, that with the same enterprise and diligence he is making a success of the Herald, which is the first newspaper ever published in Odessa.

On our return home Monday, we had a brief stage talk with Rev. Mr. Marshall, on creed revision, and an agreeable chat on the train with Rev. R. H. Adams who was en route for Philadelphia.

A layman, sending a check for bis son's subscription to the PENINSULA METHODIST, writes: "please continue sending your paper; the subscriber, who was my son, has been called to his great reward; but we want to continue reading his paper. May God bless you, in your work! Please continue it, in his name."

A pastor is slightly earcustic, as he commends our holiday number. He says, "The PENINSULA METHODIST looks splendid in its Christmas cover. I imagine, somebody gnashed his teeth, when he saw this unmistakable evidence, that the paper is neither dead nor dying; no, not even sick." An old friend, an esteemed local preacher, writes. "permit me to congratulate you ou your success in publishing a paper, that furnishes information I cannot get from any other source."

A. McLean, resigned the charge more than two years ago.

While in Odessa, we had the pleasure of being a guest in the family of Bro. Joseph G. Brown, who is Sundayschool superintendent, and trustee in our church, and leader of a class for religious instruction, as also, teller in the National Bank. Bro. Brown's excellent wife. and their only child, a bright and gentle boy of some twelve years, did a generous part, in making the stranger welcome in their pleasant home.

Of course, among the people called Methodists, the widest fame of Odessa,

Rev. O. W. Scott, of Rockville, Conn., an occasional correspondent, sending cordial greetings, says, "The PENINSULA METHODIST has taken on very creditable proportions, with the New Year. Success to you !"

We can almost see the sunny smile of our genial friend, Rev. John Thompson, publisher of the Christian Standard, Philadelphia, as we read the following in its last issue;

Rev. T. Suowden Thomas, editor of the Peninsula Methodist, recently made present, with a youthful leader, Bro. fearless, independent, but sweet-spirited

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Conference Rews.

Notice.

Candidates for admission on trial are requested to meet the examining committee, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Milford, Del., March 24th, at 7¹/₂ o'clock, p. m.

J. P. Otis, ROBERT WATT, W. T. VALIANT, J. W. EASLEY, W. W. W. Wilson, Committee

Last Monday, the quarterly conference of Middletown, Del., passed a resolution, unanimously inviting the Wilmington Conterence to hold its session in 1891, in their church.

CHERRY HILL, MD. - A postal from Bro. O'Brien announces the successful progress of his meeting at that place. "Ten joined on probation Tuesday night, making twen ty-one to date; ten penitents at the altar.

GALENA, MD., a correspondent sends us the following:--- I wish to express, in your valuable paper, the gratitude of a large majority of our people, for the effective work in our midst, of Rev. I. G. Fosnocht, our pastor, and I am bnt voicing their sentiment, when I say, that during his ministry with us, "truly the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Our church property has been improved, and a chapel built at a total cost of about \$5000; of which only about \$800 are unpaid and in all other lines of work, the charge is about up. Men have been converted and bronght into the Church, who had not spoken to each other for years, but who are earnest workers now. In our pastor's faithful and fearless work, the Lord has been with us all.

Bro. Fosnocht and his estimable wife have a very warm place in the hearts of this people, who are praying, that they may be appointed to serve them another year. A SUBSCRIBER.

POCOMOKE CIRCUIT, Bro. L. T. Mc Lain writes;-While brethren are sending reports of their work, for the encouragement of Methodists in other places, permit me to say, through your much improved paper, that Methodism is not dead on Pocomoke circuit. There are many here who have

a good work among us; excellent meetings all around the circuit; sinners converted, and the church greatly quickened.

Valuable improvements have been added to the parsonage property making it much more comfortable and convenient, as well as more attractive in its appearance. In his wife, Bro. Roe has a most valued helpmeet.

Official and social relations have been very pleasant; all dwelling in the sweet bonds of fraternal love, we have asked unanimously, in our forth quarterly conference that these relations be continued for the third year. MEMBER

March 4th, 1890.

GALENA, MD.-Bro. I G. Fosnocht, writes: We will hold our annual missionary exercises next Sabbath, the 9th inst.; morning and night at Galena, and afternoon at Locust Grove.

The Sunday-school will hold its mission ary anniversary, Thursday the 13th, at $7\frac{1}{2}$ p. m.; recitations and singing by the school, and an address by Rev. W. W. W. Wilson, of Smyrna, Del.; also treasurer's report, &c.

Our meeting still continue; seventeen have united with the church, with more to follow.

I Expect to have my collections up to last year, notwithstanding the "hard times." The church here is in a good spiritual condition; royal, loyal Methodists are they !

MILFORD, DEL.-Our extra services closed Sunday, 23d inst., resulting in the conversion of n-arly thirty persons, and we trust the seed-sowing of truth that will bear good fruit.

Last Synday was missionary day in our Sabbath-school; addresses were made by J. E. Holland, and our pastor, Rev. J. H. Willey, with special music by the choir, and a solo by Dr. Willey. Eighty-six dollars were raised, making a total of over six hundred dollars for the year.

Yesterday, our pastor and his sisters were summoned to visit their father, who is in a critical state of health. They left this morning at 7.30 o'clock.

MEMBER.

March 4, 1890.

From Fruitland, Del.

DEAR BRO. THOMAS:-I have the honor of being pastor of Fruitland circuit; and alhough I can't think this appointnot bowed the knee to Ba'al, but whose ment was intended as a promotion for meritorious conduct, yet I trust it will make promotion possible in the future. The people here have treated me well, to the extent of their ability, and have stood by me during the year. Of course there will always be some exceptions. Several donations have found their way to the parsonage; and while we have not suffered any severe "pounding," we've been "bundled" and "basketed" and "boxed," until our feelings were not a little stirred, but not with sorrow. This has been the hardest year, financially, in the history of the charge. Our people are farmers, and every crop has failed. If the collections are half up to the apportionment, the charge ought to be high up on the "roll of honor." Your excellent paper has a considerable circulation here, but I am sorry to find most of the subscribers are several years behind, in paying for it; I'll see them about it, before conference, and do the best I can under

Sixteen probationers have been added to our membership. Our congregations are good; and some money has been raised for church improvement. The "grippe" is subsiding. Yours,

W. W. REDMAN.

Letter from Laurel, Del.

MR. EDITOR: Although the protracted meeting commenced with the New Year, the world-wide epidemic soon after, so effected the people, that the pastor had suspend the exercises, before much success crowned his labors. There have been, however, quite a number of accessions to the church, mostly by certificate. Over twenty years ago this charge, through its official board often petitioned for certain preachers; but while they hardly ever got the man they asked for, they were about as well supplied as if they had. They then passed a resolution, never again to ask for any, but to accept in good faith, who ever should be sent them. For this reason, though Rev. J. Owen Sypherd is quite popular, and his return is generally desired, the official board have stood by their old rule and did not ask for his return. As both pastor and people understood the matter, there is perhaps, more honor in keeping their pledge, than there would have been in breaking it.

Bro. Sypherd, made 200 pastoral calls last quarter. A good man, who combines the qualities of both preacher and pastor hardly ever fails to be successful.

The oldest person, now living here, never witnessed so warm a winter, as the present The peach trees were blooming, the last of February. In this connection, I have had quoted to me, as a passage of Scripture, the following, "The winter will not be known from Summer, only by the budding of the tree;" indicating the near approach of the end of time.

THE PENINSULA METHODIST, in its present form, is very convenient for reading; and if you will date each page at the top, and stitch the paper together more substantially, the improvements will seem to be complete.

J. HUBBARD.

March 4, 1890.

That "Roll of Honor."

In The Christian Advocate of Feb. 20th, there was published an article by J. W. Young, cilled "A Roll of Honor, 1889. To this arbitrary and irrespon-196 classification of the voluntary contributions of our churches on the part of Mr. Young, we have heard of many objections. The objection we make to this so colled 'Roll of Honor for 1889," is that it is not correct. Carelessness and inaccuracy in AUBREY VANDEVER, the compilation of statistics of any kind, destroy their value; and when we failed to discover the name of Felton on this list, our confidence in the "Roll of Honor, 1889," was destroyed. I write to say, that Felton has not back" slidden in her benevolent contributions, but on the contrary, her increase in that good work, for 1889, was 22 per ct. over that of 1888, without any corresponding increase of membership; and yet, while Felton appears on the "Roll of Honor" for 1888, Mr. Young fails to place it on the "Roll of Honor for 1889", notwithstanding book, and full particulars address this increase of 22 per cent. E. C. MACNICHOL. Felton, Del., March 4, 1890.

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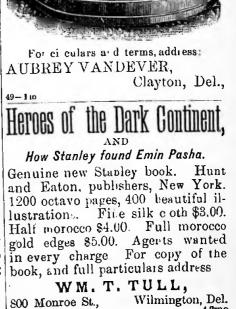


hearts are in the work of the Lord.

We have enjoyed a very delightful year; the Lord has been in his holy Temple. Eighty-two have protessed saving faith in Christ, and the work generally has much improved. Sunday-schools and class meetings are well attended; and notwithstanding the extreme hard times, our people are pushing hard to bring up the pastor's salary and other collections. From the many donations brought into the parsonage during the year, we judge this people are not living for their own comfort only, but also to make their preacher comfortable.

Truly, the Lord has been with us, to him be all the glory, world without end !

ELLENDALE DEL., Robert Roe pastor, a correspondent writes;-As the conference year is near its close a few items from this part of the Master's vinyard may not be amiss. We are growing all along the line, Bro. Roe has been a most acceptable preacher, and a very popular pastor, He has done the circumstances.



Wilmington, Del.



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(Copyrighted 1890 by J. Miller Thomas.) OUR SERIAL STORY Blanch Montague 0R WHY WAS IT?

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By CAUGHEY.

CHAPTER X .--- FOILED AGAIN. When Walter awoke the next morning, most of the passengers in the sleeper were awake and astir; and several of them were talking about a beautiful girl, with black eyes and wonderful golden hair, who had just left on the boat for Harbordean.

Walter was all attention. "What can they mean?" he said to himself. "Can it be, they are speaking of the stranger whom I am seeking." He had not long to wait in suspense as he soon heard a young man say, with no small degree of emphasis, "I tell you, George, that was the most beautiful woman I ever saw; such beautiful black eyes; such indescribable golden hair; and such a figure, straight as a young Indian, and graceful as a nymph."

"You say she has just left on the steamer for Harbordean," returned the other. "That's just my luck. I am always a few minutes too late."

Walter waited to hear no more, but hastily dressing himself, he left the train, and went to the steam-boat office at Rock Haven pier, to inquire who had taken passage on the steamer, which had just left, and was still in sight.

We can imagine his chagrin and disappointment as his fears were confirmed by the clerk telling him, there was but one passenger, a young lady, and minutely describing the beautiful occupant of the sleeper, the previous night. Inquiring when the next boat for Harbordean would start, he was told, none would start before three o'clock.

He then hastened to the depot, but a few yards distant, and inquired if

with a crew of two sailors, he hired for a moderate sum, which he paid down, and at once embarked. The morning was fine, and a stiff breeze was blowing from the west-

ward. No time was lost in getting the little craft underway. In fifteen minutes from the time Walter Melvin set his foot upon the deck of the "Aurora," she was gracefully scudding over the bright waters of the little inlet, heading for the ocean with every stitch of canvas spread to the breeze.

While one of the sailors remained at the helm, the other entered the cabin and prepared a substantial breakfast, of which Walter partook heartily.

The breeze was strong and for several hours the steamer was held in sight, but by nine o'clock she was hull down, to the leeward, and in an hour more, was lost to view.

As the day wore on the wind increased, and by noon the sky became overcast with angry looking clouds, while to the westward, the white caps, so alarming to seamen, were lifting their heads threateningly.

Walter noted this, but was too intent on reaching Glen Cove, to say anything about shortening sail. The sailors had been paid to reach the ten o'clock train, and as the wind continued steady. they held on their course.

The wind steadily, increased, however, until by seven o'clock in the evening, it was blowing a gale. The sailors were now fully alarmed, and made an effort to shorten sail; but the sen was too high to admit of heaving to, in order to reef the mainsail, so they tried to clew down the topsail, while the sloop drove before the wind; but scarce had they slacked the hal-

ribbons, and the body of it lay over side. the night-heads, forming a hamper under the bows, which impeded their

Walter clung to the taff-rail, high to the windward, and from his stormy perch called through the darkness, to the sturdy seamen, to be of good cheer.

He had learned during the day, in conversation with these sunburnt sons of the sea, that they were men of God, and trusted in Jesus for salvation. Now that nothing more could be done but wait the result, Walter tried to cheer his comrades with the hope of the Gospel. "I trust," he said, "in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I trust in the God, who led Israel through the Red Sea. That God of] the cloud, that God of the flame is now, as yesterday, the same. Our father's God is ours. O, my comrades, what a comfort is it, to know, in an hour like this, that our God-

> 'Plants his footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.'

It was well for Walter and his companions that He, who walked upon the storm-tossed sea of Gennesaret and brought comfort to his terror-stricken disciples as they battled with the waves, was with them that night, to cheer their hearts with the hope of heaven, when earth's hopes were failing.

Walter had scarcely uttered these beautiful words of the immortal Cowper, when the yacht careened to the leeward, until five feet of the main boom was under water. The next instant, the dead-eye lan-yards to the windward parted, and the mast, with the heavy mainsail, and standing rigging, went by the board, crushing in the bulwarks and the forward deck to the water-line.

The boat was now thoroughly disyards, when the topsail blew clear of abled, and as the three men chung to the leech-rope, and was borne far out the wreck in that wild night storm, on the blast, to the leeward. Their they could hear, at every hull in the attempt to haul down the jib succeeded tempest, the loud rush of waters, pourno better; for that sail was split in to ing into the wide break at the vessel's

In silence, broken only by the wild there was a train to Harbordean, that the yacht. The effort to slack the less craft fore and aft, these brave men, progress, and made it difficult to steer of the waves, that now swept the helpmain peak proved successful, and was who feared only God, lifted their Zinzendorf founded the Order of Mustard s ed.' Its simple precept was that every member of it should see daily the conversion of some other scul. That order lies at the base of the Moravian Church, the leader of God's Missionary host.'

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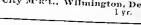
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accomplished without accident. Thus hearts to Him in earnest prayer, and He now saw there was but one thing lightened, by the loss of jib and top- asked for help from above. Private School. for him to do, if he would reach Har- sail, the sloop labored less, and for 307 West 12th St.,

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 bordean in time to meet the "Ocean Queen" on her landing, and that was to procure a swift sailing yacht and proceed at once to Glen-Cove. If he could reach Glen-Cove, in time to catch the ten o'clock express that night, he could reach Harbor-doan, by four the next morning, at Norman Norm bordean in time to meet the "Ocean two hours they sped on before the gale DOMESTIC Sewing Machine Co. away, and the peak down-baul belayed, This he resolved to do, and securing when the fierce gale became a tempest, When the highest motive dose not 814 MARKET ST., his satchel started out to seek for a boat. that bore the little craft down, until govern the smallest matters the whole Nor was he long in finding one, a her lee-rail was under water from catlife sinks downward. This deep-reach-Wilmington, Delaware. ing truth is involved in the apostle's staunch, clipper-built yacht, which, heads to davit-bits. injunction to do all "in the name of the Domestic Sewing Machines Lord Jesus."-Nashville Advocate. and Paper Fashions. 4-1 y z

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"Dividing Circuits.

DEAR BRO. THOMAS. - After reading Bro. Davis' article, and listening to some controversy on the subject of subdividing the charges in our conference, I determined to search our minutes, to see if any facts could be found which would throw light upon the subiect. If our work is really suffering, because of divisions, it should be known and the truth proved by figures, rather than by mere assertion. If it is not really suffering, but has been benefited by these changes, then less of unfavorable criticism should be heard; since it only frets our already overburdened presiding elders, and tends to injure the work. Criticisms ought to be fair, deliberate, and based on fact.

Like every one else, who has never had the responsibility of arranging the work, I think some readjusting might be done, with good results. I am sure, however, no one knows the difficulties which the "powers that be" have, in arranging the appointments, except those who have it to do. If our presiding elders are not to be trusted, to look after the best interests of the church as a whole, in trying to arrange the charges in difficult circumstances, then the remedy is to be found otherwise than in speaking of starvation appointments.

Before giving my statistics, I will say, results should not be estimated wholly, by the financial tabulations. If we are here to save souls and advance the interests of our Lord's kingdom, we must include our successes in every direction, and thus find the only true measure of progress. I shall speak only, of large circuits, and of territory of which I have personal knowledge. I would search the records of every large circuit in our conference, from the beginning, but unfortunately, I have no way of knowing what smaller charges now occupy the territory of the once "double" circuits; the minutes having no such record. I hope some one, who has such knowlege, will sup-

deficiency is only apparent however since more careful pastoral work has cleared up the records and made the reports more accurate.

But let us compare this territory, before it was divided in 1881, with the present. Then, this circuit included Smith's Island, but did not include Asbury; so that the figures will show dif ferently. The sector preacher had his home as near the centre of the work, as it could well be, and the junior lived wherever he could. The circuit was about 60 miles long, by 3 wide. Smith's Island had preaching every two weeks during summer time, if the boatman could carry the preacher, but none during the winter. Now there are there charges, each having its own pas tor on the ground all the time.

The minutes show as follows:

	lembers.	Church Prop'y.	S. Schools.
1881	372	\$12,000	7
1889	447	14,150	10
Increa	ise 75	2.150	3
	Scholars.	Collections.	Salaries.
1881	350	\$134.52	\$1,041.12
1889	615	812 00	2,101 00
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Increa	se 265	687.48	1, 059 .88
Princess Anne circuit was composed			
of eight appointments, up to 1886.			
when it was divided into furn sharwes.			

when it was divided into four charges Here are the statistics:

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M	lembers,	Church Prop'y.	S. Schools,
1885	595	\$12,800	6
1889	634	19,900	8
Increa	se 39	7,100	2
	Scholars.	Collections.	Salaries.
1885	500	280	\$1,091
1889	842	771	2,667
Increa	se 342	491	1,576

Up to 1879, Pocomoke circuit was about 40x20 miles in area, including eight churches. Now, there are three and two-fifths pastoral charges in the same territory. The Minutes show,

Members. Church Prop'y. S. Schools. 355 \$11,800 49716,4008

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1,060 Increase 113 354 Two other appointments should be

Members. Church Prop'y, S. Schools. \$16 200 640 919 18,700 12 Increase 279 2 500 Scholars Collections Salaries. 640 8161 1,400 635 Increase 760 474

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1,484 I have no doubt this article is already sufficiently long; and I have gone nearly as ar as I have positive knowledge. If, however, it is necessary, I will hunt for other facts. Surely some one knows what new charges have been formed out of the old ones. We shall be glad to have them supplement this "tabulation?

If any one will write to me, in care of the PENINSULA METHODIST, stating what charges now occupy the ground of old Canden, Denton, Dorchester, called slaughtered circuits, I will gladly a willingness to pay more. search up the figures; as I think this

is the only fair way to do.

A word now for those starvation salarses. Who ever heard of a minister starving to death on our territory? He may not be increasing his bank account, but this is not our mission. It is our mission, not to let souls starve, and the people will see that our bodies are fed. This is the Master's assurance.

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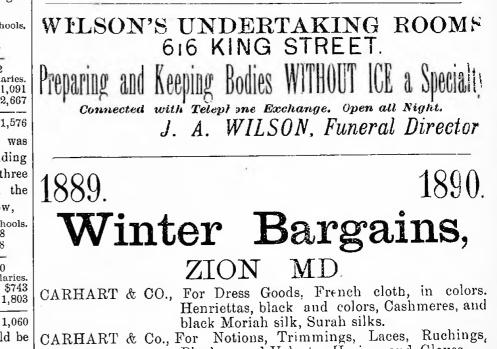
The average salary of a married minister may not be what is desirable, but it is better than it used to be. This is the more assuring, when we remember, that nearly every preacher is married, or should be. The charges want married men. Single men, who receive a mere pittance, as was given ten years ago, are very few. There has been progress all along these lines. The laity are willing to pay for services rendered, and as they get more preaching Federalsburg, Talbot, or any of the so and pastoral care, they have shown

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plement this article with the facts, so	ad led to this increase but I have no	Plushes, and Velvet. Hosiery and Gloves.
that by the time Conference meets, we	added to this increase, but I have no	CARHART & CO., For Rag and Ingrain Carpets, Smyrna Rugs,
shall have the light desired.	means of getting the lightes.	Window curtains and fixtures, etc.
I will begin with old Annamessex	Snow Hill embraced six churches,	CARHART & CO., For Horse and Bed Blankets, Comforts, Lap
circuit. In 1870, the minutes show that		Robes, Goat Robes & Sleigh Bells, Whips, etc.
it was composed of six chuches and one		CARHART & CO., For Ladies, Misses and Childrens coats,
parsonage, valued, at \$16,000; mem-		jackets Men and Boys clothing. Overcoats at
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bers and probationers, 648; collections,	11970 456 \$0.200 6	CARHART & CO., For Hats, Caps, Hoods for ladies and misses.
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there were six Sunday-schools, and 351	Increase 229 I2.300 5	CARHART & CO., For Canton Flannels, Red and Gey. Hem-
scholars. This same territory now has	Scholars. Collections. Salaries.	med Ladies and Gents underwear, etc.
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in last year's minutes; church property		Can Goods, etc.
\$22,750-increase \$6,750; members and	Increase 260 556 1,391	
probationers, 521—decrease 127; seven	This increase includes the two church-	
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800—increase 449; collections \$728—	circuit tabulation.	1840 November 90th 40 years, 28 years on the cash system, which
800-merease 445, concentration 87.20		beg proven beyond a doubt to be a save of tell per cent to an partone
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vance all along the line; everything	are now included in three pastoral	J.M.C.C. TERMS CASH. A.C.C.
increased, except the membership. This	charges. Here are the figures;	



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youth's Department. At Set of Sun.

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If we sit down at set of sun,

And count the things that we have done, And, counting, find One self-denving act, one word

That eased the heart of him who heard, One glance most kind That fell like sunshine where it went,

Then we may count that day well spent. But if through all the livelong day We've eased no heart by yea or nay:

If through it all We've done no thing that we can trace

That brought the sunshine to a face, No act, most small, That helped some soul, and nothing cost

Then count that day as worse than lost. Selected

Freds Broken Record.

"Fred, I think I left my spectacles up stairs," said grandpa, after he had searched the sitting-room for his accustomed helpers.

"Oh, dear," began Fred, who always thought it a great nuisance to go up and down stairs, unless he wanted something for himself, and couldn't get any one to go; but before he had completed his grumbling sentence, little Lillie had deposited her lapful of patch work on the sofa, and with a cheery, "I'll get them, grandpa," was on her way up stairs.

"Fred, yon forgot to put your tools away," mamma said, a little later.

"Oh, dear! it's such a bother to put everything away," fretted Fred. "Can't I leave them where they are till tomorrow, for I will want to use them again?"

"No, I want them put away at once," said mamma in such a decided tone, that Fred knew she desired instant obedience.

"Oh, dear! I never can learn this long lesson!" he grumbled that evening, as he sat down to prepare his recilot of work to translate all these sentences.'

"Dr. Morton had dropped in for a

her earnings have been a great help to the family, but since her arm was hurt she has not been able to work at all. We held a consultation at the hospital | to-day, and decided that the only way to help the child would be to break her arm again and re-set it."

do anyyhing, than have that done," exclaimed Fred.

"Why, that's unfortunate," remarked there is a bone about you that ought to be broken very soon, if you expect to become an active man. I've been meaning to mention it to you for some time."

Fred turned pale. He was not at all fond of bearing pain.

"Where is the bone?" he asked, with a frightened tremor in his voice. "Will you have to break it?"

"No; I can't very well break it for you," answered the doctor. "You can break it yourself better than any one can do it for you. It is called the lazy bone."

"Oh, is that what you mean?" And he was so relieved that he smiled at the doctor's words.

"Yes, my boy, that is the bone I mean; and it is a bone you ought to break very soon, if you ever expect to be of any use in this world. It will take a pretty determined effort to break it, for it's one of the toughest bones I know anything about; but you can break it if you make the effort. Will you try?"

"Yes, sir, I will," promised Fred, manfully, though his face flushed with mortification at the thought that he had carned a reputation for laziness-Sel.

Dr. Talmage's Mother.

I never write or speak to woman, but my mind wanders off to one modelthe aged one, whom we twenty-four tations for the next day. "It's such a years ago put away for the resurree tion.

About eighty years ago, and just before their marriage day, my father and

my father, say: "O Lord, I ask not for my children wealth or honor, but I do ask, that they may all be the subjects of thy converting grace !" Her eleven children, brought into the king-"I think I'd rather never be able to dom of God, she had but one more wish, and that was that she might see her long absent missionary son; and when the ship from China anchored the doctor. "I've been thinking that in New York harbor, and the long-absent one passed over the threshold of his paternal home, she said : "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen thy salvation."

> The prayer was soon answered. It was an autumnal day, when we gathered from afar and found only the house, from which the soul had fled forever. She looked very natural, the hands very much as when they were employed in kindness for the children. Whatever else we forget, we never forget the look of mother's hands. As we stood by the casket, we could not help but say : "D esn't she look beautiful?" It was a cloudless day, when with heavy hearts ve carried her out to the last resting-place. The withered leaves crumbled under hoof and wheel as we passed, and the sun shone on the Raritan river until it looked like fire; but more calm and beautiful and radiant was the setting sun of that aged pilgrim's life. No more toil, no more tears, no more sickness, no more death ! Dear mother! Beautiful mother!

"Sweet is the slumber beneath the sod, While the pure spirit tests with God."

With such a mother as an example, is it strange that I should always have cherished the most exalted estimate of woman and woman kind ?- T. DeWitt Tulmage, in Ladies' Home Journal.

Path of Duty.

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"We pray thee, O Lord, to make plain the path of duty." It was a quiet prayer service, attend-

We had often heard her, when lead- give up all, and fin l, as that young ing family prayers in the absence of heart did, that there is joy in the refining influence of sorrow.

> "Leave to his sovereign sway, o choose and to command; So shalt thou, wondering, own his way How wise, how strong his hand.'

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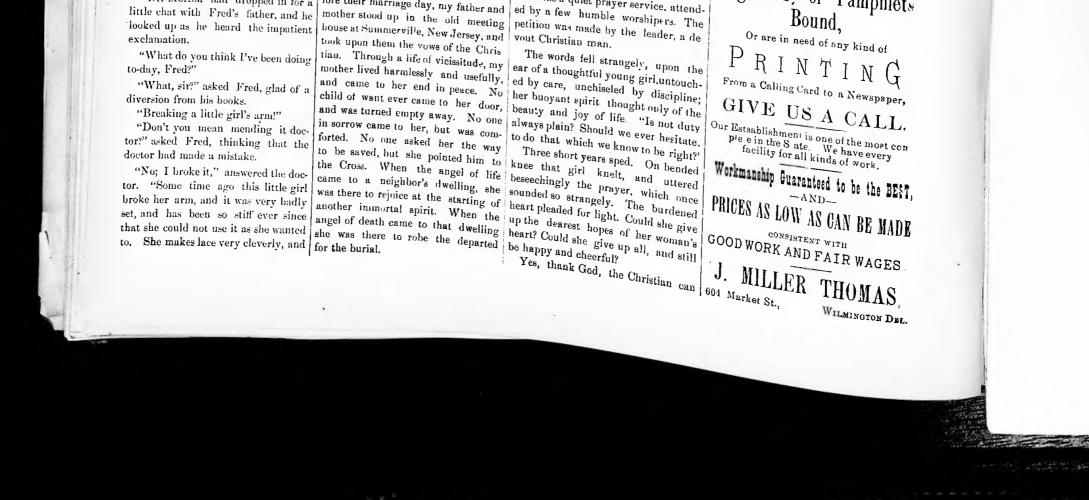


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Temperance Meeting.

The an uul convention of the W. C. T. U., of New Castle county, met in the Hockessin M. E. Church, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27, and was called to order, by the president, Mrs. Culbertson; Mrs. Ellis of Newark, N. J., leading the devotions, with a hymn and prayer. About seventy-five delegates from local unions were present. Miss Hilles

of Wilmington, state president, was on the platform, and sandwiched the exercises with many cheering words, and practical suggestions for future work.

Mrs. Mary M Mitchell, for the W's, and Alice Thompson, for the Loyal Legion, read addresses of welcome.

Mrs. Smithers, president of Kent County Unions, was introduced, and spoke briefly, advising that we do not overload ourselves with to-morrow's burdens, but in calm faith, let each day bear its own burdens.

The chairman then read her annual address, earnestly urging heroic remedies for the loathsome moral leprosy with which our body politic is afflicted, and pronouncing a most scathing anathema on High License, as a measure of the arch enemy.

On motion of Miss Hilles, this address was accepted by the convention, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes

Miss Hilles also offered a tribute of love, to the memory of the late Mrs. Martindale, at one time our state president. On her motion these cretary was authorized to send to her bereaved husband, a minute expressing our grateful appreciation of her beautiful and holy life, and her valiant service in the cause of temperance.

Patience W. Kent of Hockessin, president of Scientific Instruction, read her report, showing that there is need of more watchfulness on the part of the W. C. T. U., so that the law on this subject may be more thoroughly enforced.

Reports from the various unions

man system, urging the presentation of this subject in all state conventions, Sabbath schools, public schools, and teachers' institutes; deplore the refusal of the last legislature to give more adequate protection to our women and children, urging the establishment of an "Open Door" for those needing such shelter; condemning the use of tobacco, as an unhealthy, uncleanly, selfish, and expensive habit, advocating the legal prohibition of the sale of tobacco and cigarettes to minors; recommend the circulation of The Union Signal, The Oak and Ivy Leaf, and The Young Crusader, and the publications of the W. C. T. U', generally; specially emphasizes the importance of work among the young, and the organization of Loyal Legions in local unions; deplores the use of wine at state dinners in the White House, and the appointment to office of so many who are directly securing the liquor interests of the country; endorses woman suffrage; and deplores the system of punishment by whipping, pillory, and imprisonment without reformatory influences; citing the Reformatory of Sherburne, Mass., as an example of the better way.

The last resolution, was one of thanks for hospitalities and other favors shown the convention.

Dickinson Notes

Dr. Reed is giving special attention to the department of elocution and oratory.

A gold-medal prize is offered to any member of the Freshman class, exceling in recitation.

The junior class have elected Miss Lizzie A. Low, of Lime Ridge, Pa., as class poet.

The enterprising managers of the College Y. M. C A., have planned for a systematic study of the Bible.

Dr. Reed has purchased the old Woodward Mansion, and is having it re-modeled and enlarged, as his residence. The work is being rapidly

sickness of his father; but hope he will soon be able to return. Mr. Wilson prepared at our Conference A cad emy in Dover.

The Christian Endeavor Movement

The Society has made hitherto rather slow progress in the South, but the present indications are that there will soon be thousands of these organizations south of Mason and Dixon's line. In Kentucky, a State Christian Endeavor Union has just been formed, and great interest is felt in the Society by many of the pastors and churches of Louisville, who have already ex perienced the good results which attend this work. In Florida, a State convention of much interest and power, was held early in the present month, and in Georgia, also a state organization promises to advance the interests of the work.

"Christian Endeavor Day" was very generally observed Feb. 2nd, and many Societies for the blessings of the year made thank offerings, which will before long, find their way into the different denominational missionary treasuries.

The Calvary Baptist Church Society of New Haven, has set a good exam ple in developing many forms of aggressive Christian work To the look. out committee has been assigned the duty of arousing greater interest on the part of the young people, in the mid week church prayer meeting; to the social committee, the welcoming of strangers, not only to the Society meetings, but to other services of the church as well.

The "Methodist Review."

The March-April number of The Metho dist Review indicates a periodical so broad and helpful in its contents, as to place every thinker under obligation to read it. Dr. James Strong, of Drew Theological Seminary, assails the theory of the double authorship of Isaiah. "Homer and Longfellow" are harmonized by Dr. Joseph Hillman. Dr. J. W. Webb, of Boston, exhibits the "Philosophic Principles of Orthodoxy." Rev. W. A. Dickson, of Long Island, writes of "Aggressive Movements in Modern Brit-ish Methodism." "The Christ of the Church'' is the title of a paper by Dr. A. J. Nelson, of San Francisco. "The Semitic J. Nelson, of San Francisco. "The Semitic Question" is treated by W. A. Heidel, of Berlin, Germany, and Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing writes on "John Bright." The editor's leader is "The Predictive Element of the rationalists respecting prophecy. He also adds "The Missionary Range," and "The Union of Christendom."

seventy years old, is described by Margaret W. Bisland; a marvelous escape from a cyclone's fury is written by M. Louise Ford; some suggestions for making kites fly prop-erly are offered by Harper Pennington and Harry stillwell Edwards gives an old negro's 'revised version" of "Noray and the Ark." Mrs. Sprague makes a page-drawing of cos-tumes with some explanatory text, and Mr. Stoddard continues "Crowded Out o' Crofield."

There are also poems or bits of verse by Mrs. S. M. B. Piatt, Katharine Pyle, Malcolm Douglas, Caroline Evans and Henry Moore.

The March Century.

The most striking pictures which have appeared in the Joseph Jefferson Autobiography accompany the March instalment. The frontispiece is a full-length portrait of Jefferson as Dr. Pangloss. A portrait of Sothern, as Lord Dundreary, and one of Laura Keene, are also given. Jefferson tells of the success of "Our American Cousin."

Municipal Government by Dr. Albert Shaw describes the workings of the local government of Glasgow, one of the world's model cities in this respect. The subject of Irrigation is treated in the first of a series of three articles by Professor Powell, Director of the United States Geological Survey. A paper by Professor Fisher dis-cusses "The Nature and Method of Revelation." There are editorials on "Municipal Government," "Our Sins Against France," and "University Extension

"Prehistoric Remains in the Ohio Valley" begins in this number. In the next Professor Putnam will describe the famous Serpent Mound."

There are also La Farge's second group of illustrated "Letters from Japan"; an article on "Gloucester Cathedral" by Mrs. van Rensselaer, with pictures by Joseph Pennell, and an article by Mr Wilson, the photographer, depicting "Some Wayside Places in Palestine" referred to in current International Sunday School Questions; also a striking paper on "The Sun Dance of the Sioux," by Frederick Schwatka, with pictures by Frederick Remington, and a curious study by Professor Wood of Philadelphia, on the subject of "Memory."

The following are fiction: Mrs. Barr's 'Friend Olivia,'' the conclusion of Mr. Stockton's "Merry Chanter," a story by James Lane Allen called "Posthumous Fame, or a Legend of the Beautiful"; another by Richard Malcolm Johnson, illus-trated by Kemble, entitled "The Self-Protection of Mr. Littleberry Roach," and the Last Marchbanks" by Miss Roseboro, with pictures by George Wharton Edwards. Professor Bovesen writes about Henrik

Ibsen, William Nelson about "Bloodhounds and Slaves"; and there are letters on "The Evolution of the Educator," and "The Pardoning Power." Colonel Benedict furnishes a memorandum on "The Builders of the First Mouitor"; and the poems are by William Wilfred Campbell, the Candaian

were read by their respective presidents, showing that a vast amount of practical work was being done. Treasurer's report showed a balance of **\$**99.05.

At 8 p.m., the church was well filled and an entertaining paper on narcotics, was read by Mrs. Moore of Middletown, followed by a spirited address from Mrs. Ellis of N. J.

At the adjourned session, Friday morning, resolutions were reported, which, after much discussion, were almost unanimously adopted.

These reaffirm loyalty to the National W. C. T. U., and its president, Miss Frances E. Willard; favor the withholding of state appropriations for school boards, which do not enforce

pushed, toward completion; and the in Prophecy"-an assault on the position Dr. expects to take possession before the end of the year.

A large attendance was given to the midwintes Athletlic Contest, Saturday evening, of last week. The results were as follows: High kick, Brandt, 7 ft. 101 inches; Patton. 8 ft. 3 inches. Pole vault, Pretttyman, 8.4; Downs, 8 ft. 83; Running High Jump, Whiting, 5 ft. 1 inch; Price, 5 ft 1 inch. Climbing rope, Hinchliffe, 8 1-5 sec.; Luckenbaugh, 8 4-5 sec.; Standing high jump, Brandt, 4 ft. 1 inch; Price. 4 ft. Trapeze vault, Patton, 10 ft., Biggs, 10 ft., Hayes, 11 ft. Fence vault, Budd, 6 ft. 1 inch; Hinchliffe,

6 ft. 1 inch; Curry, 6 ft. 2 inch.

school boards, which do not enforce We are sorry to have one of our Ernest E. Thompson protests against that the law respecting scientific ins ruc-tion in the effects of alcohol on the hu. '93, called home, on account of the Nature's Babes in the Wood.'' A doll,

The new department-"The Itinerants' Club"-will attract all readers. Every department shows active editorial supervision and great labor in the preparation.

The March St. Nicholas begins with "On a Mountain Trail," by Harry Perry Robin-son. Mr. Taber illustrates the story. "Jack's Cure," is a story by Susan Curtis Redfield. W. A. Rogers has drawn the illustrations. Mrs. Preston tells of "George and Nellie Custis," the children of Mount Vernon. Some old portraits are reproduced as illustrations.

Alice Maude Ewell depicts for us a Virginian comedy of the old days when houseives were ducked for gossiping.

Another of Mr. Elbridge S. Brook's Comedies for Children, "Friends or Foes?" is given.

Mrs. Saudham describes "The Crows' Military Drill" preparatory to migration;

poet; Colonel Meredith, George Parsons Lathrop, Professor Roberts of Canada, and others.

Slight Changesin Pennsylvania Railroad Trains.

A few changes will be made in the schedule of trains on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad and the New York Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, on Sunday, March 2d. The principal changes are as follows: The

Southern Express now leaving Broad Street Station at 11.59 P. M. will leave at 12.03 midnight, and the Southern Express "F. F. V." Limited for Washington points on the Chesapeake and Ohio, and Cincinnati, now leaving at 6.00 P. M. will leave at 7.40 P. M.

On the New York Division, the Belvidere Express now leaving at 6.00 P. M. will leave at 5.53 P. M.

On the Chestnut Hill Branch, the train now leaving Chestnut Hill at 6.54 A. M. will leave at 6.52, and the train leaving Chestnut Hill on Sunday at 7.29 P. M. will leave at 7.26 P. M.

Other local changes will be found by consulting time-tablcs.

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DR. TALMAGE PRESENTS A CHEER-ING VIEW FOR DOUBTERS.

His Visit to the Tomb of Lazarus and Site of the House Occupied by Him and His Sisters-From That Miracle He Deduces Lessons for the Sorrowing.

BROOKLYN, March 2.-At the Tabernacle this morning the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., said he thought the New Brooklyn Tabernaele would be dedicated in September, and that the idea would be carried out of building the church by subscription to The Christian Herald, of which he has become editor, all the subscriptions up to a hundred and fifty thousand to be to a hundred and hity filoasing to paid to Mr. John Wood, treasurer of the Tabernacle. Fulton street, near Concord, Brooklyn, N. Y. The sub-ject of his discourse was "Revision of Creeds," and he took for his text John xi, 44: "Loose him, and let him go." Dr. Talmage said: My Bible is, at the place of this text

written all over with lead pencil marks made last December at Bethany on the ruins of the house of Mary and Martha and Lazarus. We dismounted from our horses on the way up from Jordan to the Dead sea. Bethany was the summer evening retreat of Jesus. After spending the day in the hot city of Jerusalem he would come out there almost every evening to the house of his three friends. I think the occupants of that house were orphans, for the father and mother are not men tioned. But the son and two daugh-ters must have inherited property, for it must have been, judging from what 1 saw of the foundations and the size of the rooms, an opulent home. Lazarus the brother, was now the head of the household and his sisters depended on him and were proud of him, for was very popular and every-ly liked him, and these girls he body liked were splendid girls. Martha a first rate housekeeper and Mary a spirituelle, somewhat dreamy, but af fectionate, and as good a girl as could be found in all Palestine. But one day Lazarus got sick. The sisters were in consternation. Father gone and mother gone, they feel very neryous lest they lose their brother also Disease did its quick work. How the girls hung over his pillow! Not much leep about that house, no sleep at all. From the characteristics otherwhere developed, 1 judge that Martha pre-pared the medicines and made tempting dishes of food for the poor appe-tite of the sufferer, but Mary prayed and sobbed. Worse and worse gets Lazarus, until the doctor announces

was the family friend, and the two bereft sisters. We went into the traditional tomb in December, and it is deep down and dark, and with torches we explored it. We found it all quiet that afternoon of our visit, but the day spoken of in the Bible there was present an excited multitude. I wonder what Jesus will do. He orders the door of the grave removed, and then he begins to descend the steps. Mary and Martha close after him, and the crowd after them. Deeper down into the shadows and deeper! The hot tears of Jesus roll over his cheeks and alash upon the back of his hands. Were ever so many sorrows compressed into so small a space as in that group pressing on down after Christ, all the time bemoaning that he had not come before? Now all the whispering and all the crying and all the sounds of shuffling feet are stopped. It is the stlence of expectancy. Death had conquered, but now the van quisher of death confronted the scene. Amid the awful hush of the tomb the familiar name which Christ had often had upon his lips in the hospitalities of the village home came back to his tongue and with a pathos and an al-mightiness of which the resurrection of the last day shall be only an echo, he cries: "Lazarus; come forth!" The eyes of the slumberer open and he rises and comes to the foot of the steps and with great difficulty begins to as cend, for the cerements of the tomb are yet on him and his feet are fast and his hands are fast and the impediments to all his movements are so great that Jesus commands: "Take off these cerements; -remove these hindrances; unfasten these grave clothes; loose him and let him got" Oh, I am so glad that after the Lord raised Lazarus he went on and commanded the oosening of the cords that bound his feet so that he could walk, and the breaking off of the cerement that bound his hands so that he could stretch out his arms in salutation, and the tearing off of the bandage from around his jaws so that he could speak. What would resurrected life have been to Lazarus if he had not been freed from all those cripplements of his body? I am glad that Christ commanded his complete emancipa-tion, saying: "Loose him, and let him go. NEW PLAN FOR CREED REVISION.

A NEW PLAN FOR CREED REVISION. The unfortunate thing now is that so many Christians are only half liberated. They have been raised from the death and burnal of sin into spirit-

ual life, but they yet have the grave clothes on them. They are like Laza-rus, hobbling up the stairs of the tomb bound hand and foot, and the object of this sermon is to help free their body and free their soul, and I shall try to obey the Master's command that comes to me and comes to every minis that he can do no more. The shrick that went up from that household comes to me and comes to every minister of religion, "Loose lum, and let go." First, many are bound hand and foot by religious creeds. Let no man misinterpret me as antagonizing creeds. I have eight or ten of them; a creed about religion, a creed about art, a creed about social life, a creed art, a creed about social line, a creed about government, and so on. A creed is something that a man believes, whether it be written or unwritten. The Presbyterian church is now agitated about its creed. Some good men in it are for keeping it because it was framed from the belief of John Calvin. Other good men in it want revision. I am with neither party. Instead of revision I want substitution, I was sorry to have the question dis-turbed at all. The creed did not hinturbed at all. Incore a did not hin-der us from offering the pardon and the confort of the Gospel to all men, and the Westminster Confession has not interfered with me one minute.

But now that the electric lights have been turned on the imperfections of there most memorable are Jesus, who that creed—and everything that man fashions is imperfect—let us put the ashions is imperfect—let us put the old creed respectfully aside and get a brand new one. It is impossible that people who lived hundreds of years ago should fashiou an appropriate creed for our times. John Calvin was a great and good man, but he died three hundred and twenty-six years The best centuries of Bible study have come since then, and explorers have done their work, and you might as well have the world go back and stick to what Robert Fulton knew about steamboats and reject the subsequent improvements in navigation; and go back to John Guttenberg, the inventor of the art of printing, and reject all modern newspaper presses, and go back to the time when telegraphy was the elevating of signals or the burning of bonfires on the hilltops and reject the magnetic wire, which is the tongue of nations, as to ignore all the exegetes and the philologists and the theologians of the last three hundred and twenty-six years and put your head under the sleeve of the gown of Sixteenth coutury doctor. I could a Sixteenth century doctor. call the names of twenty living Presbyterian ministers of religion who could make a better creed than John Calvin. The Ninetcenth century ought not to be called to sit at the feet of the Sixteenth

"But," you say, "it is the same old Bible, and John Calvin had that as well as the present student of the Scriptures." Yes; so it is the same old sun in the heavens, but in our time it has gone to making daguerreo-types and photographs. It is the same old water, but in our century it has gone to running steam engines. It is the same old electricity, but in our time it has become a lightning footed errand boy. So it is the old Bible, but new applications, new uses, new interpretations. You must remember that during the last three hundred years words have changed their meaning and some of them now mean more and some less. I do not think that John Calvin believed, as some say he did, in the damnation of infants, although some of the recent hot disputes would seem to imply that there is such a thing as the damnation of infants.

WILL ANY INFANTS BE DAMNED?

A man who believes in the damnation of infants himself deserves to lose heaven. I do not think any good man could admit such a possibility. What Christ will do with all the babies in the next world 1 conclude from what he did with the babies in Palestine when he hugged them and kissed them. When some of you grown people go out of this world your doubtful destiny will be an embarrassment to ministers officiating at your obsequies, the will have to be cautious so as not to hurt surviving friends. But when the darling children go there are no "ifs" or "buts" or guesses. We must remember that good John Calvin was a logician and a metaphysician and by the proclivities of his nature put some things in an unfortunate way. Logic has its use and metaphysics has its use, but they are not good at making creeds. A gardener hands you a bloom. creeds. A gardener hands you a bloom-ing rose, dewy fresh, but a severe bot-anist comes to you with a rose and says: "I will show you the structure of this rose." And he proceeds to take it apart and pulls off the leaves and he says: "There are the petals," and he takes out the anthers and he says: "Just look at the wonderful structure he takes out the anthers and he says: "Just look at the wonderful structure of these floral pillars," and then he cuts the stem to show you the juices of the plant. So locio an anther build the plant. So logic or metaphysics takes the aromatic rose of the Christakes the aromatic rose of the Unris-tian religion and says: "I will just show you how this rose of religion was fashioned:" and it pulls off of it

METHODIST. a piece and says: "That is the human a piece and says: "That is the runnan will," and another piece and says: "This is God's will," and another piece and says: "This is sovereignty," and another piece and says: "This is free agency," this is this and that is free agency," this is this and that is that. And while I stand looking at the fragments of the rose pulled apart, one whom the Marys took for a gar dener comes in and presents me with a crimson rose, red as blood, and says: "Inhale the sweetness of this, wear it on your heart and wear it forever." I must confess that I prefer the rose h full bloom to the rose pulled apart. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND MAN'S FREE AGENCY.

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What a time we have had with the dogmatics, the apologetics and the hermeneutics. The delect in some of the creeds is that they try to tell us all about the decrees of God. Now the only human being that was ever competent to handle that subject was Paul, and he would not have been competent had he not been inspired. I believe in the sovereignty of God and I believe in man's free agency, but no one can harmonize the two. It is not necessary that he harmonize them. Every sermon that I have ever heard that attempted such harmonization was to me as clear as a London fog, as clear as mud. My brother of the Nineteenth century, my brother of the Sixteenth century, give us Paul's statement and leave out sour own. Better one chapter of Paul on that sub-ject than all of Calvin's insti-tutes, able and honest and mighty as they are. Do not try to measure either the throne of God or the thunderbolts of God with your little steel pen. What do you know about the decrees? You cannot pry open the door of God's eternal counsels. You cannot explain the mysteries of God's government now, much less the mysteries of his government five hundred quintillion of years ago. I move for a creed for all our denominations made out of Scripture quotations pure and simple. That would take the earth for God. That would be impregnable against infidelity and Apollyonic assault. That would be beyond buman criticism. The denomination, whatever its name be, that can rise up to that will be the church of the millennium, will swallow up all other denominations and be the one that will be the bride when the Bridegroom cometh. Let us make it simpler and plainer for people to get into the kingdom of God. Do not hinder people by the idea that they may not have been elected. Do not tag on to the one essential of faith in Christ any of the innumerable nonessentials. A man who heartily accepts Christ is a Christian and the man who does not accept him is not a Chris-tian, and that is all there is of it. He need not believe in election or reprobation. He need not believe in the eternal generation of the Son, He need not believe in everlasting punisliment. He need not believe in infant baptism. He need not believe in plenary inspiration. Faith in Christ is the criterion, is the test, is the pivot, is the indispensable. But there are those who would add unto the tests rather than subtract from them. There are thousands who would not accept persons into church membership if they drink wine or if they smoke they drink wine or if they smoke cigars or if they attend the theatre or if they play cards or if they drive a fast horse. Now I do not drink wine or smoke or attend the theatre never played a game of cards drink wine or smoke or attend the theatre, hever played a game of cards and do not drive a fast horse, although I would if I owned one. But do not substitute tests which the Bible does not establish. There is one passage of Scripture wide enough to let all in Scripture wide enough to let all in who ought to enter and to keep out all who ought to be kept out: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt

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when the last breath had been drawn and the two sisters were being led by sympathizers into the adjoining room those of us can imagine who have had our own hearts broken.

THE GREAT COMFORTER ARRIVES. But why was not Jesus there as he so often had been? Far away in the country districts preaching, healing other sick, how unfortunate that this omnipotent Doctor had not been at that domestic crisis in Bethany. When at last Jesus arrived in Bethany Lazarus had been buried four days and discolution had taken place. In that dissolution had taken place. climate the breathless body disinte grates more rapid'y than in ours, immediately after decease, that body had been awakened into life, unbelievers might have said that he was only in a comatose state, or in a sort of trance, and by some vigorous manipulation or powerful stimulant vitality had been renewed. Not Four days dead. At the door of the sepulTTE PENINSULA METHODIST.

be saved." Get a man's heart right and his life will be right. But now that the old creeds have been put under public scrutiny, something radical must be done. Some would split them, some would carve them, some would elongate them, some would abbreviate them. At the present moment and in the present shape they are a hindrance. Lazarus is alive, but hampered with the old grave clothes. If you want one glorious church free and unencumbered take off the cerements of old ecclesiastical vocabulary. Loose her, and let her go1

CONVERTED BUT NOT ENLIGHTENED. Again, there are Christians who are under sepulchral shadows and hindered and hoppled by doubts and fears and sins long ago repented of. What they need is to understand the liberty of the sous of God. They spend more time under the shadow of Sinai than at the base of Calvary. They have been singing the only poor hymn that Newton ever wrote:

> 'Tis a point I long to know. Oft it causes anxious thought-Do I love the Lord or no. Am 1 his or am 1 not?

Long to know, do you? Why do you not find out? Go to work for God and you will very soon find out. The man who is all the time feeling of his pulse and looking at his tongue to see whether it is coated is morbid and cannot be physically well. The doctor will say: "Go out into the fresh air and into active life and stop thinking of yourself and you will get well and strong." So there are people who are watching their spiritual symptoms, and they call it self-examination and they get weaker and sicklier in their faith all the time. Go out and do some thing nobly Christian. Take holy exercise and then examine yourself, and, instead of Newton's saturnine and bilious hymn that I first quoted, you will sing Newton's other hymn:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

What many of you Christians most need is to get your grave clothes off. I rejoice that you have been brought from the death of sin to the life of the Gospel, but you need to get your hand loose and your feet loose and your tongue loose and your soul loose. There is no sin that the Bible so arraigns and punctures and flagellates as the sin of unbelief, and that is what is the matter with you. "Oh," you "if you knew what I once was say, "if you knew what I once was and how many times I have grievously strayed, you would understand why I do not come out brighter." Then I think you would call yourself the chief of sinners. I am glad you hit upon that term, for I have a promise that fits into your case as the cogs of one wheel between the cogs of another wheel or as the key fits into the labyrinths of a lock. A man who was once called Saul but afterwards Paul declared: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Mark that—"of whom I am chief." "Put down your over-coats and hats and I will take care of them while you kill Stephen" —so Saul said to the stoners of the first martyr—"I do not care to exert myself much, but I will guard your surplus apparel while you do the murder." The New Testament account says: "The witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet whose name was Saul." No wonder he said: "Sinner's, of whom I am the chief." Christ is used to climbing. He climbed to the top of the temple. He climbed to the top of Mount Olivet. He climbed to the top of the cliffs about Nazareth. He climbed to the top of Golgotha. And to the

top of the hills and the mountains of your transgression he is ready to climb with pardon for every one of you. The groan of Calvary is mightier than the thunder of Sinai. Full rcceipt is offered for all your indebt-

edness. If one throw a stone at midnight into a bush where the hedgebird roosts, it immediately begins to sing; and into the midnight hedges your despondency these words I hurl, hoping to awaken you to anthem.

CHRISTIANS HAVE A RIGHT TO REJOICE. Drop the tunes in the minor key and take the major. Do you think it pleases the Lord for you to be carrying around with you the debris and carcasses of old transgressions? You make me think of some ship that has had a tempestuous time at sea, and now that it proposes another voyage, keeps on its davits the damaged lifeboats, and the splinters of a shivered mast, and the broken glass of a smashed skylight. My advice is: clear the decks, overboard with all the damaged rigging, brighten up the salted smokestacks, open a new log book, haul in the planks, lay out a new course and set sail for heaven. You have had the spiritual dumps long enough. will please the Lord more You by being happy than by being miserable. Have you not sometimes started out in the rain with your umbrella and you were busy thinking and you did not notice that the rain had stopped, and though it had cleared off you still had your umbrella up, and when you discovered what you were doing you felt silly enough? That is what some of you are doing in religious things. You have got so used to sadness that though the rain has stopped you still have your umbrella up. Come out of the shadow. Ascend the stairs of your sepulcher. Step out into the broad light of noonday. We come around you to help remove your grave clothes, and a voice from the heavens. tremulous but onnipotent, commands: Loose him, and let him go.

Again, my text has good advice concerning any Christian hampered and bothered and bound by fear of his own dissolution. To such the Book refers when it speaks of those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. The most of us, even if we have the Christian hope, are cowards about death. If a plank fall from a scaffolding and just grazes our hat, how pale we look. If the Atlantic ocean plays with the steamship, pitching it toward the heavens and let ting it suddenly drop, how even the Christian passengers pester the steward or stewardess as to whether there is any danger, and the captain, who has been all night on the bridge and chilled through, coming in for a cup battery of questions as to what he thinks of the weather. And many of the best people are, as Paul says, throughout their lifetime in bondage by fear of death. My brothers and sisters, if we made full use of our religion we would soon get over this. Backed up by the teachings of your Bible, just look through the telescope some bright night and see how many worlds there are and re-flect that all you have seen compared with the number of worlds in existence are less than the fingers of your right hand as compared with all the fingers of the human race. How fool-ish then for us to think that ours is the only world fit for us to stay in. I think that all the stars are inhabited and by beings like the human race in feelings and sontiments and the difference is in lung respiration and heart beat and physical conformation, their physical conformation fit for the climate of their world and our physical conformation fit for the ali- I may be permitted myself humbly

mate of our world. So we shall feel at home in any of the stellar neighborhoods, our physical limita-tions having ceased. One of our first realizations in getting out of this world, I think, will be that in this world we were very much pent up and had cramped apartments and were kept on the limits. The most even of our small world is water, and the water says to the human race: "Don't come here or you will drown." A few thousand feet up the atmosphere is uninhabitable, and the atmosphere says to the human race: "Don't come up here or you cannot breathe." Α few miles down the earth is a furnace of fire, and the fire says: "Don't come here or you will burn." The caverns of the mountains are full of poisonous gases, and the gases say : "Don't come here or you will be asphyxiated." And, crossing a rail track, you must look out or you will be crushed. And, standing by a steam boiler, you must look out or you will be blown up. And pneumonias and pleurisies and consumptions and apoplexies go across this earth in flocks, in droves, in herds, and it is a world of equipoxes and cyclones and graves. Yet we are under the delu-sion that it is the only place fit to stay in. We want to stick to the wet plank 'mid ocean while the great ship, "the City of God." of the Celestial line, goes sailing past, and would gladly take us up in a life boat. My Chris-tian friends, let me tear off your despondencies and frights about dissolution. My Lord commands me regard-ing you, saying . "Loose him, and let him go.

IN THE CLEARER LIGHT OF HEAVEN. Heaven is ninety-live per cent. better than this world, a thousand per cent. better, a million per cent. better. Take the gladdest, brightest, most jubilant days you ever had on earth and compress them all into one hour, and that hour would be a requiem, a fast day, a gloom, a horror, as compared with the poorest hour they have had in heaven since its first tower was built or its first gates swung or its first song caroled. "Oh," you say, "that may be true, but I am so afraid of crossing over from this world to the next, and I fear the snapping of the cord between soul and body." Well, cord between soul and body. all the surgeons and physicians and scientists declare that there is no pang at the parting of the body and soul. and all the seeming restlessness at the closing hour of life is involuntary and no distress at all. And I agree with the doctors, for what they say is confirmed by the fact that persons who were drowned or were submerged antil all consciousness departed and were afterwards resuscitated declare that the sensation of passing of collee, is assalled with a whole into unconsciousness was pleasurable rather than distressful. The cage of the body has a door on easy mages, and when that door of the physical cage opens the soul simply puts out its wings and soars. "But," you say, "I fear to go because the future is so full of mystery." Well, I will tell you how to treat the mysteries. The mysteries have ceased bothering me, for I do as the judges of your courts often do. They hear all the arguments in the case and then say: "T will take these papers and give you my decision next week." So I have heard all the arguments in regard to the next world, and some things are uncertain and full of mystery, and so I fold up the papers and reserve until the next world my decision about them. I can there study all the mysteries to better advantage, for the light will be better and my faculties strong-er, and I will ask the Christian philosophers, who have had all the advantages of heaven for centuries, to help me, and

to ask the Lord, and I think there will be only one mystery left, and that will be how one so unworthy as myself got into such an enraptured place. Come up out of the sepulchral shadows. If you are not Christians by faith in Christ come up into the light; and if you are already like Lazarus, reanimated, but still have your grave clothes on, get rid of them. The com-mand is: "Loose him, and let him go." The only part of my recent journey that 1 really dreaded, although I did not say much about it beforehand, was the landing at Joppa. That is the port of entrance for the Holy Land, and there are many rocks, and in rough weather people cannot land at all. The boats taking the people from the steamer to the docks must run between reefs that looked to me to be about fifty feet apart, and one mis-stroke of an oarsman or an unexpected wave has sometimes been fatal, and hundreds have perished along those reefs. Besides that, as we left Port Said the evening before an old traveler said: "The wind is just right to give you a rough landing at Joppa; indeed, I think you will not beable to land at all." The fact was that when our Mediterranean steamer dropped anchor near Joppa and we put out for shore in the small boat, the water was as still as though it had been sound asleep a hundred years, and we landed as easily as I came on this platform. Well, your fears have pictured for you an appalling arrival at the end of your voyage of life, and they say that the seas will run high and that the breakers will swallow you up, or that if you reach Canaan at all it will be a very rough landing. The very opposite will be true if you have the eternal God for your portion. Your disembarkation for the promised land will be as smooth as was ours at Palestine last December. Christ will meet you far out at sea and pilot you into complete safety, and you will land with a hosanna on one side of you and a halleluial on the other.

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"land ahead!" its fruits are waving O'er the hills of fadeless green, And the living waters laving Shores where heavenly forms are seen.

Rocks and storms I'll fear no more, When on that eternal shore: Drop the anchor: furl the sail [I am safe within the veil]

A new calculating machine has just been invented in France and obtained a gold medal at the exhibition. The inventor is M. Bollee, of La Mans, a clever machinist, already very favorably known by other useful inventions. The machine does addition, multiplycation and division with astonishing rapidity, and all by the turn of the wheel. M. Mascart recently gave an account of the invention before the

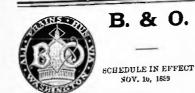
Academy of Science.

An article called "cavassa starch" is attracting considerable attention in the Florida sub-tropical exhibition. A local paper says: "Northern men can hardly believe it is a Florida production, and when they learn that it was tion, and when they learn that it was raised on a small garden plot and pre-pared by a simple, crude process, and learn how enormously it produces, and further, that it is an article not only for man, but for animals, they open their eyes in wonder."

The government of India has been compelled by law to purchase three copies of each new book issued in the country, and it has been discovered that a practice has grown up of printing new books simply for the sale of these three copies, for which any price within reason could be charged. A change is about to be made in the law, and hereafter the publishers will have to present the copies to the government

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