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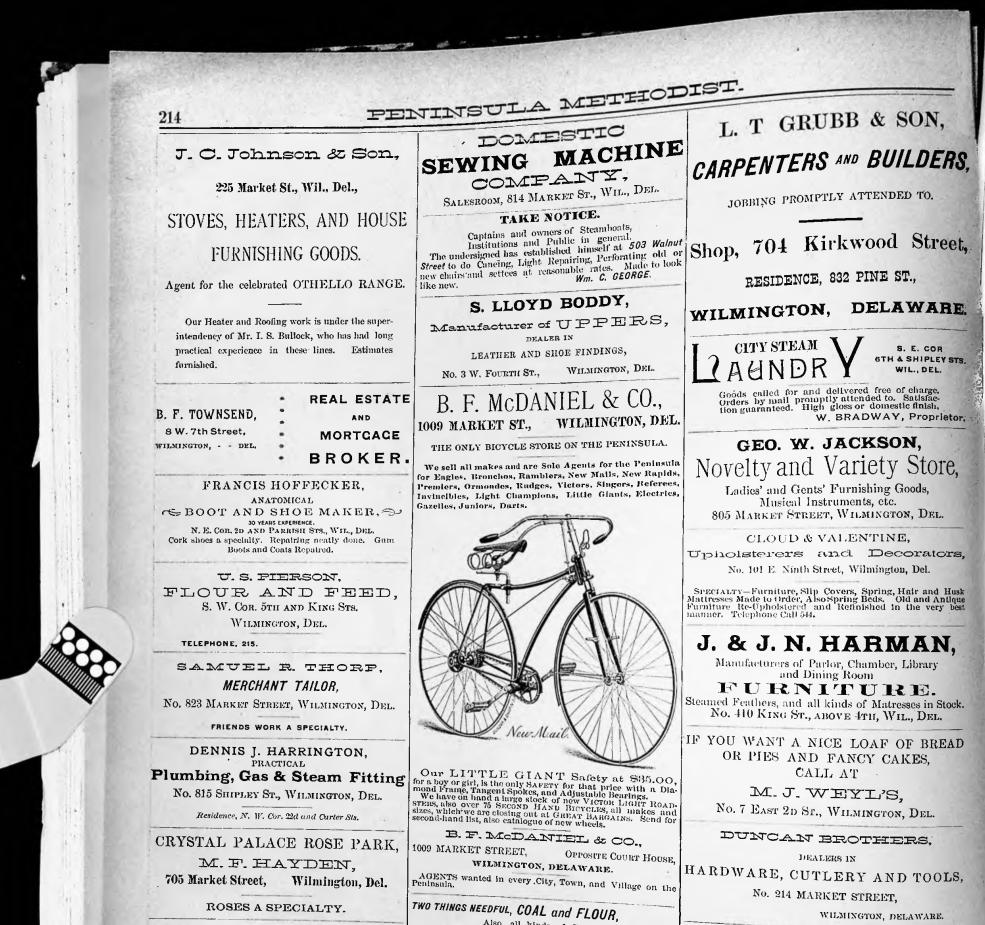
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VOLUME XVI. NUMBER 14.

This number is pre-eminently a Conference number. The preceedings will be found of great interest to every Methodist, and to a good many others.

The session was a delightful one. The factional spirit was happily held in subjection to a better and a wiser one.

The publisher and proprietor of the PENINSULA METHODIST, as well as the editor, desire to express their acknowledgments, to Rev. J. H. Willey, pastor of our Church in Milford, for his courtesy and consideration in providing entertainment for the representatives of "our Conference paper," instead of leaving them to hunt accommodations in a hotel, at their own expense.

The publisher and proprietor had a delightful home with Mr. Martin Chamberlain, a merchant of the town, and a Protestant Episcopalian. Rev. Bros. Henry Sanderson, Julius Dodd, and L. P. Corkran, shared with him the hospitality of this family.

The editor had a delightful home with the family of Mr. A. B. Prettyman, a Route Agent of the U.S. Post Office Department, whose excellent wife, we learned, was an attendant on our ministry, while pastor of Scott M E. Church, Philadelphia. Rev. E. C. Atkins, a cousin of our hostess, and his most estimable companion, greatly enhanced the pleasure of our visit, by sharing with us the advantages of our "home.'

## Wilmington Conference.

nominated at the close of last Conference, were announced, and on motion confirmed, as follows:

Public Worship-Pastor and Presiding Elders.

Publication of Minutes-The Secretaries.

Education-T. E. Martindale, G. W. Townsend, Adam Stengle, L. W. Lavfield, E. H. McKaig, Dr. A. E. Sudler, W. F. Causey, W. H. Dashiell. Bible Society-Vaughan S. Collins, R. Roe, D. F. Waddell, S. M. Morgan. Sunday-Schools-C. T. Wyatt, E. H. Nelson, W. W. Sharp, J. M. Col lins.

Temperance-J. D. C. Hanna, A. Mowbray, W. W. W. Wilson, J. O. Sypherd, J. Todd, J. D. Kemp, I. G. Fosnocht, and A. Smith.

W. F. M. S.-J. A. Arters, D. H. Corkran, B. Watt, J. M. Mitchell.

W. H. M. S.-I. L. Wood, I. Jewell, H. S. Dulaney, N. McQuay.

Tracts-C. A. Hill, J. S. Moore, W. F. Dawson, B. C. Warren.

Freedmen's Aid-E. L. Hubbard, Wm. P. Compton, E. C. Atkins.

Missionary Statistics-C. S. Baker, A. Chandler, John Jones, J. T. Prouse. Local Preachers' addresses-G. T. Alderson, O. S. Walton, G. W. Wilcox, C. H. Williams.

Post Offices-G. W. Bowman, S. N. Pilchard, A. P. Prettyman, L. P. Cork-

Subbath Observance-T. E. Terry, C W. Prettyman, R. C. Jones. L. E. Barrett.

On Missions-The Presiding Elders. Necessitous Causes-The Board of

New York Book Concern, was introduced, and spoke of the importance of patronizing our own publications, announcing that \$1,143 had been ap propriated to this Conference, out of the year's profits of the Concern. Dr. Eaton said larger contributions were needed, to meet the demands on the Episcopal Fund.

J. B. Quigg offered a motion calling for a report from the committee on publishing the Minutes. After some discussion, this motion was laid upon the table; Bishop Andrews remarking, that hereafter, it would be well to have such a report, as it is always safe to do business on business principles.

A communication from Dr, Hartzell informed the Conference, that the amount apportioned to this Conference, to be raised next year for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society is \$5,512. Requests were presented from the Tract Society and Sunday-school Union, that the Conference raise \$1000 for each of these benevolent agencies.

On motion of T. E. Terry, the Conference recommended that the Episcopal Fund be raised in each charge by the stewards, as part of the amount needed for ministerial support.

A resolution of sympathy for Bishop Fowler, in his illness and enforced absence, was adopted.

The roll was called for financial and statistical reports; after which Rev. Wm. Potter Davis, D. D., of New Jersey Conference, and Dr. J. W. Young, the statistician of Newark Conference, were introduced.

ampton in Virginia, a territory about 108 miles long and 30 wide. It has 107 churches 46 pastoral charges, and 32 parsonages.

Failure in crops has caused embarrassment, but the work has been vigorously prosecuted.

Seven camp meetings have been held, and revival services in all the churches. \$10,500 have been spent on new churches, and nearly \$8,000 on repairs.

The health of the preachers has been good, there having been an average of less than 2 days sickness among the 46 pastors, and not a case of malaria reported.

While Salisbury, Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Stockton, Berlin and Laurel "are still in the toils of the saloon power," Pittsville has been redeemed. "thanks to the Lord, and the Maryland Legislature."

THURSDAY, MARCH 27.

Rev. A. P. Prettyman, pastor of Chester-Bethel, preached an earnest and interesting sermon, from the words, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father," John 14-12; after which Dr. A. J. Kynett was introduced, and made a brief address on Church Extension. \$25,726.54 have been raised in the Conference for this cause, up to Nov. 1, 1890; 66 of our churches have been aided during this time to the amount of \$12,520, in donations, and \$2,750 in loans; and of these loans \$858.67 have been returned to the Board, leaving \$1891.33 still standing against us.

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION.

Milford, Del., a town of about 3,500 inhabitants, has given the Conference a right royal welcome, aud both guests and entertainers seem greatly pleased with each other. The weather has been favorable, and crowds attend the various exercises.

We complete our report of the first day's doings. One-hundred and twentyseven preachers responded to their names at the opening, out of one hun- E. H. Derrickson, J. H. Howard, H. dred and sixty-nine on the roll; the S. Dulaney, and R. K. Stephenson, as venerable James L. Houston, the senior his assistants. member, who entered the itinerancy in 1833, being present, and responding to F. C. McSorley, and J. E. Bryan were the call.

The usual standing committees,

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Stewards.

Secretary Rigg nominated as his assistants, W. T. Valiant, E. C. Macnicl.ol, and A. S. Mowbray. Julius Dodd was re-elected statistical secretary, with R. I. Watkins, J. S. Moore, Asbury Burke, W. G. Koons, W. R. Mowbray, Z. H. Webster, and D. H. Corkran, as his assistants. C. A. Grise was re-elected Conference treasurer, with L. A. C. Gerry, Esq., and Revs.

Rev. P. H. Rawlins, W. B Walton, re-elected Conference stewards.

Dr. Homer Eaton, Agent of the

On motion of A. D. Davis, J. F. Carpenter was elected Conference postmaster.

From Presiding Elder France's report we learn, that the Easton district. extending from Middletown, Del, to Oxford, Md., has 80 churches, in 36 pastoral charges, with 6156 members and 7610 Sunday-school scholars. There are 31 regular pastors, and 5 supplies. The preachers have done faithful work, and for the benevolent collections, all have done what they could.

Salisbury district, as including Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties in Maryland, and Accomac and North-

Bishop Andrews announced the following transfers to the Wilmington Conference; George W. Todd, a probationer from the Philadelphia Conferance; Frank Fletcher, a deacon of the first year, from the West Virginia Conference; Rev. J. S. Moore, transferred from the New Jersey Conference: Rev. F. F. Tabler, from the Cincinnati Conference; and Rev. Edward Freeman from the East Maine Conference.

On motion of T. E. Martindale, a resolution of condolence was adopted in reference to the affliction of Bishop Presiding Elder Ayres, reported John F. Hurst, in the sudden death of his wife.

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## MY KINGDOM.

## A Not Infrequent Case.

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A little kingdom I possess, Where thoughts and feelings dwell, And very hard I find the task Of governing it well: For passion tempts and troubles me, A wayward will misleads, And selfishness its shadow casts

And selfishness its shadow casts On all my words and deeds.

How can I learn to rule myself, To be the child I should, Honest and brave, nor ever tire Of trying to be good? How can I keep a sunny soul To shine along life's way? How can I tune my little heart To sweetly sing all day?

Dear Father, help me with the love That casteth out my fear; Teach me to lean on Thee, and feel That Thou art very near; That no temptation is unseen, No childish grief too small, Since Thou, with patience infinite, Doth soothe and comfort all.

I do not ask for any crown But that which all may win, Nor seek to conquer any world Except the one within. Be Thou my guide until I find, Led by a tender hand,

Thy happy kingdom in myself. And dare to take command, —Louisa M. Alcott.

Rock of Ages.

On board the ill-fated steamer Seawanhaka, was one of the Fisk University singers. Before leaving the burning steamer and committing himself to the merciless waves, he carefully fastened upon himself and wife life preservers. Some one cruelly dragged away that of the wife, leaving her without hope except as she could cling to her husband. This she did, placing her hands firmly on his shoulders, and resting there until, her strength becoming exhausted, she said, "I can hold on no longer." "Try a little longer," was the response of the weary and agonized husband; "let us sing 'Rock of Ages." And as the sweet strains floated over those troubled waters, reaching the ears of the sinking and dying, little did they know, those sweet singers of Israel, who they comforted. But lo! as they sung, one after another of those exThe Rev. Smith Baker, D. D., has thus interestingly told the story of his childhood yearaing after a Christian life. It is pitiable to again observe in this life-like story the neglect on the part of the pastors and Christian workers of the cry of children for some one to lead them to Christ or, more properly, to convince them that they are indeed Christians:

"When a child, until I was twelve years old, I used to pray every daynot as a Christian, but as one who was to become a Christian; just as some Christians now pray-not as saved souls, but as those who expect to be saved. At about twelve years of age I had deep convictions of sin, and went home from meeting many times to pray and cry by myself because I was such a sinner. Once I went to see my aged pastor, but had not the courage to tell what I came for and he had not perception to see that I was troubled. I think if some one had then spoken to me of Christ, I should have found light; but it was not the way in those days. I decided then to live a Christian life, and though the intensity of my convictions passed away, I did not find light, peace or hope, or think I was a Christian, though I was as fully determined to live a Christian life as ever afterwards. I know now that I was looking for some marvelous experience such as I heard others relate. Thus for four years though I made no confession of my purpose, I lived expecting and waiting for the time to come when I should be converted. I think if at any time during those four years my pastor had invited me to confess Christ, I should have done so."--Petersburg Christian Advocate.

Among the many hoped for results of the Pan American deliberations is the adoption of some plan for settling all disputes—particularly among the Spanish-American republics—by arbitration. The voluntary renunciation of BOOK & BINDING.

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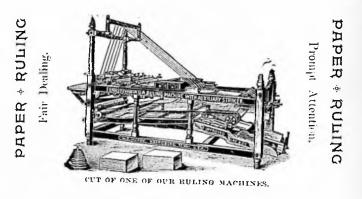
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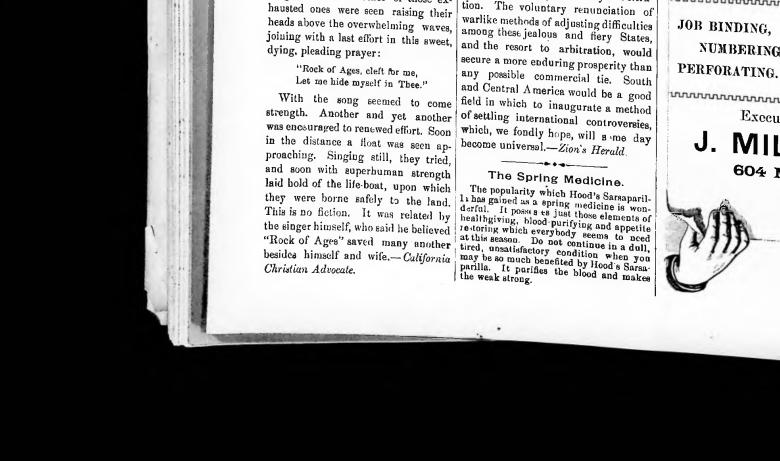
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#### Use The Word.

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Paul calls the Word of God "the sword of the Spirit." To conquer souls for Christ, the Spirit must have His sword, that he may!thrust them through. By the Word of God souls are converted.

1. They are awakened. Many a one has been aroused to a sense of danger in his wanderings from God by remembering the words of the Book. He has had to say with the Psalmist: 'I have gone astray like a lost sheep: seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.' From light thus received, he could say later, "I thought on my ways and turned my feet into thy testimonies."

The great revival in Nehemiah's day was brought about by the study of the law. "And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God one fourth part of the day, and another fourth part they confessed and worshipped the Lord their God." Paul seems to have had in view the potency of this "sword of the Spirit" when he wrote to the Hebrews, "The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." For the awakening of souls let us depend on Scripture truth.

2. By the Word of God penitents are shown the Saviour. In "dealing" with seekers of Christ, nothing is better than the word of the Bible. When the noble Bereans were awakened by the preaching of Paul and Silas they "searched the Scriptures daily whether these things were so." The result was, many were brought to Christ. Apollos was a most successful evangelist for he was "mighty in the Scri, tures." 'He mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ." Salvation through the atonement is the central vital thought of the Bible, for to the Redeemer "give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." When Christ taught the two on their way to Emmaus "beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scrip tures the things concerning himself." John declares his part of the Sacred Record to have been written "that ye might believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have life through His name." 3. Through the Word of God souls are saved. Peter enjoins that we be oorn again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." Jesus said, "He that receiveth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not

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come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." David said, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." James urges that we "receive with meekness the ingrafted word which is able to save our souls." souls." sik; a "model bodice" for those who feel that some sort of a substitute for a waist is indispensable; a cotton or pongee union garment, or "chemilette," which can be as daintily trimmed as the owner wishes; the "divided skirt," made of flannel in winter and of cot

We who have given ourselves to God for the salvation of the world must be people of one Book. Its truth uttered in demonstration of the Spirit and with His power is our one hope for the salvation of sinners.

Among many instances of the power of the Word of God to save souls, two come to my thought,-two that occur ed among Romanists, who, Satan would make us believe, are the hardest of all to reach. Capellini, pastor of the Soldiers' Church in Rome, doing a work that seemed to me the most pro mising of broad results of all that I saw in Italy, Capellini was converted through reading of some leaves of the New Testament that he picked up from the ground one day. I heard Mr. Piggott uperintendent of the Wesleyan Mis sions in Rome, speak of a young man who received a Bible from his teacher, an evangelist. He was delighted with the book, and talked with his mother about his teachings. She told him that it reminded her of one that his father had dearly loved to read, and that he had given her at his death as his choicest treasure. She had confessed to the priest that she had this wonderful book, and he had tried to get it, but she hid it in a drawer where no one could find it; then she read it secretly, and found comfort in her sorrow. The priest made many efforts to get it away from her but she outwitted him; and now, taking it from its hiding place, she found that it was the same that the Wesleyan teacher had given her son. "My husband gave me the Book," she exclaimed with joy, "and my son helped me to find Christ in its pages!"-Jennie Fowler Willing, in New York Witness.

"The gospel of dress" is wisely and efficiently expounded by Annie Jenness Miller, whose efforts in the direction of healthful and beautiful dressing for women have been rewarded with remarkable success. Regular exercise for the body, daily baths, and Mrs. Miller's system of correct dressing, will transform many a depressed, devitalized woman from a mere bundle of nerves into a vigorous specimen of womanhood radiant with health and vitality, "But I should fall to pieces without my corsets," gasps Phyllis. Try it and see, my dear girl. Mrs. Miller's plan is so simple that none can fail to uderstand it. A union Jersey-fitting undergarment, clothing the body from neck to ankles, made of wool, cotton and wool, balbriggan, or

feel that some sort of a substitute for a waist is indispensable; a cotton or pongee union garment, or "chemilette," which can be as daintily trimmed as the owner wishes; the "divided skirt," made of flannel in winter and of cot ton or pongee in summer; and all dresses made on the "gown form," which is, a lining of silesia or silk to which the drapery of the skirt is attached, so that no weight falls up on the hips, the dress always hangs perfectly. and the inevitable sagging away of the belt from the basque is prevented. Whether one adopts this entire system of hygienic dressing or not, the "gown form" at least can be used, with decided benefit. From six months' experience with the Jenness-Miller garments, Aunt Serena can confidently advise her readers to at least investigate the subject. Grace and harmony, comfort and health, follow in the train of this new evangel of dress.—Aunt Serena in Zion's Herald.

Fourteen young ministers appointed to attend school! That is well. The Conference will lose their services for a year or two, but will gain in their gathered strength for the coming years.—Michigan Advocate.

If your goodness was a little more cheery and genial, it would be much more acceptable. -Zions Herald.

When Dancing is Wrong.

If you are wise, if you hope that the future holds much for you, you will learn to be particular as to your partner in dancing. Dance with no man with whom you have only a ball-room acquaintance, and if you really are anxious to gain the respect of the people in your own set, you will number among partners only your own brothers, or some very intimate friends.

It's all very well to say there is no harm in dancing. There isn't. But there is harm in baving about you, a sweet, pure girl, kept as much as possible from the wickedness of the world, the arm of a man who may be a profligate, and not possess the first instinct ILMINGTON, DEL. of a gentle. He may, as you say, dance divinely, but even for a partner in a round dance, more than that is necessary. My little girl, dancing indiscriminately, will teach you to forget how to blush, and with that knowledge departs one of your greatest charms. Dance, sing and be merry, but remember, young ladies, not only does the world judge us by the company we keep, but just as you and I are made better and nobler by being with those who are true and good, so we are insensibly made meaner and poorer in heart and brain when we consort with those of less degree in morals.-The Ladies' Home Journal.

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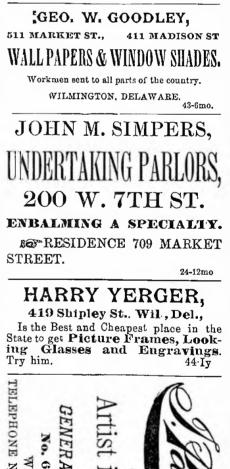
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The committee, to whom was referred Dr. Young's plan for apportioning the benevolent collections, made a report recommending its adoption, and the appointment of a committee consisting of the presiding elders and one layman from each district, to carry it into effect. Dr. Young was invited to speak in explanation of his plan. Three principles, he said, were essential to any really effective plan; (1), It must be educational, (2), it must be equitable, and (3) it must provide for largest pres ent results, and for a steady growth of increase. The Doctor claims, that his plan combines these essentials.

Dr. J. W. Mendenhall, of the Methodist Review, made a telling address in behalf of that bi monthly periodical; its subscription list is larger, than ever before; though an official organ, it is independent in its utterances; it is Methodistic, in Church polity and theology; it is orthodox, as Wesley, as our fathers, as our catechism, as our Discipline; and as the Scriptures are.

Higher criticism is of two kindsconservative and destructive. In Germany a re-action from rationalism has set in, and a revival of evangelical religion.

No Methodist minister can afford to be without The Review.

Dr. Clark, assistant editor of the Christian Advocate, N. Y., spoke briefly of the claims of that paper, after which Dr. Geo. E. Reed of Dickinson College made a cheering report of the condition of that venerable institution.

Bishop Thomas Bowman came in near the close of the session, and taking his place upon the platform, was greeted with applause.

Rev. Drs. Rudisill and Myers, of the Baltimore Conference, Rev. Dr. S. W. Thomas and Rev. J. F. Meredith of the Philadelphia Conference and Rev. J. Warthman of the New Jersey Con-

of sympathy and co-operation was adopted. Prof. A. Rittenhouse of Dickinson College, Prof. J. B. Van Meter, of the

Woman's College. Baltimore, Rev. H. L. Steves, of Utah, Rev. W. W. Moffett, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society for New Jersey and Delaware, and Dr. F. J. Wagner, of Morgan College, Baltimore, (formerly Collegiate Institute) were introduced. Drs. VanMeter and Wagner made brief addresses in advocacy of their schools. Prof. Rittenhouse spoke in reference to the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, and Secretary Moffict, and Rev. Myers, on the Bible Society. The order of the day, voting on the question of equal lay and ministerial delegates in the General Conference, was taken up, and after brief debate, Revs. J. B. Quigg and J. L. Houston

against, and Revs. J. T. VanBurkalow and J. S. Willis, and Joseph Pyle, Esq., and Prof H. S Goldey in favor of it, the ballot was aken, and the proposition was approved by a vote of 77 for it to 51 against it. This we be lieve, is the first Conference as yet that has given an affirmative vote.

A ballot was had for nominees to the Ecumenical Conference of 1891. and Drs. Jacob Todd and W. L. S. Murray were elected as clerical delegates, and Joseph Pyle and J. S. Willia as lay delegates.

Dr. G. W. Gray, assistant corres ponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, addressed the Conference, outlining the great work that our Church is doing for the uplift of the ignorant whites and blacks of the South. We have already twelve educational centres, nine for the colored people and three for the whites, with nearly thirty academies as feeders for these colleges, in all of which there is the same preparatory course of study. During the year there have been 328 teachers and 8000 pupils in these schools; 5000 negroes and 3000 whites. In Athens, Tenn, and Chai tanooga, Ga., 56 miles apart there are two institutions consolidated under one administration as Grant Memorial University with 15 academies around it. These poor and uneducated whites are the children of those loyal Southerners, who in the late rebellion volunteered to the number of 150,000, for the defence of the Union under the National flag. There are now 80,000 of these people loyal members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This work is all important; over \$221,000 were spent in it last year; we need \$500,000. All our Bishops endorse it, as second in importance to no other. APPORTIONMENT. V. S. Collins objected to the amount

his pastoral charge. A resolution of ference, as too large, and unfairly disproportionate to the amounts apportioned to Southern Conferences. While he approved of the work of the Society, and was ready to do what he could to raise funds for its support, he insisted upon a more equitable distribution of the proposed tax among the Conferences.

Dr. Gray explained that the apportionments were made by the Board on the basis of the missionary contributions of the several Conferences; and as the amount asked for was about onefourth of the total collection for missions, each Conference was asked to raise for this Society, one-fourth as much as it raised for missions.

When it is considered that the col lection for missions represents the su preme effort of pastor and people on the line of benevolent contributions, a demand for one fourth as much for one, among the half dozen other collections, does seem excessive. Last year the Conference raised \$1,767 for the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society, and it will require an advance on that, of nearly \$1000, to raise even one-half the proposed tax.

We think this whole mater of appo tionment is rapidly growing to be a insufferable abuse. While there may be no good objection, to any wise and acquitable plan, by which some assistance may be given to the people, to estimate their share in raising a specified amount for 'the benevolent enterprises of the Caurch," the attempt to exact any such prescribed sum, by making it a matter of "honor" and standing for the pastor and his church, is most odi ous, as the most offensive sort of taxation. It has been our boast for a centnry, that our Church is .upported by the voluntary contributions of its members and friends. At the rate we are moving in the direction of enforced demands, it will not be long before the voluntary method will be entirely superseded by the tax levy. Dr. Gray said, when the fairly and fully presents the cause before his people, his duty is done, and the responsibility rests with them; but this is very different, from what most of our pastors find it necessary to do, in order to obtain the amount demanded, on the penalty of professional discredit, and sundry other disabilities. Unless there be a speedy reform in this matter, we fear there will be a serious reaction to the great detrimen; of our work. Unwise methods and unholy motives can never be permanently effective in developing the prosperity of the churches. The "love of Christ constraineth us" was the affirmation, by which St. Paul explained the mystery of his self-denying zeal and devotion.

ur best, for his cause and shall find he tle occasion to be concerned about receiving "honor, one of another," but will earnestly seek that, "which cometh from God only.'

On motion of R. W. Todd, a reselu. tion was adopted, expressing the judg. ment, that Conference committees of arrangements hereafter shall provide for special alternoon or evening meet. ings, at which official and unofficial visitors shall be invited to present the clains of the various enterprises they represent, so as not to interfere with the business of Conference.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29.

After a halt-hour's devotional exercises led by B. C. Warren, the following brethren, who had been on trial two years, were admitted into full connection; their proficiency in conference studies, and their efficiency in the work of the ministry, being reported as entirely satisfactory, by the committees of examination; G. Patchen Smith, Wm. Sheers, George T. Alderson, John F. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, Wm P. Compton, Wesley W. Chaires, Warren Burr, Charles P. Swain, John R. Todd, Joshua W. Gray Thomas L. Price, Edward Freeman, and Thomas F. Tabler.

John Jones, who came to us from the Primitive Methodists, some two years ago, was discontinued at his own request.

After a speech by Prof. S. F. Upham, on Drew Theological Seminary; Bishop Bowman delivered an impressive address, on the character and work of an itinerant Methodist munister, emphasizing a real Christian experience, not only of regenerating grace, but also of that perfect love which casteth out fear; the Divine call to the ministry; the steady growth in knowledge and character, to qualify for leadership; the laying aside of undue care as to the amount of salaries, or the kind of appointments; and pastoral visitation and the circulation of Methodist books and periodicals. The Bishop closed, with insisting on careful attention to children, and entire consecration of all our powers to the one work. The usual questions were answered satisfactorily; the entire class promising "to abstain wholly from the use of tobacco."

terence were introduced.

The effective elders on Salisbury district were then called, and their collections announced.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28. Devotional exercises were led by A. Smith; at their close Rev. W. W. Evans, D. D., pastor of the M. E. Church in Carlisle, Pa., was introduced, and presented the special claims of that church upon the patronizing conferences in view of its relation to Dickinson College. Dr. Evans aims to raise money enough to build a first class edifice in that ancient town, equal to the best in the Cumberland Valley, and for the sake of the young men and women we send to the College, pleads

Melvin D Nutter, Geo. W. Bounds, Aloysius Green, Eben Welch, W. K. Galloway, Trusten P. Smoot, John E. Frankland, and James W. Fogle, were elected to deacon's orders.

Lewis E. Andrews' application for the restoration of his credentials, was granted.

Wm. P. Taylor, a student in Dickinwomen we send to the Conege, please apportioned to the Wilmington Con- fiame, we shall always be ready to do elected to elder's orders; Asbury Burke son College was continued on trial.

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Geo. E. Wood, Wm. W. Sharp, Wm. R Mowbray, Wm. W. Johnson, Han ry S. Dulany, W. G. Koons. C T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse, J. S Moore, Harvey W. Ewing, G. W. Bowman, Wm. R. Sears, and W. W. Chaires.

W. W. Morgan, a local deacon from Concord, Del., was elected to elder's orders.

J. H. Willey, C. A. Grise, J. T. Van Burkalow, and C. W. Prettyman, were re-elected trustees of Conference Academy, in Dover, Del.

Rev. T E. Terry, presented report of the trustees of the Academy; show ing gross receipts for the year, \$15,550 81; expenditures, \$13,243 19; net pro fits, \$2307.62; one third of which, \$769.20, is appropriated to the trustees Insurance and interest have been paid, and the bonded debt, reduced \$200

Dr. W. L. Gooding, Principal, made a brief address, emphasizing the im portance of the early erection of a Ladies' Hall.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30.

About 1000 people crowded Avenue M. E. Church, last Sunday morning, and very many others attempted in vain to find an entrance. The Couference love-feast at 9 o'clock, under the direction of Rev. T. E. Mortindale was an occasion of great interest and strong religious emotion.

Bishop Bowman preached in the main audience 100m, from the words "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Ps. 34-3; while Rev. Dr. J. H. Caldw-ll preached to an overflowing congregation in the lecture room from the words "In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee," Ex. 20-24.

The Bishop's sermon was an inter esting resume of facts, illustrating the marvelous growth of our country, and of the Church, during the past fifty years, a period covered by his own itinerant ministry.

After the sermon, the following were ordained deacons: G. Patchen Smith. C ... T. A11..... T.) TI A

Sears, J. S. Moore, Wesley W. Chaires and W. W. Morgan. At 3 30 p. m., the W. C. T. U., held

its anniversary, Miss Margaret Hilles presiding, and Mrs. J. K. Barney making an address.

At 8 p. m., the missionary anniversary was held, Thomas Mallalieu presiding; addresses by Rev. J. D. Rigg, and Dr. A. B. Leonard, corresponding secretary of the Parent Missionary Society. In the Mission Chapel, the Sunday-

school, Peter F. Causey, Esq., superin tendent, was addressed by Revs. H. L. Steves, Andrew Manship, and J. H. Howard, and F. B. Clegg, Esq.

In the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. L. Bunstein, pastor, Rev. H. L. Steves of Utah, preached in the morving; Revs. W. J. DuHadway and T. L. Price addressed the Sunday-school in the afternoon; and Dr. Jacob Todd preached at night, to an overflowing congregation.

Rev. E. S Mace preached in the Baptist church in the morning, and R.v. Frank Fletcher at night.

In the M E. Church (colored) Rev. A. M uship preached in the morning, R v. W. W. Redman, in the afternoon, and Rev. A. D. Davis at night. Several white persons attended the evening service; among them, Dr. J H Spams of Wilmington, Rev. T. N Given of the Conference, and the editor of THE PENINSULA METHODIST.

The singing by the choir of the Avenue M E. Church was exceedingly fine, adding greatly to the pleasure of the services.

MONDAY, MARCH 31. Rev. H. S. Thompson, led the halfhour devotions.

John W. Geisler, a probationer of two years, with leave to attend school in Boston University, was reported as having been transferred to the New Eugland Southern Conference.

Rev. H. S. Bunstein, of the Milford Presbyterian Church, and Dr. S. L. Gracy, of the New England Conference and formerly a member of this body, affliction.

but few of the charges giving less than the amount apportioned to them. P. H. Rawlins presented the report

of the Board of Stewards, and it was adopted. The receipts are as follows: \$5,513 00

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From Conference Collections, Book Concern. Chartered fund, Bates' mortgage Riddle legacy Centenary fund, Anniversary collection,

Total By districts, as follows: Wilmington, Easton, Dover, Salisbury,

Total This shows an increase in the Conference collections of \$94, over the

amount reported last year. The endowment fund was augmented, by cash and subscriptions at the anniversary, Friday evening, to the amount of \$500.

Of Rev. Jay Benson Hamilton, D. D., of the New York East Conference, who made a most earnest and pathetic appeal in behalf of itinerant veterans, and the widows and orphans of those who have died, in his address at the anniversary, the report says:

"We would express our gratification at hearing the Rev. J. Benson Hamilton; and appreciate his very earnest appeal in the interests of the veterans, who have given their life work to the church."

Appreciative reference was also made to Cupt. Alexander Kelley, of this city, "who has for so many years faithfully performed the duties of treasurer of the Board of Stewards, and we would assure him, in his affliction, of our sincere and earnest prayers in his behalf."

Capt. Kelley, though in very feeble health, made the journey to Milford, and tendered his resignation in person, as one of the lay stewards of the Conference.

The moneys in hand were divided among seven superannuates, twentythree wid, ws, five supernumeraries, and one effective preacher in special schools by the United States Government. There are at present, 50,000 children among them of school age; and of these there are 12,000 now in school.

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The Doctor told us, the actual cost of administering our missions was but one cent and six mills on the dollar.

In closing, Dr. Leonard paid a most glowing tribute to Bishop William Taylor, the heroic leader of the Church in its advance into the Dark Continent comparing him with Stanley, the great African explorer, as directing the attention of the Christian world to the redemption of Africa.

F. B. Clegg, Agent of the Philadelphia Methodist Book Store, was introduced, and made a few remarks.

The presiding elder of Dover district having called attention to the fact, that the Female Seminary in Cambridge, Md., might be purchased by the Conference, and fitted up in good style at a comparatively small expense, and suggested the appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of making such a purchase, J. D. Kemp moved the appointment of such a committee with power to act. After a discussion, in which J. B. Quigg, C. W. Prettyman, R. H. Adams, and T. E. Terry argued against the motion, and A. Smith and presiding elder Wilson in favor of it, the motion was laid upon the table by an almost unanimous vote. Dr. S. L. Gracey took leave of the Conference in a few kindly words of greeting and adieu.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 2.30 p.m.; C. W. Prettyman, leading the devotions. The collection for C. J. Hammett was announced as amounting to \$137.96. The list of superannuates was called, and their relation continued as follows: James L. Houston, Wilmington, Del., A. A. Fisher, Federalsburg, Md.; George Barton, Church Hill, Md.; John Allen, 125 Berkley Place, Brook. lyn, N. Y., George A. Phoebus, 55 Third Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., James Esgate, 216 Oxford, St., Portland, and

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t	he service by reading the lessons.	was made the order of the day, for		Del., J. W. Poole, Farmington, Del.,
	At 2 p. m., the Sunday school met,		Society, was introduced, and addressed	A. T. Melvin, Chestertown, Md., and
٤	and Revs. E. L. Hubbard, and J. S.		•	O. S. Walton, Red Lion, Del., and C.
1	loore, made addresses, after which, a	Dover district was called, and there		J. Hammett.
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8	s follows; Geo. E. Wood, Asbury	his report; after which the names of	extension of our Missionary work, Dr.	T. Coursey, and Zach. H. Webster,
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## The Sunday School. LESSON FOR SUNDAY, APRIL, 6th, 1890.

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Luke 6: 27-38. BY REV. W. O. HOLWAY, U. S. N. [Adapted from Zion's Herald.]

## CHRIST'S LAW OF LOVE.

GOLDEN TEXT : "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them like wise" (Luke 6: 31).

27. I say unto you .- Our Lord here sets His personal authority against the teaching of the scribes. The "I" is emphatic. Unto you which hear-to every docile, receptive hearer. Love your enemics .- The scribes taught, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor," in accordance with Lev. 19: 18; but had construed such texts as Deut. 7: 2; 23: 6; 1 Chron. 20: 3, so as to teach hatred of enemies. Says Farrar: "On these passages the fierce fanaticism of the Pharasaic Jews after the Exile, had so exclusively fed, that we find the Talmud ringing with precepts of hatred the most bitter against all Gentiles; and the ancients had, not nnnatural ly, been led to the conclusion that detestation of all but Jews was a part of the Jewish religion." Our Lord's teaching was revolutionary on this point. Hatred had no place in His scheme. Enemies are not to be tolerated merely; they are to be loved, blessed, prayed for, kindly treated-even those who maltreat and injure us. Do good to then which hate you-so St. Paul in Rom. 12: 20; "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink,"

28, 29. Bless them that curse you-a most difficult precept for human nature, and yet commending itself to every conscience. For what will so surely and speedily extinguish that spirit of hatred in an enemy which vents itself in cursing us as to confront it meekly and kindly with words of blessing? Pray for them which despitefully use youwho coarsely, maliciously insult or injure you. "St. Luke alone records our Lord's prayer for his murderers (23: 34), from which St. Stephen learnt his (Acts 7: 60) (Farrar).

28. Unto him that smitch thee .- Our Lord cites the most ordinary and brutal of the manifestations of hatred, and shows that love must endure and conquer both. Offer also the other-the very sublimity of forbearance. Don't strike back when struck. Be so meek that you will be ready to expose the other cheek to the stinging blow. Him that taketh away thy cloak, etc.- Not merely endure personal affronts and violence, but even depredations on property. Love, surely, could stand no severer strain than these sentences require, and though they are imperfectly kept in ordinary Christian living, although they are daily violated by the followers of the Meek and Lowly One, we must remember that His personal exhibition of them has vanquished the world, has won the admiration of even skeptics, and that the more we are filled with His Spirit, the nearer we come to obeying them

appetite. Our Father himself, does not al ways give what we ask for, and He is our model in these matters. The precept inculcates habitual unselfishness and liberality. Its spirit, says Farrar, "is large-handed but thoughtful charity. Love must some times violate the letter, as the only way of observing the spirit (Matt. 15: 26; 20: 23)." Of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again-Better lose all things than lose love. One who possesses this spirit, will not be despoiled. The late Earl of Shaftesbury had his watch stolen from him in one of his beneficent excursions among the poor of London. It was promptly returned to him with an apology when it was learned from whom it was stolen Thieves and criminals of every kind respected one who was always giving himself to them.

31. As ye would-a rule rightly called the Golden, seeing that it sums up in 9 brief, compact precept the preceding teachings, and defines the duty of loving our neighbor as ourself. Do ye also to them -- do ye after the same manner. To determine your conduct toward others, act precisely towards them as you would like to have them act towards yon. Put yourself mentally in the situation of your neighbor, and then ask how you might reasonably expect hir to behave towards you, if he were exactly in your situation. This rule, carried out, would lead to universal justice, truth, goodness, gentleness, compassion, beneficence, forgiveness and candor." Similar maxims in a negative form are found in heathen ethics, and in the writings of Jewish doctors; but nowhere else do we find the rule expressed with such clearness and with such sanctions

32-34. If you love them which love you -In these verses our Lord teaches the distinctiveness and disinterestedness of Christian love as compared with the worldly standard or custom. Sinners have their code. If they are loved or kindly treated, they retaliate in kind. They keep a sort of debit and credit account with one another. If they are loved, they love; if hated, they hate. Very different this from the Christian feeling which keeps no balance sheet, and gives, hoping for nothing in return.

35. Love your enemies-not merely your friends. Lend, hoping for nothing againneither interest nor principal. This precept hard as it looks, was exceeded in the early days of the church when the disciples, in the rapture of their love, sold their possessions, that all might share alike. The words, "boping for nothing again," are rendered "never despairing" in R. V.; in other words "never growing weary of well-doing," or 'never regarding any as hopelessly lost." Reward shall be great - in the superior blessedness of giving; in the "good measure" returned to the giver (see verse 38); in becoming more and more like the Great Giver. Shall be the children of the Highest (R. V.; "sons of the Most High") -who is the great Example of disinterested giving. Kind unto the unthankful and in the spring the blood be thoroughly renothe evil-making His sup to shine and His rain to fall upon the evil as well as the good (Matt. 5: 45). 'While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." 36. Be ye merciful, as your Father also etc -in the corresponding passage in Matthew "Be ye perfect," i. e., in love; he imitators 37. Judge not.-Refrain from barsh, hasty, uncharitable criticiam, or condem-

derous, or backbiting. Ye shall not be judged.-Others will not judge yon in turn; and not only this, God will not judge you for rash and unkind judgments of others. Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven-(R. V. "release, and ye shall be released").-See the parables of the Debtors (Matt. 18: 23 - 35).

38. Give, and it shall be given unto you .-You cannot beggar yourself; God will take care of that. Good measure, pressed downmetaphorical of the harvest of disinterested love. Sow love and you will reap love. Into your bosom-the fold of the robe above the girdle which answered for the modern pocket. With the same measure that ye mete, etc.-a reminder of the style of equity which exists in this world, in which severity provokes severity, and kindness provokes kindness.

#### The Human Blood-Its Composition and Purpose.

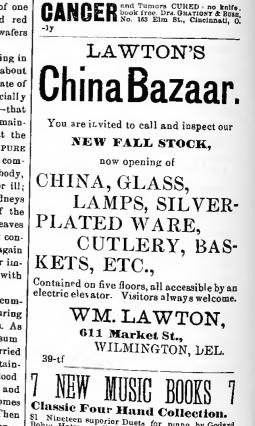
The blood, as it exists in its natural condition in the human system, is a thick, opaque fluid, varying in color from bright scarlet in the arteries to a dark purple in the veins. There is contained in it, small round, fat, living bodies, called blood disks, or corpuscles. These are of two kindsred and white, of the proportion of one white globule to about three hundred red ones. The corpuscles are thin like wafers or coins.

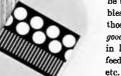
The entire quantity of blood existing in he body of an adult is estimated at about 18 pounds. It is upon the healthy state of the corpuscies of the blood-especially those which are, or should be, red-that the normal condition of the body is maintained. It is important, first, that the blood should be kept in a PERFECTLY PURE and healthy condition, because, as it communicates with all the organs in the body, it must affect them either for good or ill; and second, it is important that the kidneys and liver, those organs which carry off the impurities, or refuse which the blood leaves with them, should be kept in healthy condition. If they are not the blood again absorbs or takes up its own refuse or imparities and soon becomes permeated with the germs of dangerous disease.

Even under the most favorable circumstances, the blood becomes impure during the winter season-from various causes. As we do not perspire as freely as in the sum mer, impurities, which should be carried off turough the pores of the skin are retained in the system and absorbed by the blood BAD VENTILATION, lack of fresh air, and abundance of carbonic acid gas in our homes also impoverish and poison the blood. Then has reached this position of the people's favorite spring medicine, simply because it does all that is claimed for it. It contains those curative properties which are known to medical science as powerful in removing poisonous impurities from the blood, and by their tonic effect to fully restore the waste tissues and give strength in place of weak. ness and debility.

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30. Give to every one, etc.-not to fellowdisciples merely. This precept is also to be taken in its spirit or essence, rather than its strict literalness. For if we obey it of "the Father of Mercies." without judgment, we should foster imposture and idleness and vice. The drunkard might quote these words when he wanted nation of the acts or characters of those

to extort money to satisfy his degrading around you; do not be censorious, or slan-

during the winter, the natural tendency 18 to eat more freely of fat, heat producing food, which overtaxes the stomach and has a depressing effect upon the system generally, causing bilionsness, sick headache, dyspepsia, and "that tired feeling."

vated and purified and the whole system toned and given strength to withstand the debilitating effect of changing seasons and

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## Temperance.

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

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

#### The Drink.

A dreadful milldam explosion occured last week in Arizona, near Prescott, in which many were drowned. The catastrophe is not to be compared to the one in Johnstown, Pa., last May. The causes were the same in both. A large reservoir on the hills was overfilled by inundating rains, and the sudden bursting of walls caused a wave "100 feet high" to rush down the valley and drown its victims. It is said that two messengers were sent in ad vance of the flood to warn people below. These paused at saloons, and became too druuk to fly forward and do their duty. The story is vivid, and is sure to point a moral. Many hundreds of people on railways, steamers and elsewhere are murdered through the neglect or otherwise of drunkards into whose incompetent hands are placed responsibilities which would be discharged properly were it not for liquor. If any opponent of prohibition had had a family in that valley in Arizona whose safety depended on the faithfulness of a messenger, and if the latter had been exposed to the wiles of a saloon on his way to the endaugered family, we are sure that that father would have been in favor of strict and unrelenting prohibition on that awful day until the messenger had done his fateful duty. That very issue is in force as long as there is a single human being in danger in any place in all this world. It ought not to require selfish personal peril to bring the point into just sight. It would seem that every railway and steamer company ought to rigidly prohibit the use of liquor while say, may not be weep? Yea, cry; cry public officers are on duty, and it for joy !- Sel. would be natural to prohibit the sale of liquor while on duty. In other words, he who drinks and he who sells should be under the common carrier's eye, so that no miscarriage and calama bright little girl of eleven summers. ity may take place. All men will see She was from Halifax, N. S., and said this more clearly some day -W W. she attended the Baptist Sunday Christian Advocate. school.

My first thought was, where is the train that can bear me swift enough to the cell? How can I tell him? The man will die if I tell him, so great will be the revulsion. He has died so to speak. He is dead in law. And he is already in the bitterness of death. So, with life in my hand, I stand before the victim in his cell. His face is wan. His vacant eyes have no tears, but are red, and look as if they had burned down in their sockets. His wife had just been carried out from the last separation, seemingly a corpse, unconscious of the last kiss which he had impressed on her lips. The orphans, after their wretched farewell, were crying over the motionless form of their mother. "My man, can you read ?"

"Yes."

"Would you like your life?"

"Sir," he replied, "do not trifle with me."

"But life is sweet-is it not?"

"Sir, I would rather you would not speak to me."

"But would you not like me to procure your life?"

"It is of no use, sir; I am justly condemned. I'm a dead man."

"But the Governor could give you your life?'

He looks inquiringly at me, but is silent."

"Can you read this?"

And now his eyes are directed to the paper. As he intently read, putting my arm around his shoulders, I said:

"There, my poor fellow, there is your life!"

No sooner had I uttered the words than he dropped down at my feet. It was more than he could bear.

What! when a man to whom a reprieve is announced, granting him a few more years of natural life, falls down as dead, may not a sinner, who finds he is not to be lost, but that on believing he is saved-he has Christ, and Heaven, and everlasting life-I

The Way to Do It.

"How many girls are there in your

"What do you mean by sixteen now?"

"Oh, sir, one year ago there were

"We three agreed to keep asking

"There are sixteen now."

"How did you grow so fast?"

class?'

our class, and now we have sixteen." Brave, useful little girls, to increase their number from three to sixteen, and how many other Sun lay school classes might be multiplied did other scholars d) the same thing, keep asking everybody who does not belong to some other class to join theirs. Constantly inviting, that's the way to do it.

## The Disobedient Quails.

Mr. and Mrs. Quail lived with their large family of children in a pretty house in the woods. One day Mrs. Quail had to go into the village on business, and, as their father had gone to work, it left the children all alone. Before going, their mother told the children not to leave the house, because there were hunters in the neighborhood, and they would be sure to be killed if they went out. But no soorer was their mother out of sight, than one of the children, whom we will call Harry, said to his brothers and sisters: "Come, let us take a walk." But his brother Tom said: "No, mother told us not to leave the house." But all the other children wanted to go, and so they all went but Tom. They had not gone very far when they came to a stream, and, while standing there looking in, they heard footsteps behind them, and they started to run. They had not run very far, when they were all shot down but Harry, who was taken and put in a cage. And he often thought, while in this cage, how happy he would have been if he had only obeyed his mother and brother. And so it is with disobedient children, as well as quails, they always get into trouble and make their parents sad. Children, obey your parents, and you will always be happy .-- Christian Advocate.





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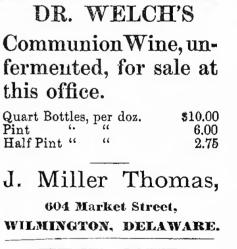
KISSED ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE. 'You scoundrel," yelled young Jacob Green At his good neighbor Brown,--'You kissed my wife upon the street,--I ought to knock you down."

"That's where you're wrong," good Brown replied, In accents mild and meek; "I kissed her; that I've not denied But I kissed her on the check-

"I kissed her; that I've het dented But I kissed her; that I've het dented some – the very picture of beauty and health. What is the secret of it?" "Well," replied Green, "since you ask it, I will tell you; she uses Dr. Pierce's Fa-vorite Prescription. I accept your apolo-gy. Good night." An unhealthy woman is rarely, if ever, beautiful. The peculiar diseases to which so many of the sex are subject, are prolific causes of pale, sallow faces, dull, lustreless eyes and emaciated forms. Women so afflicted, can be permanently cured by using Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription; and with the restoration of health comes that beauty which, combined with good qualities of head and heart, makes women angels of loveliness.

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A man, convicted and sentenced to death, was lying in our State prison. On Monday, all unexpectedly, I was only three of us." summoned to take him his life! I had obtained a reprieve for that man-a paper signed by our gracious Governor every little girl we saw,, who did not go giving him back his forfeited life! somewhere else, if she would come into

Tramp, tramp, tramp in the drunkard's way March the feet of a million men; If none shall pity and none shall save Where will the march tley are making end? A minister writes: Riding in the The young, the strong, the old are there cars the other day I found a seat with

In we ful ranks as they hurry past, With not a moment to think or care, What is the fate that comes at last.

Tramp, tramp, tramp to a drunkard's doom Out of hoyhood pure and fair-Over the thoughts of a love and home-Past the check of a mother's prayer; Onward swift to a drunkard's crime, Over the plea of a wife and child, Over the holiest ties of time-Reason dethroned and soul gone wild.

Tramp, tramp, tramp tilla drunkard's grave Covers the broken life of shame-Wnilst the spirit Jesus died to save Meets a future we dare not name. God help us all, there's a cross to bear And work to do for the mighty throng ! God give us strength, till the toil and prayer Shall end one day in the victor's song !

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TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION. 35 Cents. 60 " Three Months, in Advance, - -Six Months, - \$1.00 If not paid in Advance, \$1.50 per Year.

(Continued from page 5). ward Freeman were continued on trial. Wm. P. Taylor, J. E. Graham, and J. W. Fogle, not being present for examination, were continued on trial in the himself presenting a minority report. first year's class.

In the case of S. R. Maxwell, objection was raised by J. B. Quigg, and the complaint was referred for inquiry to a committee consisting of A. Smith, R. H. Adams, F. C. MacSorley, J. T. Van Burkalow, and J. D. C. Hanna. S. A. Cornwell, and P. L. Kartzholtzen were discontinued.

H. C. Robinson, Esq., Revs. N. M. Brown, and W. L. S. Murray, were H. L. Stevens asked for a collection for his church in Logan, Utah, and received \$27.31.

W. L. S. Murray, presiding elder of Wilmington district, read a very interesting, comprehensive, and compact report of church work for the year.

He made commendatory reference to the valuable assistance rendered by claimed that the report was to be taken local preachers, the good results of as it stood, and every man was to place Brandywine Summit, and Woodlawn his own construction upon it. camp meetings, the liberal gift by J. Taylor Gause and wife, of a brick pa- port of the Conference Board of vilion furnished to the Delaware Hos- Church Extension, and it was adopted. pital, the zeal and activity of the W. F. M. S., the W. H. M. S., and the W. town extended invitations to the Con-C. T. U.

called, and "nothing against him" had After a brief canvass, a vote was taken,

Rev. Elijah Miller, P. H. Rawlins was requested to prepare her memoir for the Minutes, and J. H. Willey was assigned a similar duty with respect to the wife of Rev. G. F. Hopkins, for merly of this Conference, now of India.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1. Rev. W. E. Tomkinson conducted the half hour devotions.

The committee in the case of S. R. Maxwell, reported the difficulty adjusted; and by vote of the Conference his character was passed, and he was continued on trial.

The order of the day was taken up, and A. Smith presented the report of the committee on Temperance; J. D. Kemp, in behalf Dr. Jacob Todd, and C. A. Hill moved to lay the minority report on the table, but withdrew it in view of its general disfavor. J. T. VanBurkalow, J. D. Kemp, B. C. Warren, R. Watt, J. L. Houston, R. H. Adams, J. P. Otis, A. Smith, and J. A. B. Wilson, participated in the discussion of the majority report, which was afterwards adopted by a large vote. Both reports appear in this issue, and are worthy of careful attention. In elected trustees of the Centenary Fund the course of dehate, R. H. Adams asked for a positive statement as to the political bearing of the report, and A. Smith, the chairman, expressly disclaimed any purpose to endorse either of the political parties; saying the report only declared principles, and left the individual free to apply them according to his best judgment. Others

T. E. Martindale presented the re-Centreville, Smyrna, and Middle ference to hold its 23d session in those After the list of effective elders was 10 vus, through their respective pastora.

death in Philadelphia, of the widow of changing the rane of the Domestic Missionary Society, to its original title, and to restore its former provisions. V.S. Collins, reported having had the church corporations' charters printed at a cost of \$51.32. He also offered a paper instructing the committee on apportionments to prepare two columns of apportionments, for the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, one to contain those based on on the amount, asked for. (\$5.512) and the other such apportionments as may be based on the sum of \$2,000; the one column to be headed "asked for," the other, "expected."

W. W. W. Wilson moved that this paper lie on the table, but this did not prevail, and the paper was adopted. The remaining committee made their reports, which were adopted, and a collection was taken for the sexton, and another to purchase copies of the Annual Minutes, and present them to the families who have so hospitably entertained the Conference.

Resolutions of high appreciation of the generous hospitality of the citizens of Milford, and tendering them the hearty thanks of their gratified guests were passed by a rising vote, mem con; the presiding Bishop and visitors claiming the privilege to vote with the members of Conference, on this matter of such common interest.

Standing Committees were annouced and the minutes read and approved preparatory to adjournment.

After a few words, commending the fidelity of the presiding elders in as sisting him in arranging the appointments, and expressing his desire to hope that pastors and churches may find the coming year the happiest and most successful in their lives, Bishop Bowman offered a tender and devout prayer; and then announced the appointments, after which the Doxology was sung, the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the 22d session of the Wilmington Annual Conference was

M. Pleasant and Edge Moor, J. T.

Van Burkalow. Newark and Wesley, N. M. Browne. New Castle, E. L. Hubbard. Newport, J. E. Bryan. North East, J. B. Quigg. Port Deposit, J. P. Otis. Port Penn, Supply, F. E. McKinsey. Red Lion and Kirkwood, O. S. Walton. Rising Sun, I. Jewell. St. George's and Summit, Joseph S. Moore.

Wilmington, city: Asbury, J. D. C. Hanna. Brandywine, C. A. Grise. Epworth, D. H. Corkran. Grace, Jacob Todd. Madeley, E. C. Atkins. Mt. Salem. W. E. Avery. St. Paul's, L. E. Barrett. Kingswood, J. E. Franklin. Scott, Vaughan S. Collins. Silverbrook, Supply, C. K. Morris. Swedish Mission, To be supplied. Union, Adam Stengle. Wesley, W. G. Koons. Cookman, Supply, W. L. White. Zion circuit, I. L. Wood.

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A Correction. In last week's issue, under the heading "Positions Obtained by Goldey's Wilmington Commercial College for Some of Its Recent Graduates," in place of "send for the fall catalogue," read "send for the free catalogue;" also R. G. Dure & Co.," should have been R. G. Dun & Co.

The editor of THE PENINSULA METHODIST will preach (D. V.) in the M. E. Church, Middletown, Del., Easter Sunday, April 6th, both morning and evening.

Dr. Young, "Mistaken." In last week's PENINSULA METHOD-IST, Dr. J. W. Young replies to my criticism on "That Roll of Honor," in your issue of March 8th, and not only says, "Bro. Machnichol is mistaken," but also adds, with evident self gratulation, "not one of the many charges of inaccuracy has been sustained; not a single error made by the tabulist has yet been detected, in the six years in which his 'Roll of Honor' has been published. This is a high claim, and yet not too high for a man, who assumes to tell the world, what churches and what pastors are worthy of honor, and per consequence, who are not worthy, in discharging their duty to God and His Church.

Accuracy is of first importance in any statistician, but especially in one who inscribes the names of his brethren on the "Roll of Honor," according to his statistics.

\$4, in 1889, over its contribution of \$16 the previous year. It is Dr. Young, who is "mistaken" this time, and not "Bro. Macnichol." E. C. MACNICHOL. Felton, Del., April 2, 1890.

I was reading of a boy among the mountains of Switzerland, ascending a dangerous place with his father and the guides. The boy stopped on the edge of the cliff, and said : "There is a flower I mean to get." "Come away from there." said the father, "you will fall off." "No,"said he, "I must get that beautiful flower," and the guides rushed toward him to pull him back, when they heard him, say, "I almost have it," as he fell two thousand feet. Birds of prey were seen a few days after circling through the air, and lowering gradually to the place where the his corpse lay.

Why seek flowers on the edge of a precipice, when you can walk kneedeep amid the full blooms of the very paradise of God? When a man may sit at the King's banquet, why will he down the steps, and contend for the gristle and bones of a hound's kennel? -T. De Witt Talmage.

Reduced Rates and Extended Limits to the Northern New Jersey Coast via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On the 1st inst. the Pennyslvania Railroad Company will put in effect a new tariff of rates between Philadelphia and Long Branch, Ocean Grove, Spring Lake, Point Pleasant and intermediate stations. A 16day excursion ticket will be issued via Monmouth Junction at a rate of \$3.50, and a 3-day excursion ticket at a rate of \$3 00. A 16-day ticket will be issued via Camden and Sea Side Park only at a rate of \$3.00, a 3-day ticket by the same route at \$2.50. The 25-trip family ticket heretofore issued

will be replaced by a 20-trip family ticket which will be sold at a rate of \$30, good by either of the routes specified above, and will be issued at any time during the year expiring on December 31st of the year of issue. A 50-trip individual ticket will be issued limited to any three consecutive calendal months from May to October inclusive, at a rate of \$40.

A 100 trip individual season ticket will be issued at a rate of \$50, good from May to September inclusive, or from June to October inclusive, and a 150 trip individual season ticket with same limits, at a rate of \$75.

The annual report of the Iowa state labor statistician, Mr. Hutchins, includes returns from 2,140 working men who were asked, among other questions, "Is prohibition a good thing for the wage-workers?" Thirteen hundred and twenty-eight answered, "Yes," and 376 answered "No."

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In the present case, Dr. Young has committed the error of taking his figures from the General Minutes without comparing them with the official Minntes of the Conference, as he ought to have done. He would have found here as in so many other instances, the for mer must be corrected by the latter. Had our statistician used this ressonable method of ascertaining the facts, he would have found that Felton charge had not "retrograded 18 per cent" in the Freedmen's Aid collection, contributing but \$13 in 1889 against \$16 in 1888, but that Felton charge advanced phia and the apper coast.

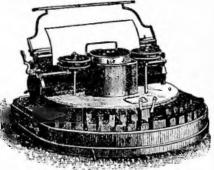
The 100 trip annual ticket will be issued as heretofore at a rate of \$75, expiring on December 31st of year of issue. The usual summer excursion ticket will be issued at a rate of \$4. Single trip rates remain un changed.

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## WHY WAS IT? By CAUGHEY.

#### CHAPTER XIV-AN AGREEABLE SURPRISE.

Christopher Montague and his daughter went directly to their hotel, where the latter found her trunk, a most welcome object, after being two or three days without it; for she had not had access to it since leaving Harlingsburg. She changed her white serge travelling suit for an evening dress, and then joined her father in the private sitting-room. Here she told him of the scene on the Ocean Green, and of the terrible fate that might have been ber's, but for Walter Melvin's prompt and kindly interposition.

As he listened to his daughter's re cital of this thrilling incident, Mr. Montague was deeply moved. Tears, honest, manly tears, coursed down his cheeks; tears of profound gratitude; tears, that were not a badge of weakness, but of the sensibility of his noble will. When she had told him all, he drew her to him, and held her in the embrace of his strong arms, as he feared the danger was not yet past, but some malignant power might yet snatch her from him. After a while he relaxed his grasp, and putting back her golden hair from her fair brow, he pressed upon it a kiss, into which went the purest affections of his heart. Putting her beautiful arms about his neck, and nestling her head upon his bosom, Blanche gave vent in her soft sobs, to a joy that her lips could not utter. After a few minutes, the father gently unclasped her arms, and taking her hand, said, "Blanche we have much to be grateful for to day; let us bow down here, and thank God for his mercy." The two knelt for a few moments in silence, when the father said, "O Lord, accept our deepest gratitude for thy

character he had exhibited. Turning to his daughter, he said, "I must now leave you for awhile; and not let another hour pass until I have for the service he so opportunity rendered both of us to-day.

The young girl's face lighted up with a glad smile; for somehow, the very mention of Walter's name brought thoughts and emotions to her, which she could not control. Regarding her feelings as only those of admiration for a noble character, and of gratitude for valuable service, she did not think how near admiration and gratitude are akin to love.

When Christopher Montague left the room, he went first to the parlor, then to the porch. Not finding Mr. Melvin there, he went to the office and examined the register. As his name was not there, he turned to the clerk, and describing Walter's appearence, asked

if he had seen such a man, since the arrival of the boat from Harbordean. The clerk replied that such a man had called at the office a few moments after the arrival of the boat, and after examining the register had asked if er. Christopher Montague was still in

the hotel. Being told he was, he had immediately left the office. "His manner was so excited, and his

actions so suspicious I walked to the window to watch him. And going through the hall he went out upon the porch and waited there for a moment looking eagerly over the crowd coming up from the beach.

"Soon his face flushed, and then grew pale, and his lips moved nervously, while a perceptible shudder passed over him. "I was about to call to him, when he turned and walked quickly up the beach in the direction of the Park Avenue Hotel."

Mr. Montague thanked the clerk for this information, and returned at

impressed with the nuble traits of this new development in reference to the stranger. Had she known all that had occurred, the past three days, and could she have seen the inside of Walter's heart at that moment, she would found Mr. Melvin, and thanked him have understood it all; but as it was, she could only wonder.

But strangely mysterious, and even suspicious, as were his actions, Blanche and her father would not believe that anything could attach to him, that was not manly and honorable. They talked over the matter together, until the tea bell rang, when they descended to the dining-room.

After tea, Mr. Montague said to Blanche, "I am going to walk up to the Park Avenue Hotel, and see if I can find Mr. Melvin. I have learned

since my arrival yesterday, that your aunt, Mrs. Curtis Newbold, is occupying her cottage on St. Mary's St., this season, would you not like to call and see her?

Blanche readily assented to this; for in her heart she had become deeply interested in the young man, who, though he had a right to expect her gratitude, and her father's thanks, had not presumed upon the one, or sought the oth-

The two walked out of the hotel, and turning into Monroe street walked west to Orange Avenue, then north to East Park, which was directly back of the Park Avenue Hotel.

The Newbold Cottage was on the north side of East Park; and to reach it, they must cross the Park, or go west, on Park Avenue, to Hanover street, thence north to St. Mary's street, and east on St. Mary's street, to No. 84.

The latter route was some distance longer, but Blanche preferred this, to taking the risk of meeting Walter in the park, at the rear of the hotel where she supposed he was stopping, and thus excite a suspicion in his mind, that she had come there to look for him. Accordingly, when the two had reached once to his daughter, whom he found the park, they turned and walked writing to her brother Horace; and around the western side of it, until said to her "Blanche I am more than they reached St. Mary's street, that great love to us; bless and guide us ever impressed that you are right in formed its northern boundary; here they turned and walked east to No. 84. Blanche had not seen her aunt for more than a year, and as she approached the house and saw the front door open, she said, "I will go in without rapping, and give Auntie Newbold a surprise." Withdrawing her arm from her father's, she sprang lightly up the certained, by inquiry at the office, that steps, and ran into the cozy little sitting room exclaiming, "I thought I would give you a suprise, auntie, but I hope I am welcome."

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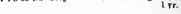
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every day we live; and help us, that your opinion that the man who rescued we may continue to trust and serve you this afternoon is no ordinary per Thee." son. "I confess I am puzzled to un-

derstand him." "I certainly thought After this brief season of devout and heartfelt communion with the Infinite I would soon find him, when once on the lower floor; but to my astonishment, Father, they arose, but did not take I have learned that he came here, on their seats. Mr. Montague was too the arrival of the boat, and having asgrateful to Walter Melvin, for the rescue of his daughter, to delay in tendering him his thanks for this great service. This, he felt sure, was all that nue Hotel, further up the beach." He then repeated what the clerk such a man would receive; and even had said of Walter's manner, at the this he now remembered, he had not office, and of his visible emotions on waited for at the landing of the boat. He had been struck by the noble bear- the porch; and now Blanch," he said, ing of the young man, and his utter "what do you think of all this?" The young girl was quite as much self-forgetfulness; and now that he had time to think, he was more than ever at a loss as her father, to understand

"I am agreeably surprised, but you are quite welcome," was the reply that came to her in a manly voice: and looking quickly up, Blanche stood face to face with Walter Melvin. (To be continued.)



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#### THE PENINSULA METHODIST.

#### Dr. Talmage at Jerusalem.

We give the closing part of Dr. Talmage's sermon, at Jerusalem:

But finally, I am thrilled with the fact that this city is a symbol of heaven, which is only another Jerusalem, "The new Jerusalem !" And this thought has kindled the imagination of all the sacred poets. I am glad that Horatio Bonar, the Scotch hymnist, rummaged among old manuscripts of the British Museum, until he found that hymu in ancient spelling, parts of which we have in mutilated form in our modern hymnbooks, but the quaint power of which we do not get in our modern versions :---

Hierusalem, my happie home! When shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy ioyes when shall I see?

Noe dampish mist is seene in thee, Noe colde nor darksome night; There everie soule shines as the sunne; There God himselfe gives light.

Thy walls are made of pretious stones, Thy bulwarkes diamondes square; Thy gates are of right Orient pearle, Exceeding riche and rare.

Thy turretts and thy pinnacles With carbuncles doe shine; The vervie streets are paved with gould, Surpassinge cleare and fine.

Thy houses are of yvorie, Thy windows crystal cleare; Thy tyles are made of beaten gould, O God ! that I were there !

Our sweete is mixt with bitter gaule, Our pleasure is but paine; Our ioyes scarce last the lookeing on, Our sorrowes stille remaine.

But there they live in such delight, Such pleasure and such play, As that to them a thousand yeares

Doth seme as yesterday.

Thy gardens and thy gallant walkes Continually are greene; There grow such sweete and pleasant flowers As no where else are seene.

There trees for evermore beare fruite And evermore doe springe: There evermore the angels sit, And evermore doe singe.

Hierusalem! my happie home ! Would God I were in thee! Would God my woes were at an end. Thy ioyes that I might see !

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party idea. This is a good sign. Taken in connection 'with the action of the last State Convention, a majority of which had formerly belonged, at one time or the other, to that party, the outlook is favorable. The convention resolved for probibition, but pending the obtaining of that, the best law obtainable, looking in that direction. We are for impressing prohibition on all parties, like the ballot reform, and make the children even cry for it.-Indiana Christian Advocate.

Ohio Wesleyan University is just closing a very successful term. The number of students enrolled the present year is 1,025. About seventy have professed convertion within a few weeks past. The new president, Rev. J. W. Bashford, is giving eminent satisfaction. Valuable additions are being made to the buildings and other facilities for instruction. Bishop Foster will deliver his course of lectures on the "Philosophy of Experimental Religion," prepared expressly for the annual course in the lectureship of experimental and practical religion in this institution, the latter part of April. His will be the third course in this lectureship; the first given by the late Rev. Daniel Currey, and the second by President McCosh.--Exchange.

But supposing any of you do love Him most, then show it, just as that woman did who brought the alabaster box of precious ointment. If you love Him most, do most. Do everything that is possible to humanity, quickened by the Spirit of God. Yet do somewhat distinctly for Jesus. It is sweet to serve the Lord Christ Himself. See how the holy woman offered homage distinctly to her Lord; tears for His travel-stains, hair to wipe His feet, ointment to anoint His flesh. Do your choicest and best for Jesus personally.

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n.any ircns in the fire." But I say to you, blow up the fire; get all the irons red hot, and hammer away with all your might. With all your strength and energy plunge into the service of your Master. If you love your Master, you can best show your love by ardent service.—Spurgeon.

"The entbusiastic minister, consumed with zeal and willing to please everybody, neglects his study and allows his mind to become starved; and the result is inevitable. He becomes stale, flat and unprofitable; and those whose importunities have induced him to sacrifice his true self, are the first to turn around and complain that he has disapointed them."

In Toronto, newspapers are being fined for publishing advertisments of the New | for a most edifying sermon. -Ex.

Orleans lottery. It would be well if this kind of penalty were inflicted nearer home.

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To Serve Cold Roast Beef. - Chop the beef up finely and put a layer of the beef and a layer of stewed tomatoes, then a layer of cracker dust, and put in alternate layers of each until all is in; season with salt and pepper and bits of butter, and then put a liver of cracker dust over the top; add a little water and bake a nice brown on top. -N. Y. Evangelist.

Christine Terhune Herreck has written a new series of household articles for Har-per's Bazar, entitled "Three Meals a Day" and the first paper will appear March 28th.

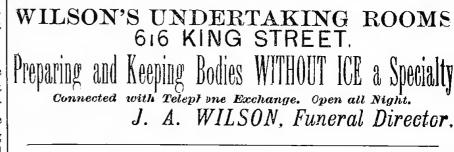
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## Bouth's Department.

## A Lesson in Politeness.

"Why can't that borrid old woman do her calling, in the day time?" exclaimed Walter Lyman, as he looked up from the interesting story he was reading. "I don't want to go away 'round Twelfth street with her."

Mrs. Lyman stood by her son's chair, and she touched him gently on the shoulder. "My son, would you allow that poor old woman to go home alone to-night? What, if it were your mother ?"

"I couldn't imagine such a transformation. mother. You'll never be like her. She's as ugly as-as-well, so ugly that there is no danger of any one's running off with her between here and Twelfth street;" and Walter laughed in derision.

"It is very icy, Walter, and just think how terrible it would be for her to slip down and hurt herself: it might be the cause of her death. She was very anxious to see your father, and she cannot see him any time but in the evening, you know.

Walter was just going to say, "Why doesn't father go home with her?" but he remembered that his father was always quite tired at night, for his work through the day was very arduous. Walter got his cap, but he was not in a pleasant mood, and it did not make him feel any pleasanter to hear his younger brother say, as he went out of the door, "If it were only a pretty girl, Walt., that you had to go home with, you wouldn't have any objections to make ,would you?"

he waited in the hall for Mrs. Hawkins always pay his first attention to the to finish her conversation with his father, "I want you to be very kind to the poor old lady, and give her your arm so she won't fall. She isn't the had.-Presbyterian most agreeable person, I know, but she has had a great many sorrows. She is all alone in the world. She had a boy like you; but he died, just when he was able to be of some help to her. The Lord took her boy, and now in her old age she expects other mothers' boys will help her." Walter was touched by his mother's words, for he was a tender, kind hearted boy; and he really was very polite and ministers of a Unitarian Church. A thoughtful, on the way home. He lis. tened attentively to all Mrs Hawkins' grievances, which she poured out in a many orthod x congregators, it was confilential manner to him. He be gan to feel sort of companions hip of the wives were their better halves, but it poor old bedy.

folks. Come in and rest you awhile." Walter had left his story in a place where his hero was in great danger of being lost at sea, but his heart was so touched by the old lady's evident pleasure at the attention he had shown her that he went in for a few moments. first blossom just coming out; she un locked the bureau drawer, and brought out the old daguerreotypes, and told Walter that this oue was her husband's picture, and that one her boy's, and although he had been dead over forty years, she dropped a tear on the glass which the boy was dressed, but it was too-sacred a thing to make fun of. "I think I must go now," he said, when the pictures were put away.

"You make me think of my boy,' she said, as she followed him to the door. "Won't you come around sometimes of an evening, and cheer me up a little?"

Walter promised he would, and did not forget his promise either. It became his particular missionary work, to look after poor Mrs. Hawkins. The school boys laughed about and joked him a great deal, but they soon learned to respect him for the work he had chosen to do. It was old Mrs. Hawkin's last few miles of the journey on earth. She soon went home to be with those loved ones, who went away from her so many years ago.

Walter received her dying blessing, and her little Bible, soiled and worn with so many years of using. He keeps it a sareminder of his lesson in true "Now, Walter." said his mother, as Christian politeness; and he says he will want of the aged, who have traveled so long on the way, and are worn and feeble from the cares and sorrows they have

> A joint ordination, of husband and wife to the ministry has taken place in Chicago. Revs. L-slie and Lila Sprague, the recipients of the rite, were at Meadville Theological School together,

The Stateville (N. C.) Christian Ad boys don't want to bother with old pocale says: "H. M. Asbury, of Hartland, Burke County, N. C., now owns the 'Buckeye' silver watch brought accross the Atlantic by Francis Ashury, when he first came to this country. The Bishop gave it to Daniel Asbury. his cousin, who was a Methodist pre-She showed him all her treasures; the siding elder, and who lived at R-hogeranium in the window that had its both in Catawba, County, where his remains now sleep, and where the Methodists are building a new church which they expect to dedicate some time this summer in connection with a centenary celebration of the organiza tion of the Methodist Society at that point. The owner of the watch was over the picture. Once, Walter would once offered by Vanderbilt University have laughed at the quaint manner in free tution for his sons at that institu tion, if he would deposit the watch in the museum there, as long as he had a son in school. Having no sons old enough to go to the University, he declined the offer, fearing that his souvenir might be lost.

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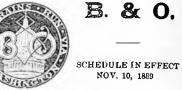
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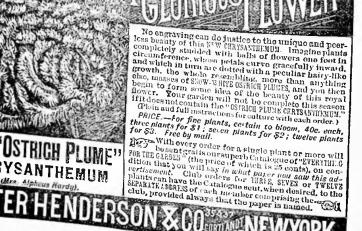
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When they got to the one room in the tenement house, that Mrs. Hawkins admit women to the pastorate. called her home, she said : "Well now you're a good sort of a boy, to be so

and are now settled as pastors of a Universalist Church. In being jointly ordained, they followed the example of two fellow-students, who ares imilarly notable feature of the service was, that a Jewish rabbi took part in it. A good pointed out believed that their preahers had been left to the unorthodox Churhes to act on the suggestion, and

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#### THE PENINSULA METHODIST.

## Wilmington Conference

REPORTS ON TEMPERANCE. The Committee on Temperance made the following report through its chairman, Rev. Alfred Smith:

1. We recognize the significant fact, that the liquor traffic is a growing power and an increasing menace to the welfare of the church, the purity of society

and the existence of the state. 2. We most sincerely deplore the spirit of compromise, manifested by Christian people toward the rum curse by the disposition to license the traffic in alcoholic stimulants, and thus pro-tect it from the righteous wrath of an injured people.

3. We oppose first, last, and all the time, license, high or low, as "vicious in principle and powerless as a remedy," lame in logic and a failure in practice. Nor do we concede, that there are any circumstances possible under which the granting of the continuance of a license is justifiable.

4. We commend to the attention of all temperance people the present conflict between prohibition and its enemies in the State of Nebraska, and request that all our people, who can, lend a hand in helping to fight this, the great battle of the present decade. We urge help for Nebraska, because there is a new and bold effort to put license into the constitution of the state, and because it is a crisal conflict in point both of time and place.

5. We desire to express our approv-al and appreciation of that noble army of temperance workers, the National W. C. T. U., and give to them a hearty God-speed in their grand and varied labor for our common humanity. 6. We are loyal Methodists. We

believe in the truth of the utterances of our General Conference and bishops, which they have from time to time sent out for guidance and help, teaching us the folly of regulation, the sin of license, the responsibility of the government, and the duty of the elector, declaring as the motto of the Methodist Episcopal the liberties of the people and a menace Church, "Voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks as the duty of civil government," teaching us that, while we should not dictate to people political affiliations, we should show them that it is not right to support and make common cause with those organizations, political or otherwise, that abet and promote ures. the traffic; but that it is our duty to proclaim relentless hostility to the business, to use every weapon in our hands for the destruction, and do all in our power to foster and encourage all good men and measures whereby the destruction of the liquor traffic is sought. 7. That it is our solemn conviction, that the time has fully come, when all good citizens, and especially Christians should lay aside all minor considerations and band themselves together into a great national organization, no matter by what name it may be called, which has as its supreme issue the total and eternal destruction of the liquor traffic. 8. We believe that an earnest local option campaign in our conference abounds, and especially in the State of to proclaim temperance in all things, Delaware will furnish a platform upon and total abstinence from all that is which all can stand and make telling hurtful.

sentiment for temperance. We therefore suggest the appointment of a com-mittee of nine ministers and nine laymen to take such steps as may be necessary to inaugurate a local option campaign and to assist in continuing the struggle on this line until success is achieved.

## THE MINORITY REPORT.

We, a minority of the Committee on Temperance, beg leave to present the following report: As a church we are in harmony with the position of the general government in holding as fundamental the separation of church and state.

We believe that the province of the Church is to preach the Word and inculate the principles of the Gospel; and thus lead men to a better life, by convincing the judgement and enlightening the conscience of the individual. Men cannot be made morally and religiously better by force, and the Church is nowhere authorized to employ pains and penaltics, in spreading the Gospel.

The province of the state on the other hand is to secure the material and social well-being of society, by enacting laws and enforcing obedience to them. It deals with men in the mass, and ignoring individual convictions, compels obedience to the will of the majority by police fines and imprisonment.

The Church and state are not antagonistic, but complementary and cooperative. As the Christian is also a citizen, it is his duty to "render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the things which are God's;" but this double allegiance must not be confounded and interchanged. We worship as Christians, we vote as citizens. The state must not attempt to control religion, nor the Church politics. The state cannot regulate the faith of the people nor prescribe their forms of worship, without becoming the enemy of the Church and the tyrant of conscience, and the Church cannot instruct to the state. Men must be left free by the law, to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience; and they must be left equally free by the Church to vote at the political polls according to their own judgment. We judge it wrong therefore, for the Church to seek to influence the vote of her members, by indorsing political candidates or political meas-

The temperance question is both a political and a religious question. Voluntary abstinence on the part of the individual, is a religious duty made such by Divine command, and ought to be insisted upon by the Church, but prohibition-the enforcing of abstinence upon others-is a purely political measure upon which God's Word is silent, and which must therefore be left to the citizen to decide according to the best light which he has. While we do not deem it within the province of the Church, to express any opinion as to the best measures to be taken by the state for the suppression of the liquor traffic, we do declare, with no uncertain sound, that this Conference stands, where she ever has stood,

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DR. "ALMAGE SOUNDS A NOTE OF WARNING TO THE SLOTHFUL.

A Sermon from the Text "A Living Dog Is Better Than a Dead Lion"-Now Is the Time for Good Works.

BROOKLYN, March 30.—There was the usual difficulty in getting seats, or even standing room, in the Academy of Music this morning when the ser vice commenced, the ordinary Tabernacle congregation being increased by throngs of persons cager to listen to the eloquent preacher. The service opened with the singing of the Long Metre Doxology by the immense au-dience. Dr. Talmage's subject was, "A Dead Lion," and his text, Eccles. ix, 4: "A living dog is better than a dead lion." Followin report of the sermon: Following is a verbatim

The Bible is the strongest, the loveliest, the mightiest, the weirdest, the best of books. Written by Moses the lawyer, Joshua the soldier, Samuel the judge, Ezra the builder, Job the poet, David the Shepherd, Daniel the prime minister, Amos the herdsman, Matthew the custom house officer, Luke the doctor, Paul the scholar, John the exile, and yet a complete harmony from the middle verse of the Bible, which is the eighth verse of the one hundred and seventeenth Psalm, both ways to the upper and lower lids, and from the shortest passage, which is the thirty-fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of John, to the longest verse, which is the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther, and yet not an im-perfection in all the 773,693 words which it is composed of. It not only reaches over the past, but over the future; has in it a ferryboat, as in second Samuel; and a telegraphic wire, as in Job; and a railroad train, as in Nahum; and introduces us to a foundryman by the name of Tubal Cain, and a ship builder by the name of Noah, and an architect by the name of Aholiab, and tells us how many stables Solomon had to take care his horses, and how much he paid for those horses. But few things in this versatile and comprehensive book interest me so much as its apothegms, grammatic sayings, of which my text is one—"A living dog is better than a dead lion.

THE LION AND THE DOG. Here the lion stands for nobility, ad the dog for meanness. You must and the dog for meanness. know that the dog mentioned in the text is not one of our American or European or Scottish dogs that, in our ionym for the beautiful. the graceful. the affectionate, the sa-gacious and the true. The St. Bernard dog is a hero, and if you doubt it, ask the snows of the Alps, out of which he picked the exhausted traveler. The shepherd dog is a poem, and if you doubt it, ask the Highlands of Scot land. The Arctic dog is the rescue of explorers, and if you doubt it ask Dr. Kane's expedition. The watch dog is a living protection, and if you doubt it, ask ten thousand homesteads over whose safety he watched last night. But Solomon, the author of my text, lived in Jerusalem, and the dog he speaks of in the text was a dog in Jerusalem. Last December I passed days and nights within a stone's throw of where Solomon wrote this text, and from what I saw of the canines of Jerusa-lem by day, and heard of them by night, I can understand the slight appreciation my text puts upon the dog of Palestine. It is lean and snarly and disgusting, and afflicted with parasites, and takes revenge on the

numan race by using the nights with clamor. All up and down the Bible, the most of which was written in Palestine or Syria, or contiguous lands, the dog is used in contemptu-ous comparison. Hazael said: "Is thy servant a dog, that he should do this thing?" In self abnegation the Syro-Phœnician woman said: "Even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the Master's table." Paul says, in Philippians: "Beware of dogs;" and St. John, speaking of heaven, and St. John, speaking of heaven, says: "Without are dogs." On the other hand, the lion is

healthy, strong, and loud voiced, and at its roar the forests echo and the mountains tremble. It is marvelous for strength, and when its hide is removed the muscular compactness is something wonderful, and the kuife of the dissector bounds back from the tendons. By the clearing off of the forests of Palestine and the use of firearms, of which the lion is particularly afraid, they have disappeared from places where once they ranged, but they were very bold in olden times. They attacked an army of Xerxes while marching through Macedonia. They were so numerous that one thousand lions were slain in forty years in the amphitheatre of Rome. The Barbary lion, the Cape lion, the Senegal lion, the Assyrian lion, make up a most absorbing and exciting chapter in natural history. As most of the Bible was written in regions lion haunted, this creature appears in almost all parts of the Bible as a simile

David understood its habits of night prowling and day slumbering, as is seen from his description : "The young lions roar after their prey and seek their meat from God. The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens." And again he cries out, "My soul is among Moses knew them and said, lions.' 'Judah is couched like a lion. Sam son knew them, for he took honey from the carcass of a slain lion. Solomon knew them and says, "The king's wrath is as the roar of a lion," and The slothful man says, There is again. a lion in the way "I saiah knew them, and says, in the millennium, "The lion shall eat straw like an ox." Ezekiel knew them, and says, "The third was as the face of a lion." Paul knew them, and says, "I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion." Peter knew them, and says, "The devil as a roar-ing lion walketh about." St. John knew them, and says of Christ, "Be-hold the Lion of the tribe of Judah]" Now, what does my text mean when

it puts a living dog and a dead lion side by side, and says the former is better than the latter? It means that small faculties actively used are of more value than great faculties unemployed. How often you see it! Some man with limited capacity vastly useful. He takes that which God has given him and says: "My mental endowment is not large and the world dowment is not large and the world would not rate me high for my intelli-gence, and my vocabulary is limited, and my education was defective, but here goes what I have for God and faint hearted man gives a Scripture passage in consolation to some bereft woman, picks up a child fallen in the street and helps him brush off the dust and puts a five cent piece in his hand, telling him not to cry, so that the boy is singing before he gets round the corner; waiting on everybody that has a letter to carry or a message to deliver comes into a rail train, or stage coach, comes into a ran train, or stage coach, or depot, or shop, with a smilling face that sets everybody to thinking, "If that man can, with what appears small equipment in life, be happy, why can-

not 1, possessing iar more than he has, hot 1, possessing far more than he has, be equally happy?" One day of that kind of doing things may not amount to much, but forty years of that—no one but God himself can appreciate its immensity.

There are tens of thousands of such Their circle of acquaintance people. is small The man is known over at the store. He is clerk or weigher or drayman, and he is known among those who sit near him clear back in the church under the galleries, and at the ferry gates where he comes in knocking the snow from his shoes, and threshing his arms around his body to revive circulation, on some January morning. But if he should die to-morrow there would not be a hundred people who would know about it. He will never have his name in the newspapers but once, and that will be the announcement of his death, if some one will pay for the insertion, so much a line for the two lines. But he will come up gloriously on the other side, and the God who has watched him all through will give him a higher seat and a better mansion and a grander eternity than many a man who had on earth, before his name, the word honorable, and after his name LL. D. and F. R. S. Christ said in Luke, the sixth chapter, that in heaven some who had it hard here would laugh there

And I think a laugh of delight and congratulation will run around the heavenly circles when this humble one of whom I spoke shall go up and take the precedence of many Christake the precedence of many tians who in this world felt themtans who in this world tert treat selves to be of ninety-nine per cent. more importance. The whisper will go round the galleries of the upper temple: "Can it be possible that that was the weigher in our store?" "Can it be possible that that was the car driver on our street?" "Can it be possible that was the sexton of our church?" "Can it be possible that is the man that heaved coal into our celiar?' I never could have thought it. What a reversal of things!

We were clear ahead of him on earth, but he is clear ahead of us in heaven. Why, we had ten times more brains than he had, we had a thousand times more money than he had, we had social position a mile higher than he had, we had innumerable opportunities more than he had, but it seems now that he accomplished more with his one talent than we did with our ten;" while Solomon, standing among the thrones, overhears the whisper and sees the wonderment, and will, with benignant and all-suggestive smile, say, "Yes, it is as I told the

In a few years they will lie down and die. They will have a great fu-neral, and a long row of fine carriages, and mightiest requiems will roll from the organ, and polished shaft of Aber-deen granite will indicate where their dust lies, but for all use to the world that man might as well have never As an experiment as to how lived. much he can carry with him, put a ten cent piece in the palm of his dead hand, and five years after open the tomb, and you will find that he has dropped even the ten cent piece. A Yes, but a dead lion! He left lion [ all his treasures on earth, and has no treasures in heaven. What shall the stone cutter put upon the obelisk over I suggest, let it be the man's him? name, then the date of his birth, then the date of his death, then the appropriate Scripture passage, "Better is a iving dog than a dead lion."

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But I thank God that we are having just now an outburst of splendid beneficence that is to increase until the earth is girdled with it. It is spreading with the speed of an epidemic, but with just the opposite effect of an epidenie. Do you not notice how wealthy men are opening free libraries and building churches in their native vil-Have you not seen how men of lage? large means, instead of leaving great philanthropies in their wills for disappointed heirs to quarrel about and the orphan courts to swamp, are becoming their own executors and administra-

tors? After putting aside enough for their families (for "he that provideth not for his own, and especially those of his own household, is worse than an infidel"), they are saying: "What can I do, not after I am dead, but while living and in full possession of my faculties, to properly direct the building of the churches, or the hospitals, or the colleges, or the libraries that I design for the public welfare, and while yet I have full capacity to enjoy the satisfaction of seeing the good accomplished?" There are bad fashions and good fashions, and, whether good or bad, fashions are mighty.

One of the good fashions now starting will sweep the earth-the fashion for wealthy men to distribute, while yet alive, their surplus accumulation. It is being helped by the fact that so many large estates have, immediately after the testator's death, gone into litigation. Attorneys with large fees are employed on both sides, and the case goes on month after month, and year after year, and after one court decides it ascends to another court and is decided in the opposite direction, and then new evidence is found, and the trials are all who at the father's funeral seemed to repeated. The children. have an uncontrollable grief, after the will is read go into elaborate process to prove that the father was crazy, and therefore incompetent to make a will; and there are men on the jury who think that the fact that the testator gave so much of his money to the Bible society, and the missionary society, or the opening of a free library is proof positive that he was insane, and that he knew not what he was signing when he subscribed to the words: "In the name of God, amen. I, being of sound mind, do make this my last will and



world many centuries ago-better is small faculty actively used than great talent unemployed, 'better is a living dog than a dead lion.'" THE DEAD LIONS OF THIS WORLD.

The simple fact is that the world has been, and the world is now, full of dead lions. They are people of great capacity and large opportunity, doing nothing for the improvement of so-ciety, nothing for the overthrow of evil, nothing for the salvation of souls. Some of them are monetary lions. Some of them are monetary hons. They have accumulated so many hun-dreds of thousands of dollars that you can feel their tread when they walk can feet their tread when they walk through any street or come into any circle. They can by one financial move upset the money market. In-stead of the ten per cent, of their in-come which the Bible lays down as the proper proportion of their contri the proper proportion of their contribution to the cause of God, they do not give five per cent., or three per cent., or two per cent., or one per cent., or a half per cent., or a quarter per cent. hair per cent., or a quarter per cent. That they are lions, no one doubts. When they roar, Wall street, State street, Lombard street and the Bourse

DO GOOD NOW WHILE YOU CAN. The torn wills, the fraudulent wills, the broken wills have recently been made such a spectacle to angels and to men that all over the land successful men are calling in architects and say-ing to them: "How much would it ing to them: "now much would a cost for me to build a picture gallery for our town?" or, "What plans can you draw me out for a concert hall?" or, "I am specially interested in the incurables," and how large a building would accommodate three hundred of

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such patients? or, "The enurch of God has been a great help to me all my life, and I want you to draw me a plan for a church, commodious, beautiful. well ventilated, and with plenty of windows to let in the light; I want you to get right at work in making out plans of such a building, for, though I am well now, life is uncertain, and before I leave the world I want to see something done that will be an appropriate acknowledgment of the goodness of God to me and mine; now when can I hear from you?

In our own city we have many examples of this. What a grandeur of beneficence has our fellow citizen. Mr. Pratt, demonstrated, building educational institutions which will put their hands on the Nineteenth century, and the Twentieth century, and all the centuries! All houor to such a man! Do not say so when he is dead, say it now. It would be a good thing if some of the eulogies we chisel on tombstones were written on paper in time for the philanthropists to read them while yet they are alive. Less post mortem praise, and more ante mortem!

A poor Scotch lad came to America at twelve years of age, and went to Pittsburg. He looked around for work, and became an engineer in a cellar, then rose to become a telegraph messenger boy, then rose to a position in a railroad office, then rose to a place in a telegraph office, then rose to be superintendent of a railroad, then rose till he became an iron and steel manufacturer, then rose until he opened free libraries in his native land and last month a free library in Allegheny City, and now offers two million dol lars for a free library in Pittsburg. This example will be catching until the earth is revolutionized.

How majestic such men in comparison with some 1 wot of, who amass wealth and clutch it with both hands until death begins to feel for their heart strings, and then they dictate to an attorney a last will and testament, in which they spite some daughter because she married against her father's wish, and fling a few crusts to God and suffering humanity, as much as to say: "I have kept this surplus property, through all these severe winters, and through all these long years, from a needy and suffering world, and would keep it longer if I could, but as I must give it up, take it, and much good may it do you!" Now we begin to understand the text, "Better is a living dog than a dead lion.'

Who would attempt to write the obituary of the dead lions of commerce, the dead lions of law, the dead lions of medicine, the dead lions of social influence? Vast capacity had they, and mighty range, and other men in their presence were as powerthe antelope or heifer or gi less as when from the jungle a Numidian lion springs upon its prey. But they get through with life. They lay down in their magnificent lair. They have made their last sharp bargain. They have spoken their last hard word. They have committed their last mean act. When a tawny inhabitant of the desert rolls over helpless, the lioness and whelps fill the air with shricks and howls, and lash themselves into lamentation, and it is a genuine grief for the poor things. But when this dead lion of monstrous uselessness expires, there is nothing but dramatized woe, for "Better is a living dog than a dead lion.

have done a great deed, or might nave effected an important rescue, or we might have dealt a stroke that would have accomplished a vast result. Through stupidity or lack of appreciation of the crisis, or through procrastination, we let the chance go by. How

much time we have wasted in thinking of what we might have said or might have done! We spend hours and days and years in walking around that dead lion. We cannot resuscitate it. It will never open its eyes again. There will never be another spring in its paw. Dead as any feline terror of South Africa, through whose heart thirty years ago Gordon Cumming sent the slug. Don't let us give any more time to the deploring of the dead past. There are other great opportunities remaining. They may not be as great, but they are worth our attention. Small opportunities all around opportunities for the saying of kind words and doing of kind deeds. Helplessness to be helped. Disheartened ones to be encouraged. Lost ones to be found. Though the present may be insignificant as compared with the Better is a living dog than a past, "Bett dead lion."

The most useless and painful feeling is the one of regret. Repent of lost opportunities we must, and get pardon we may, but regrets weaken, dishearten and cripple for future work. If a sea captain who once had charge of a White Star steamer across the Atlantic ocean, one foggy night runs on a rock off Newfoundland, and passengers and ship perish, shall he refuse to take command of a small boat up the North river, and say: "I never will go on the water again unless I can run one of the White Star line?" Shall the engineer of a lightning express, who at the station misread the telegram of the train dispatcher and went into collision, and for that has been put down to the work of engineering on a freight train, say: "I never will again mount an engine unless I can run a vestibule express?" Take what you have of opportunity left. Do your best with what remains. Your shortest winter day is worth more to you than can be the longest day of a previous summer. Your opportunity now, as compared with previous opportunities, may be small as a rat terrier compared with the lion which at Matabosa, fatally wounded by the gun of David Livingstone, in its death agony leaped upon the missionary explorer and with its jaws crushed the bone of his arm to splinters, and then rolled over and expired, but, "Better is a living dog than a dead lion.

#### THEIR CHANCE IS GONE.

My text also means that the condition of the most wretched man alive is better than that of the most favored sinners departed. The chance of these last is gone. Where they are they cannot make any earthly assets available. After Charlemagne was dead he was set in an ornamented sepulcher on a golden throne, and a crown was put on his cold brow, and a scepter in his stiff hand, but that gave him no do-minion in the next world. One of the most intensely interesting things I saw last winter in Egypt was Pharaoh of olden times, the very Pharaoh who oppressed the Israelites. The inscriptions on his sarcophagus and the writing on his mummy bandages prove beyond controversy that he was the Pharaoh of Bible times. All the Egyptologists and the explorations agree that it is the old scoundrel himself. Visible are the very teeth with which he gnashed against the Israelitish brick makers. There are the sockets of the merciless eyes with which he looked upon the and see some occasion where we might | overburdened people of God. There

is the hair that noated in the breeze off the Red sea. There are the very lips with which he commanded them to make bricks without straw. Thousands of years afterward, when the wrappings of the mummy were unrolled, old Pharaoh lifted up his arm as if in imploration, but his skinny bones cannot again clutch his shattered scepter. He is a dead lion. And is not any man now living, in the fact that he has opportunity of repentance and salvation, better off than any of those departed ones who, by authority or possessions or influence, were positively leonine, and yet wicked?

What a thing to congratulate you on is your life! Why, it is worth more than all the gems of the universe kindled into one precious stone. I am alive! What does that mean? Why, it means that I still have all opportunity of being saved myself and helping others to be saved. To be alive! Why, it means that I have yet another chance to correct my past mistakes and make sure work for heaven. Alive, are we? Come, let us celebrate it by new resolutions, new self examination, new consecration and a new ca-The smallest and most insignifireer. cant today is worth to us more than five hundred vesterdays. Taking advantage of the present. let us get pardon for all the past and security for all the future. Where are our forgiven sins? I don't know. God don't know either. He says, "Your sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

#### WONDERFUL ENCOURAGEMENT.

What encouragement in the text for all Christian workers! Despair of no one's salvation. While there is life there is hope. When in England a young lady asked for a class in a Sunday school, the superintendent said, "Better go out on the street and get your own class." She brought in a ragged and filthy boy. The superintendent gave him good apparel. In a few Sundays he absented himself. Inquiry discovered that in a street fight he had his decent apparel torn off. He was brought in and a second time respectably clad. After a few Sundays he again disappeared, and it was found that he was again ragged and wretch-ed. "Then," said the teacher, "we can do nothing with him." But the superintendent fitted him up again and started him again.

After a while the gospel took hold of him and his heart changed. He started for the ministry and became a foreign missionary and on heathen grounds lived, and translated the Scriptures, and preached, until among the most illustrious names of the Church on earth and in heaven is the name of glorious Robert Morrison. Go forth and save the lost and remember however depraved, however ragged, and however filthy and undone a child is, or a man is, or a woman is they are worth an effort. would rather have their opportunity than any that will ever be given to those who lived in magnificent sin and splendid unrighteousness and then wrapped their gorgeous tapestry around them and without a prayer expired. "Better is a living dog than a dead lion." In the great day it will be found that the last shall be first. There are in the grog shops and in the haunts of iniquity today those who will vet be models of holiness and preach Christ to the people. In yonder group of young men who came here with no useful purpose, there is one who will yet live for Christ and perhaps die for him. In a pulpit stood a stranger preaching, and he said: "The last time I was in this church was fifteen years ago, and the circumstances were peculiar. Three young men had come expecting to disturb the service, and they had stones in their pockets which

they expected to hurl at the preacher. One of the young men referred to refused to take part in the assault, and the others, in disgust at his cowardice, left the building. One of the three was hanged for forgery. Another is in prison, condemned to death for murder. I was the third, but the grace of God saved me."

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My hearers, give no one up. The case may seem desperate, but the grace of God likes to undertake a dead lift. I proclaim it this day to all the people Free Grace1 Living and dying, be that my theme-Free Grace! Sound it across the continent, sound it across the seas—Free Grace1 Spell out those words in flowers, lift them in arches, build them in thrones, roll them in oratorios—Free Grace1 That will yet Edenize the earth and people heaven with nations redeemed. Free Gracel

> Salvation! Oh, the joyful sound, Tis pleasure to our ears, A sovereign balm for every wound, A cordial for our fears.

Buried in sorrow and in sin At death's dark door we lay, But we arise by grace divine, To see a heavenly day.

#### Boys and Easter Errs.

There is nothing more trying to a boy than, after great care in accumu-lating these shelly resources, to have to place them in a basket and bring them forth to the light two weeks before Easter. Boys, therefore, manage with skill and dexterity. About this time of the year you see them lurking much about the barrack and hay loft. You see them crawling out from stacks of straw and walking away rapidly with their hands behind them. They look very innocent, for I have noticed that the look of innocence in boys is proportionate to the amount of mischief with which they are stuffed. They seem to be determined to risk their lives on mow poles where the hay is thin. They come out from under the stable floor in a despicable state of toilet, and cannot give any excuse for their depreciation of apparel. Hens flutter off the nest with an unusual squawk, for the boys cannot wait any longer for the slow process of laying, and hens have no business to stand in the way of Easter. The most tedious hours of my boyhood were spent in waiting for a hen to get off her nest. No use to scare her off, for then she will get mad, and just as like as not she will take the egg with her. Indeed, I think the boy is excusable for his haste if his brother has a dozen eggs and he has only eleven.-T. De Witt Talmage in Ladies' Home Journal.

#### A Royal Gift for Stanley.

The king of the Belgians has ordered a magnificent casket, which he intends to present to Stanley on the latter's arrival in Brussels. Several of the most expert workmen in Belgium are now engaged on the work, and the lid bears a medallion portrait, not of the donor, but of the illustrious explorer, surrounded with precious stones and elaborate chasing. The casket is to contain the grand cordon of the order of Leopold, which Mr. Stanley will be invited to wear at one of the numerous fetes given in his honor.-London World.

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#### "IF I ONLY HAD."

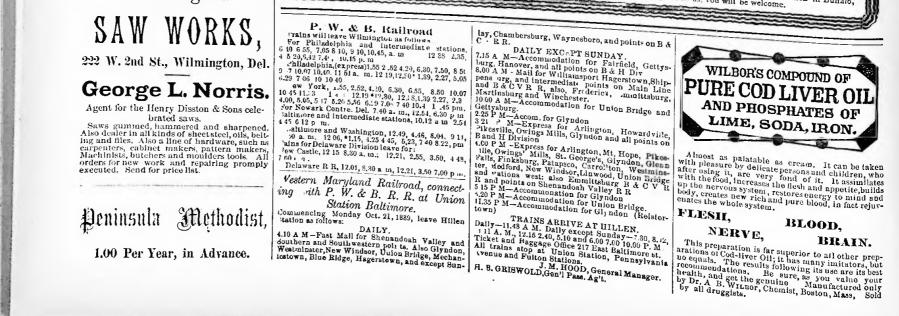
My text also means that an opportunity of the living present is better than a great opportunity passed. We spend much of our time in saying, "If I only had." We can all look back

#### Where Will It End?

In the sixty days of January and February there were seventy-three railroad accidents in the United States, and forty-two people were killed, sixty-five hurt, and over \$3,000,-000 damage done to property. Not more than five of these accidents could be attributed to circumstances furnishing a reasonable excuse, and yet no one was arrested. Had forty-two vehicles on the streets of Detroit killed a person each, there would have been a dozen lynchings.—Detroit Free Press.



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