



FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.

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A CHANGED HYMN.

"He hath put a new song into my mouth."

"The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between His shoulders"—Deut xxxiii. 12.

"Jesus, lover of my soul,"
Bids me in His bosom stay,
And though billows round me roll, I am safely hid away; For He holds me in His arms, Quite beyond the tempest's reach; And He whispers to my heart Words unknown to human speech.

"Other refuge have I none. He my habitation is: Here no evil can befall, I am kept in perfect peace.
I am covered all day long,
With the shadow of His wing: Dwell in safety through the night. Waking, this is what I sing.

'Thou, O Christ, art all I want.'
Rests my helpless soul in Thee; Thou wilt never leave alone, Nor forget to comfort me. Thou hast saved my soul from death, Thou hast scattered doubts and fears, And the sunshine of Thy face Sweetly drieth all my tears.

"Thou of Life the fountain art," Thou dost wash me white as snow; I'm content to dwell apart From all else, Thy love to know Blessed Sun of Righteousness, I so love to look on Thee, That my eyes are growing blind
To the things once dear to me.

—Independent Catholic Magazine.

Condition of Pulpit Power.

The prime condition of pulpit power is to have the Lordship of Christthe personal Christ, the doctrinal Christ, the historic Christ, in short, the Bible Christ-absolutely established in the head and the heart, so that his sway is alike imperial over both. This puts Christ at the focal center, and every line of thought converges there, and every ray of light emanates from that one point. This gives to preaching the spirit of heraldry, and wraps it in the flame of fervid and loyal passion, while it furnishes the head with the largest thoughts, and kindles the lips with glowing words. The preacher whose soul is on fire with Christ and his doctrine, will be very sure to communicate the fire to the hearer. The | did lighten it, and the Lamb is the latter will be brought spontaneously | light thereof." Yet this should be into sympathy with him, thinking the abiding experience of believers as he thinks, and feeling as he feels. | this side of heaven. Their sun should This will be pulpit power, and that, too, of the right kind.

Some preachers seem ambitious to be thought eloquent, and their great study is to choose the neatest and finest words, and to utter them in the most exquisite elegance and propriety of modulation. Others seem equally anxious to appear learned; and they ransack all the fields of knowledge for the most striking specimens of this fact. Others are rationalists and speculators, proud of assumed intellectual power; and they usually make ten times as many difficulties for their hearers as they remove. Still others preach is if in this age the main thing to be done is to defend Christianity, as if the mass of their hearers were infidels, and needed nothing so much as to have the truth of the Bible proved to them.

All these preachers fail to supply the primary condition of pulpit pow er. Christ himself, full-orbed, unmutilated, just as he is in the Bible, accredited in the nead and test in the man as a King, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, will no mob could sour the genial tem- fellow! Who will send him a paper? heart, and supreme over both by an in my ear.

ascendency that knows no rival and admits of no doubt, is the one great condition of pulpit power. Let every preacher take Paul's declaration as know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." The one thing to be done is to get this Christ before men. This is what the apostles did in their day, and what those who have been the most successful preachers have always aimed to do. There is no substitute for Christ in the pulpit. Indeed, a pulpit without Christ in it is but a platform where an orator may pose, or a dramatist may display himself; yet the Bible Christ as "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," will not be there. Men may be moved in a certain way, but they will not be moved toward the throne of grace or the blessedness of the heavenly life.—Independent.

"Life Eternal" in Actual Fruition.

Believers, as we are informed (Eph. 1: 14), receive "the sealing of the Holy Spirit of promise" as "the earnest of their inheritance," that is, as a present fruition, in kind, of heaven itself. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." We need not go far to find living examples of "glory begun gun below." This was realized in the experience of Dr. Payson, when he found himself a blissful inhabitant of the land of Beulah. "The Sun of Righteousness," he says, "has been gradually drawing nearer, apperring larger and brighter as He approached, and now He fills the whole hemisphere, pouring forth a flood of glory, in which I seem to float like an insect in the beams of the sun; exulting, yet almost trembling, while I gaze on this excessive brightness, and wondering, with unutterable wonder, why God should thus deign to shine upon a sinful worm." Scarcely higher blessedness is expressed by the words, "The glory of the Lord moon withdraw itself. "For the last ten years," said that man of God, Mr. Carpenter, "have I lived and walked in the cloudless light of the Sun of Righteousness."

Contemplate, for a moment, the scene which transpired in the experience of James Brainard Taylor, when he received the blessing of entiresanctification. "At this very juncture," he says, "I was most delightfully conscious of giving up all to God, I was enabled to say, here Lord, take me, take my whole soul, and seal me Thine-Thine now, and Thine forever. If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean.' There then ensued such emotions as I never before experienced. All was calm and tranquil, solemn; and a heaven of love pervaded my whole soul. I had a witness of God's love to me, and of mine to Him. Shortly after I was dissolved in tears of love and gratitude to our blessed Lord. The Name of Jesus was precious to me. 'It was music

took full possesion of my heart; and I was enabled to say, 'I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.' Let his motto: "For I determined not to Him, as King of kings and Lord of lords, reign in me-reign without a rival, forever. The Lord hath done great things for me, whereof I am | is before the Church of our fathers!glad, and for which I would praise Pittsburg Ad-vocate. His Holy Name. Not unto me-not unto me; I am nothing-Jesus is all. To His name be the glory. He is the author and finisher of faith. I know and am as fully assured of my acceptance with God, as I can be of my own existence—that is, if love, joy, and peace are evidence of reconciliation. I have a hope full of glorious immortality. The perfect love of God casteth out all fear of death, of the grave, of judgment, of hell Filial fear-fear of offending my Heavenly Father and my brethren, possesses me. Surely, I am a miracle of grace; a sinner saved by grace-free, sovereign grace. I feel that I love the Lord, because He first loved me. And even now I am favoured with the gracious presence of Immanuel. How suitable and delightful is His name-God with us,' Yes and formed within us the hope of glory."

Christian, has Christ thus manifested Himself to you? Has He and the Father made their abode with you? Does He commune with your spirit? Before you call, does He answer you? And while you are yet speaking, does He say to your soul, Here am I? If so, you are, even now, within the precincts of the celestial city, and its glory is beaming in upon you.—Divine Life.

Glance at the Future.

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The problem of "our brother in black" is one of the greatest and grandest, as it relates to our national integrity and progress, and also to the welfare of the mighty millions of God's poor who are to press our soil in the near future. The mere fact of at present would be a difficult, if not their numbers, saying nothing of their elevation and salvation, is startling it may probably induce others to indeed! In 1880 there were 6,500,000 supply my lack of information. There are now over 7,500,000; and it is estimated by experts on this sub-33,600,000 of them, or, sixteen per cent.; and in one hundred years, 144,of Jesus.

before the Methodist Episcopal Church in the coming century. At the present rate of increase, the population of the country will, in fifty years, be 205,539,000; and in one hundred years, 620,300,000. The wealth of the country in 1880 was \$44,000, 000,000, or nine dollars per capita. In one hundred years it will have become \$9,153,445,540,000, or fifteen dollars per capita. At the present

in a hundred years, be 28,650,000, of whom 3,183,333 will be the descendants of these freedmen. In that time the church property will have grown to a value of \$28,000,000,000. What a magnificent future is before this country! What a still grander future

Recollections of Snow Hill.

No. 9.

Before taking my leave of the circuit and people, who in the ordering of Providence, had to bear the infliction of my crude ministrations, I should love to draw a penciling of each kind home where it always seemed a pleasure to entertain the preachers; but this would hardly be possible I had so many, that giving but a day to each, it required one full calendar month to make the circuit. Occasionally I was compelled to spend several days at a time in one place, so as to accomplish a little in the way of study. During a week of heavy snow, I remember being caught without my books, in a place where the most entertaining literature I found was an old almanae, but for which, it is supposable, I signs, or become so intimate with the phases of the moon. In most of my stopping places, however, there were good solid libraries, with inexexhaustible stores of religious thought and times without number, have I. in my heart, blessed those good people, who in addition to a sumptuous table, put in way of the junior preacher, plenty of food for thought, and the best opportunities to acquire

The editor of this paper, has recently suggested to me, while I am about it to recapitulate the long list of itinerant preachers whose native home was Snow Hill circuit, and those who found wives there. This impossible task. If I call up a few,

not go down, neither should their of them, or thirteen per cent, of the Of the older ministers, following whole population of the nation. Dr. J. S. Porter, who seventy years ago was a young disciple on that field, I might name a Bishop, a Bell, a ject that in fifty years there will be | Houston, James Allen, my colleague of the next year, Rev. I- R. Merrill, Bro. Merrill while attending the Snow 300,000, or nineteen per cent. It will Hill Academy, was converted under not do to let these millions grow up | Matthew Sorin, became a diligent in ignorance and vice, a standing teacher for a time and then entered menace to our liberties; nor let them the Conference. How many have live and die without the knowledge gone out since I can only conjecture, as their names stand on the Wil-If all along these lines we remain | mington Conference Minutes. At true, a future of incalculable glory is least a round dozen of preacher's wives were born and reared within the bounds of the old circuit. If some one can call them to mind I will be obliged.

Of the pleasant ministerial visitors we had from time to time, none took more pains to help me along than Rev. J. A. Brindle, who had married into the Parker family. He was then

per of such a man as Bro. Brindle or his venerable colleague, Wm. Spry, of precious memory.

It was shortly after my leaving the circuit-the very next year, I think, that the unfortunate Burroughs difficulty occurred. It was an appalling thing for a Methodist preacher to be placed in the common jail, and arraigned at the bar for manslaughter. The excitement of that trial, and friendly sympathy excited toward the prisoner, before and after acquittal, revealed some noble traits where we should hardly have looked for their exhibition. If do not think of a person now living who could present a more full and circumstantial history of those sad days than Rev. Wm. T. Magee.

The friendships formed that first

year of my itinerant experience were cherished long after, some of them to this day. Of the curious positions in which I frequently found myself, perhaps one of the strangest was when paying a pastoral visit off toward the "seaside. With considerable difficulty I made my way to the place. As soon as I entered the rural dwelling, the sister who was busy preparing to entertain her preacher with an extra fine dinner, set me meanwhile, to work on her never would have mastered the mean- family clock. She said it had stopped ing of the zodiac with its marvelous running, and it made the house lonesome. She was glad I had come, for now it could be put in order. I begged to be excused, declaring I knew nothing of the interior complications of the time piece, but she seemed confident that a Methodist preacher knew, or ought to know everything from the system of the universe, down to the regulation of a superannuated clock. The last preacher, she said, who had paid her a visit, set it a going, and it run well for a season. So I had to turn clock mender. After an hour of easy work, unscrewing and separating the works, my trouble began when I commenced the readjustment. Wheels were mislaid; pins lost, and the various contrivances would not fit. It was an awful time with me. Must her confidence be shattered in the class she had esteemed so highly by my blundering? Doing my best, I crowded the machinery into some sort of relationship, and was glad to leave the old clock as near the condition in which I found it as possible. When coming into her parlor to invite me to the dinner table, she saw I had completed the job, and set the clock in its accustomed place, started the pendulum, and before I could frame an apology for ruining its future usefulness, away it went, with a regular swing and confident "tick, tick," to my utter astonish. ment. She did not seem so much surprised, saying, "I told you so." How long it kept time I never knew, but on leaving the house after a word of prayer that evening, she presented. me with a half dollar. ADAM WALLACE.

The Golden Censer overhears "a good brother, whose tobacco and on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, cigar bill is fifty dollars a year," makand they had troublous times grow- ing the touching plea, "I cannot afrate of increase, the membership of ing out of the slavery agitation, but ford to take a religious paper." Poor

demperance,

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

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

A Wise Reply.

of the Father Matthew excitement, one of his converts had scarcely landed in New York when an old acquaintance invited him to drink.

"Arrah, Pat," said he," I am glad to see you in this free country. Come and take a drink for old acquaintance sake."

"No," said Pat, "I can't do it; I've signed the pledge, sure, in the culd country.

"But," said his friend, "this is not Ireland, this is a free country. and you can do as you plase."

"Faith," replied brave Pat, "do you think I have brought my body here and left my soul in Ireland?" -Touth's Temperance Banner.

High License.

Referring to efforts for High License in New York, a correspondent of Zion's Herald has these suggestive words about prohibiting the sale of liquor to minors and on the Sabbath.

The clauses which provide for the punishment of those who sell to minors under sixteen, or who sell at all on Sunday, are very definite and strict. At the citizen's conference, some gentlemen familiar with temperance work in Chicago, spoke of the wonderful restriction placed upon the sale of liquor to minors in that city. Temperance workers appear to have concentrated their efforts to secure legislation in that one direction. They found their State legislators willing to help them. it is to be dealt with as any other Even those who partook of liquors public nuisance. The shield of law as freely as they pleased, were is no longer thrown around it. It willing to legislate against the sale not only ceases to be lawful, it beof liquor to boys. The efforts in this direction have surprised some | becomes an outlaw, so to speak. of the most sanguine workers in When legislators shall compel the that western city.

A Novel Pledge.

A little girl in Pennsylvania who had listened to a temperance address for the first time in her wrote out the following rather novel pledge

wine, or brandy, or smoke, or license at discretion. Druggists can swear, or cider either.

her playmates to sign it also, scription contrary to the spirit of the What do you think of it?

Why a Governor Signed the Pledge.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" so identified our interest with oth- ment that this is all the liquor he ers that we are in some respects has sold during the month. The our brother's keeper. No man husband, wife, guardian, or any relaliveth to himself, no man dieth to himself.

A governor of Pennsylvania signed the pledge, "not because he thought himself in danger, but to age. When a liquor prosecution save a friend." The head of one reaches a court, citizens are allowed of the best families was becoming to hirean attorney to assist the county intemperate, to the great distress prosecutor, and the case cannot be dis-

"I saw," said the governor, "their grief. I resolved to speak to him on the subject : I did so and urged him to sign the pledge. He suddenly turned upon me saying, 'Governor, I will if you will.' 'It is a bargain said I, and we went immediately to the office of the secretary, and both signed; and I know not that I ever touched a drop of liquor afterwards. Some years ago, during the time Nothing else would have induced me to sign; but I think of it as one of the best acts of my life."-Youth's Temperance Banner.

"Common Nuisances."

Dram-shops are defined by the new legislation of Kansas as "common nuisances." The designation seems peculiarly appropriate. If the term "nuisance" may be regarded as retaining the signification of the French nuire, hurt, together with its ordinary sense of "offensive," annoying," it is certainly fairly applicable to saloons; and that these nuisances are common-common as sin and as hateful -no human being needs to be told. It is generally conceded that the liquor business is hurtful in a physical, moral, social, and industrial sense, that it is offensive to rightthinking and right acting citizens, and that it is the chief annoyance, and the chief source of annovance of our fifty millions of population. But the law in most of our states does not pronounce this judgment upon it. It treats it as though the people did not consider it a nuisance. It protects society against common nuisances, because the principle of common law and the common good require it, but it, at most, presumes to regulate, not suppress, the common nui. sance of the dram-shop. The problem, then, is to have the drinkingplace recognized by law as a "common nuisance." The legislation of Kansas does this, and thus places liquor-selling at great moral and legal disadvantage. It throws the whole weight of law against the demoralizing business, indicating that comes an offense against society. It courts to regard it in this character, the way of the saloon keeper will be a hard one.

The Kansas law is summarized as follows by one of the daily papers.

"It licenses drug stores, under very close restrictions, and makes all othlife was so impressed and inter-ested that she went home and with. The druggists are licensed by the probate judges on a petition signed by twelve freeholders and "I promise not to drink rum, or voters, and the judges may revoke a only sell on a physician's prescrip-She signed it, and got several of tion. A physician who gives a prelaw is subject to a fine of from \$100 to \$500, and a prescription is only good for one sale. The druggist is to keep records of all sales, with particulars, open to the inspection of the public, and to be filed in the profell from the lips of Cain. God has bate office every month, with a statetive of any person can make it unlawful for any druggist to sell liquor to such person, by filing a statement with the druggist that such person uses intoxicating liquor as a bever-

tant prosecutor, without a hearing being her bag toward them: "Have fore the court, where the protection." fore the court, where the protestant's one, Lou, Jenny!" and she held peared. reasons may be filled in writing. The penalties for a breach of this law are severe, including heavy fines, and in some cases imprisonment."

The law clearly distinguishes between the use of liquor as a beverage and as a medicine, and the sale for medicinal purposes is naturally entrusted to druggists. The difficulty, of course, will be to prevent evasion of the law by unscrupulous druggists, who have many opportunities to minister to the drink appetite. The Kansas law, however, seems to throw all possible safeguards around this concession; and it will be possible to limit abuses of it, if not to prevent them altogether. A druggist cannot violate it without making a rascal of himself; but there are many men, unfortunately, who will on behalf of the whiskey business. make themselves rascals. We shall watch the operation of this law with solicitude. The people of Kansas have declared saloons to be "common nuisances." Let us see if they will abate those nuisances.—Independent.

out a roll to each. Jenny, thepoor clad, looked pleased, but hesitated shyly, till seeing

Lou take it as a matter of course, she too, accepted hers, and began

eating it with a relish.

"I'm glad you gave Jenny one," said Sophia, as they passed on, for she never has a lunch; but why did you give Lou one? She's rich enough to buy Sandy out, if she likes."

"Yes, Sophia; but if I had singled Jenny out, it would have looked as if I thought she was poor and hungry, and she would have felt hurt; but by giving to Lou also, it seemed just a common act of comradeship, don't you see?"

"Oh, May, how good you are!" said Soph a, with a little hug. "Yes, I do see, you darling. But there's one roll still!"

"Yes,I've an idea that I can use it somewhere—but there's the bell. We must go in now."

As the girls left school that noon they saw leaning against a post, Tom Riley, the deepest drinker and biggest loafer in town. His daughter was a fine girl, though, and high in her classes, when she could manage to attend school, and May knew that the man, bad as he was, was very proud of his Dora, when he knew he ought to be proud of anything; She still had her unappropriated roll, and now her sudden glance at Sophia showed she had an idea in her head. Stepping forward a little, she said brightly.

"Good morning, Mr. Riley. How is Dora to-day? She wasn't at school this morning."

Mr. Riley muttered something about her helping mother at home, and May took out the roll.

"Please give her this, with my love, she said laughing, "and tell her I missed her dreadfully at luncheon-she'll understand.'

In a dazed way he took it, and looked after the gay group as it passed on; then buttoning the roll carefully in his cost, he turned slowly homeward.

May's people were wealthy and highly respected, and through his befogged brain shot a gleam of loving pride that his daughter could make such friends. He had ed about him to invest a penny eaten nothing to-day, but he never each in the crisp, fresh bits of thought of touching the roll which bread, which tasted so good with lay warm within his coat. When

"Oh, father, isn't she kind? She's always giving me things in her pretty way. How I do wish-"

"Well?" Her father's voice was gruff, but his eyes blinked kindly at her.

"You see, sir, since you tooksince my shoes were sold, I can't

He looked at her a long minute, and dimly remembered taking them to the pawn-shop, and haveat two of 'em to begin with, and ing a great carousal with the money they brought.

'Where's mother?' he asked abruptly.

'Out washing, sir.'

Got any dinner ready?"

'N-no sir, I couldn't till mother came 'cause, you see, there isn't any. We might eat this roll, sir,' -timidly-'mother'll get hers out.' He turned quickly.

"You eat it," he said, and disap.

What have I been doing?" was his thought. With a girl that can make friends with the best folks in town, like that—and I, her father, reeling through the streets to sell the shoes off her feet!"

He met a man he had known in

better days.

'Jones,' he said, 'can you give me some work. I can do a decent job at carpentering yet, I guess, and I'll swear to you that I won't drink while I'm about it."

'Do you mean it, Tom?' I do, and there's my hand on it." 'All right! come to-morrow at 7 and I'll give you a job."

Tom kept his word, and, little by little, peace, comfort and plenty came again to the Riley home,-Fannie E. Newberry in Careful Builder.

Death of the First-born.

I stand in a darkened room before a little casket that holds the silent form of my first-born. My arm is round the wife and mother who weeps over the lost treasure, and cannot, till tears have their way, be comforted. I had not thought that my child could die-that my child could die. I knew that other children had died, but I felt safe. We lay the little one close by his grandfather at last; we strew his grave with flowers, and then return to our saddened home with hearts united in sorrow as they had never been united in joy, called to a kindred grief. Will his grandfather know him? f never can cease thinking of him as cared for and led by the same hand to which my own youthful fingers clung, and as hearing from the fond lips of my own tather the story of his father's eventful life. I feel how wonderful has been the ministry of my children—how much more I have learned from them than they have ever learned from me-how, by holding my own strong life in sweet subordination to their helplessness, they have taught me patience, self sacrifice, self control, truthfulness, faith, simplicity, and purity.

Ah! this taking to one's arms a little group of souls, fresh from the hand of God, and living with them in loving companionship through all their stainless years, is, or ought to be, like living in heaven, for of such is the heavenly kingdom, To no one of these am I more indebted than to the boy who went away from me before the world had touched him with their mellow apples at recess, all brance and loving message har uplost and the enly key that shut him in unlock my heart, and let in among its sympathies the world of sorrowing men and women who mourn because their little ones are not.

The little graves, alas! how many they are! The mourners above them, how vast the multitude! Brothers, sisters, I am one with you. I press your hands, I weep with you, I trust with you, I belong to you. Those waxen, folded hands, that still heart, so often pressed warm to our own, those sleep-bound eyes which have been so full of love and life, that sweet, unmoving alabaster face-ah! we have all looked upon them, and they made us one and made us better. There is no fountain which the healing angel troubles with his restless and life-giving wings so constantly as the fountain of tears, and only those too lame and bruised to bathe, miss the blessed influence.-Dr. Holland in Philodelphia Methodist.

Michigan University is to receive by will the entire art collection of the sculptor, Randelph Rogers.

Bepartment. Children's

A PLAIN LITTLE GIRL

Once I knew a little girl, Very plain; You might try her hair to curl. All in vain; On her cheek no tint of tose Paled and blushed, or sought repose She was plain.

But the thoughts that through her brain Came and went. As a recompense for pain Angels sent; So full many a beauteous thing, In the young soul blossoming. Gave content

Every thought was full of grace
Pure and true;
And in time the homely face
Lovlier grew; With a heavenly radiance bright From the soul's reflected light Shining through.

Shall I tell you, little child, Plain or poor,
If your thoughts are undefiled,
You are sure Of the loveliness of worth,

Will endure. St. Nicholas

May's Hot Rolls.

Hot rolls! Here's your hot rolls!" cried Sandy Robertson at the school yard gate, his sunny Scotch face a cheery sight that winter's morning

The "lassies" of the grammar school knew him well, and crowdvested a nickel and received her face flushed with pleasure. five rolls in a paper bag.

"Do look at her," laughed Anna Tull. "Five great rolls! You never can eat them in the world!"

"No, but somebody else can. I feel generous this morning," May laughed back.

"What a queer girl you are," said Sophie Gray, linking arms go to school any more. I lovingly. "I'd like to know just | wishing I could-that's all." what you're going to do with those rolls, May,"

"Would you? Very well-we'll then-come, and I'll show you where one is going, at least."

On the steps rods away stood two girls watching them; one warmly clothed and happy-looking, in a careless way; the other wan and poor in face and dress, most wist-

"Come on, girls, something of his house. missed against the protest of suchassis. good," laughed May, now swing-

The Sunday School.

Paul at Rome.

LESSON FOR APRIL 26, 1885. - Acts 28: 16-31.

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[Adapted from Zion's Herald.!

GOLDEN TEXT: "The salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles" (Acts 28: 28) I. FIRST INTERVIEW WITH THE JEWS (16-22).

16. When we came to Rome-R. V. "when we entered into Rome.' The centurion delivered the prisoners, etc.-This clause is omitted in R. V. Paul was suffered to dwell (R. V., "abide") by himself-not imprisoned in the Prætorian camp outside the walls, but granted the privilege of custodia libera ("free custody," or permission to dwell in the city under the care of a soldier), probably because of the reports of his case furnished by Felix and Festus, and the representations of Julius as to his behavior on the voyage. He dwelt in his own "hired house," his support being probably provided for by the Roman Christians. With a soldier that kept him-R. V., "with the soldier that guarded him; "to whom he was fastened by a chain, an irksome sort of captivity, to which he makes frequent allusions in the Epistles written from Rome (Eph. 3: 1: 4: 1; Phil. 1: 7, 13, 16; Col. 4: 18).

17. After three days-a very brief interval for getting rested and settled in his new lodging. Paul called the chief of the Jours together - invited the rulers of the synagogues and representatives of the leading Jewish families to meet together and listen to his statements. The Jews were very numerous in Rome, and had their special quarter-across the Tiber. Incidentally we learn from Josephus that 8,000 Jews resident in Rome supported a petition adverse to Archelaus, the son of Herod, which was forwarded to the emperor from Jerusalem. Farrar puts the number of Jews living at Rome at this time at 60,000. Men and brethren. though I-R. V., "I, brethren, though I." Have committed (R. V., "have done") nothing against . . people, customs.-Paul here, as at his successive trials at home, strenuously maintains his loyalty to his nation and its law. He had only labored "to bring the Mosaic institutions to their Mesaianic fulfillment" (Meyer). They had "delivered" him to Roman custody, but he claimed to be innocent.

18, 19. Who—the Romans, and. particularly, Felix and Festus. Would have let me go .- R. V., "desired to set me at liberty." This completes the narative of Paul's appeal to Cæsar. Festus examined him (25: 9), found him innocent, and proposed to release him; the Jews objected; then Festus suggested that he go to Jerusalem and be tried there. as the Jews insisted that he should do; Paul, knowing that this meant assassination on the way, or a judicial murder at the end of it, appealed to Casar. Constrained to appeal in selfdefense.

that he appealed in order that he of Christianity as the fulfillment of he announces the course to which he might have an opportunity of accusing his nation of maltreating him; but such a charge the apostle repudiates. Although most unjustly and cruelly treated, he was not an accuser of his brethren" (Gloag).

20. For this cause therefore-namely, "the hope of Israel," the fulfillment of which in Jesus he cherished. Therefore have I called for you-R. V., "therefore did I entreat you." The hope of Israel .- Not for crime, not for from morning until evening. disloyalty, but for his belief in the nation's fondest "hope," he was enduring his present captivity.

was suffering all these indignities; was the Messiah, for whom Israel had been so long anxiously waiting. and the resurrection. It was his unswerving belief in Jesus as the Mcssiah, which was the cause of all his suffering, including the chain then hanging upon his arm (Howson and Spence)."

21. Neither received letters concerning thee.—These Jewish rulers are very guarded and very polite in their reply to Paul. Nothing official-neither letters nor messengers from the church at Jerusalem-had been received by them, having to do with Paul's case. This is easily explained: Paul's appeal to Cæsar had been a complete surprise to the Jews; before it was made, they had their plans of private assassination, which they would naturally keep to themselves after it was made, any communication which they may have sent, would not be likely to have reached Rome ahead of the apostle. But though nothing definite had as yet been charged against him, they knew very well that Paul was a Nazarene, and that his life was dedicated to the extension of that disreputable sect. Neither any of the brethren, etc. -R. V., "nor did any of the brethren come hither and report or speak any harm of thee.'

22. We desire to hear of thec .- The last two words are emphatic. From the "sect" itself they held aloof; but Paul's early Jewish training and scholarship, his remarkable history, and his representative relation to the growing heresy, entitled him to an exceptional hearing- We know-R V., "It is known to us." Everywhere spoken against .- Christianity in the early days was compelled to submit to an opposition that was both bitter and slanderous. Its adherents were treated "as "the filth and offscouring of the world" (1 Cor. 4: 13). Calumnies as wicked as they were false were in circulation concerning them. Hence the Jews in Rome quite ignored the Christian community which had sprung up in their midst.

"The hatred and calumny now poured upon Christians, by which Nero was emboldened to perpetrate his cruel persecutions, arose from various causes. As a sort of Jewish sect, they inherited in the first place all the odium of Jews. As abhorring the gods of paganism, they were stigmatized as "atheists." As standing aloof from unholy amusements, they were held as unsocial and haters of the human race. As refusing to swear by the name of the emperor and sacrifice to his image, they were held as disloyal. As looking to a future. and perhaps near, conflagration of the world, they might plausibly be accused as incendiaries. And as being alleged to assemble by and blood of Christ, they were even slandered as nightly cannibals! (Whedon.)

II. THE SECOND INTERVIEW (23-29). 23. There came into his lodging-R. great number: a larger attendance "The Jews seem to have insinuated pounded .- Of this all-day exposition Farrar) were now residing at Rome. Judaism, no record has been kept. is driven by their contunuacy. They one hundred and seventy-three mem-Testified (R. V., "testifying") the kingdom of God.—not the carnal kingdom which they expected, but that kingdom whose elements are "righteousness, joy and peace in the Holv Ghost." Out of the law, out of the prophets-laboring to prove to them that Jesus was He "of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did in Syria to the islands of the Pacific. wrife." The discussion continued

24. Some believed—a few, a small minority. Some believed not .- R. V., "some disbelieved:" the great body as in the case of the Fijians and oth-"The glorious "hope." for which he of Paul's hearers evidently remained ers (Howson and Spence)."

unconvinced and opposed. "From that hour it is probable that

Paul gave up the hope of touching the heart of Israel as a people, and devoted his few remaining years to winning the Gentiles" (Howson and Spence).

25. When they agreed.-"The division which has resulted ever since when the truth of God has encountered, side by side, earnest conviction with worldly indifference, honest investigation with bigoted prejudice, trustful faith with the pride of skepticism" (Conybeare and Howson). Spoken one word-one final, warning "word," a "word' which on five other occasions in the New Testament is applied to the unbelieving nation, the well-known passage taken from Isaiah 6: 9, 10. Esaias.-R. V., "Isaiah." Unto our fathers.—R. V., "unto your fathers."

"Isaiah is told that the effect of his preaching on the great mass of the people would not be to convert, but to blind and harden them; that they would obstinately harden themselves against his declarations. The passage received its Messianic fulfillment in the impenitence of the Jews and in their opposition to the Gospel (Gloag)."

26, 27. Saying.—These words were first uttered seven centuries prior to this time; and, so far as the Jews are regarded as a nation, they might still be uttered eighteen centuries later Hearing.—R. V.' "by hearing." Shall not understand .- R. V., "shall in no wise understand:" because they would hear and not heed, listen to and not obey. Obedience is the organ of spiritual understanding. And not perceice-"and shall in no wise perceive;" the same idea with only a change of figure. "These 'shalls' are simply futures, not imperatives" (Whedon). Heart . . wased gross—grown fat, that is, sluggish, sensual, obdurate to spiritual impressions. Lest .. see . hear understand.—This puts the blame where it belongs-on the perverse will of people. Should be converted .-

"These words indicate that the Christ was due to a resolution not to to see. The evidence was given to them. Christ called them, and would have gathered them to Himself, but "they would not." So Paul had everywhere preached to them, but they put aside his message" (Howson and Spence).

R. V., "should turn again." I should

heal them.-How gladly would He

have healed them of their backslid-

ings, if they only would have turned

salvation of God .-- R. V., "this salvanight to partake the mystical body tion of God;" this tidings of salvation and this power of God unto salvation, which you reject. Is sent un-V., "they came into his lodging in | repeated the warning at Corinth (18: than on the former occasion. Ex- of the 60,000 Jews who (according to will hear it.-R. V., "they will also hear;" that is, receive and obey it. though deemed by you outside the pale of salvation, [Verse 29 is omitted in R! V.]

"And, indeed, the Gospel has proved the message and power of God unto the Gentiles from Antioch It has leavened the nations, and in the present century has transformed whole peoples from the rudest barbarians to comparative civilization,

III. TWO YEARS IN ROME (30, 31). 30. And Poul dwelt.-R. V., "and he abode." Two whole years-a captive all the time, chained by day to one soldier, at night between two. In his own hired house (R. V., "dwelling")-the expenses of which were doubtless supplied by his Christian friends. All that came in unto him .-The privilege of free access to him of friends and inquirers was not denied.

"The current of opinion has for some time past set strongly in favor of the old tradition that, at the end of this time. Paul was liberated, as it seems that, by the spirit of prophecy, he knew that he should be (Phil. 1: 25-28; 2: 24; Philemon 22). Eusebius accepted it; and the evidence for it, if not copious, was by the early Church considered conclusive (Jacobson)."

31. Preaching . . . teaching—busy with the work to which his life was consecrated, despite the restrictions to which he was subjected. With all confidence.—R. V., "with all boldness." No man (R. V., "none") forbidding him -"the Romans not having the wish, and the Jews not having the courage, to interfere" (Whedon).

Letter From Salisbury, Md. DEAR BROTHER:

I embrace my first opportunity since you assumed editorial conduct of the Peninsula Methodist, to comply with your polite invitation to send you a letter of church news. Our worthy pastor, Wm. B. Walton and his estimable family came among us about one year ago, and entered at once with zeal and enthusiasm upon the work of building up the church and enlarging her borders. We review with great satisfaction the Conference year just closed, and writeover it "Success." We have made a steady advance all along the line of church work. Though not favored with any sweeping revivals, we have had two extra meetings, one at Rockawalking, the other at Salisbury, resulting in some ten or twelve conversions: also laying a foundation for future prosperity which we trust God will give us, during the current year. We are praying that the devilish circuses, and demoralizing skating-rinks will not root up the good seed planted failure of the Jews to believe in in the hearts and minds of the people. Two of the former are to annoy us at the beginning of this new year. We have now two rinks, one private the other public: and may have another, if a certain prominent Methodist here-I am ashamed to write it-can secure enough stockholders to justify the building of the rink; it is 28, 29. Be it known therefore unto but a slight alleviation to know he m-because of your obduracy. The is not a member of our branch of Methodism. If his eye should fall on these lines I would ask him to consider the decision of eight eminent physicians of New York City, to the Gentiles. -So he had warned on this question who declare the exthe Jews at Antioch twenty years ereise to be productive of organic disbefore (13: 46); subsequently he had | case and | aggravating to such as | already exist, besides the terrible de-6); and now to these representatives moralizing effects of such promiscuous associations, as are inseparable from the Rink

Our Sunday school at present has bers, with an average attendance during the last quarter of very nearly one hundred. In this school, membersare not allowed to belong to other schools, while members of this. We have a most excellent library to which we are adding new volumes as fast as possible. I am happy to say that all the teachers and scholars with but few exceptions are members of the church.

The cause of temperance I believe to be steadily gaining ground in this town and county. The recent Liquor Law for Wicomico County was tested

in our court at its last session on the point of selling to habitual drunkards, and lound to be constitutional; and the parties violating it were fined heavily. The friends of the law think it an excellent one, but in my judgment it does not go to the root of the matter. I believe in, and advocate, absolute prohibition, as the only safe-guard of the young and rising generation; and I expect to fight it out on this line with tongue and pen while God gives me life. I take pleasure in saying that the whiskey men have no organ here to advocate their abominable business. We have two clean neat secular papers edited by sober men, - The Salisbury Advertiser edited by Thos. Perry Esq., and the Wicomico Record edited by Hon. T. F. I. Rider and C. I. Vincent, Esq. With the press and most of leading men in this community on our side the prospect of the temperance cause in our county is very bright and promising. I am glad to be able to say that our pastor is a staunch temperance man. Wishing you and the Peninsula Methodist great success. I am truly yours,

April 14th, 1885.

Letter From Marydel.

L. H. Nock.

DEAR BRO. THOMAS: Not having seen anything from our place for some time I thought perhaps a short letter would be acceptable. We are still on the march. Our prayer and class meetings seem to grow in interest, and the Lord is with us every day. Our much loved Bro. and former pastor, N. McQuay has been very ill ever since conference. He has been kindly cared for at the home of Bro. Newton Pippins; none but the nurse being allowed in his room for over two weeks. We learn that he is sitting up in bed to-day for the first time. The earnest prayers of a united people have been going up for him all through his sickness and we believe the Lord will raise him up for future usefulness. Bro Pippins' wife also has been very sick, but we are glad to report her convalesing. Rev. A. S. Mowbray, our new pastor, is with us, entering heart and hand into the work. He is well liked by all, and we are looking forward to a grand barvest as the result of the Master's blessing upon united labors. Our ladies have been giving the parsonage a thorough renovating. Whitewashing, papering and carpeting, and will soon be ready to welcome our pastor's wife and little babe.

Yours in Christ.

C.

Marydel, April 14, 1885.

P. S. If you think proper you can dd that the Peninsula Methodist is a welcome visitor at our place, and its. contents eagerly devoured by all.

A member (a milkman) of the West Church at Haverhill, Mass., iscredited with having been present, during the past year, at every preaching service, every prayer-meeting, and every session of the Sabbathschool.

The Catholic directory gives the number of the clergy of that seet in the United States, at 7118. The Methodist Episcopal Church (North) alone has 12,923 traveling preachers, and the Presbyterian churches 10,029 ministers.



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This paper and a Waterbury Watch for **\$3.75.**

The paper free for six months to any one sending five dollars and the names of five new subscribers.

CORRESPONDENTS will please remember that all news items intended for publication in the issue of the Saturday following, must be at this office by Wednesday. Longer articles by the Saturday previous.

Parties desiringcopies of the Minutes can secure them at this office. Price 15 cents.

Copies of Discipline for sale at this office. Price including postage 30

THE BLACK KITE .- A correspondent sends us a detailed statement of deficiencies on salary account as reported in the Minutes in twenty two charges, ranging from \$2,03 in one to \$228 in another, and aggregating the sum of \$2110, as compared with \$961 reported the previous year. We must decline publishing this list, as the facts already appear in the Minutes, we doubt not to the mortification of both pastor and people and to the sincere regret of all who have done their duty in this matter. Some delinquents very likely were not able love for his high toned Christian to do better as intimated in one case character, had at the time of our in this issue, while others failed to writing, already entered the true Death of a Prominent Minister. do their part. Did our brother single out the guilty ones; it might be well to hold them up to public reprobation. There may be some charges in the conference, though we don't think there are, "that are chronic and systematic" delinquents, but indiscriminate censure will wound many innocent people while it castigates a few guilty ones. We think there is little danger of the BLACK KITE becoming attending some of the spring Confera popular favorite. Heretofore a number of charges have paid up deficiencies after conference. We shall be very glad to publish such facts, and hope every pastor, whose charge stands on the delinquent list will be able to report at least as well as Bro. Conoway does for Rock Hall.

Bro. W. W. Wilson, paster sends the Annual Statement of "Immanuel M. E. Church, Crisfield, Md. for the year ending Apr. 1, 1885. This statement neatly printed was distributed through the congregation on igilt top, \$3.50.

the first Sabbath after Conference, thus showing what had been accomendeavor. We copy address to the week later, Charles, their 6 year old a note from the Finance Committee.

TO THE CHURCH.

The conference year that has bid us one is living.—Smyrna Times. adieu has been one of success to the Church, spiritually and financially. Harmony has prevailed and there has been no clashing of machinery in any of its departments. God surely our name "Immanuel is written on the palm of His hand, and her walls are continually before Him." Startupon the New, we pray that harmony, peace and prosperity will continue within her borders. We extend to you our thanks for past kindness liberality, and invite a continuation of the same

Official Board.

OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

The expenses are met by basket and weekly contributions. Each subscriber has given him 52 envelopes He is expected to deposit one in the lars. basket every Sunday. All members are expected, and should give something to the support of the Church FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Through the courtesy, we presume of our esteemed brother, Rev. Dr. Phœbus, we are in receipt of the "Annual statement, to April 1st, 1885, of the First Place M. E. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y." It is an admira ble resume of the activities of the church for the current year. Besides a full list of all church officials, church members and members of Sabbath-school, there is a full financial exhibit of all moneys received and expended; also brief obituary sketches of members who have died during the year, with a comprehensive review of all matters of local interest. We take pleasure in appropriating the following item:

"Dr. George A. Phœbus of the Wilmington Conference. His family are identified with our church. We have enjoyed his presence with us. and the help he has been able to give our pastor at the communion

The following sad news appears in Zion's Herald of the 8th inst. Many of our brethren will remember Dr. Dean as a visitor to the Conference at Snow Hill, a little more than a month ago. In our issue of the 11th inst., we called favorable attention to his abridgement of Gibbon's Rome," little dreaming that our friend and brother whom we had known for the last twenty years, only to respect and eternal city." How impressively are we admonished, "Be ye therefore ready also; for the son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Mystic, Conn.—The church here is in great sorrow on account of the sudden death of Dr. J. A. Dean, who has made his permanent home in Mystic for several years. He had been ences in Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, and died March 30th, in New Brunswick, N. J., after a brief illness, of pneumonia. A pure, noble, cultured nature has gone to the fellowship of kindred spirits. "Servant of God, well done!"

PREMIUM.-Smith's Bible Dictionary bound in cloth free to any one ing of his Lord. sending the name of ten new subscribers and ten dollars. We will also send it on receipt of price. Cloth, \$2.00, Sheep, \$3.00, Half morocco umes, new, for sale cheap. Inquire

On March 30th, the Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Bunstein of Milford, lost their plished and stimulating for future little daughter Nellie by death. One church from the Official Board, and son, was taken sick and died in two days thereafter. Of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bunstein, only

Mrs. Bunstein is the daughter of Rev. Joseph S. Cook, an honored member of the Philadelphia Conference, formerly stationed on the Peninsula. We tender these sorely is dwelling in His Holy Temple, and afflicted ones our sincerest sympathy and pray they may have the comfort that comes only from the all-wise and loving Father in Heaven.

"One family we dwell in Him,
One church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death." (ED.)

PREMIUM. - Wood's Penograph and a year's subscription to the Peninsu-LA METHODIST for two dollars and fifty cents. The penograph will be sent free to any sending the names of ten new subscribers and ten dol-

Maryland State Temperance Alliance.

This grand Union of Temperance Reform workers met in its twelfth annual session in the city of Baltimore Thursday, morning the 21st inst. 682 delegates were announced as accredited. Hon. Wm. Daniel, President made an encouraging report for the year, announcing that five new districts in Garrett Co. and one in Dorchester had been gained for Prohibition during 1884, the net result of our efforts thus far showing the equivalent of thirteen counties for Prohibition in the state.

Very annimated and earnest debates were had on the Policy of the Alliance, as partisan or non-partisan. resulting in the adoption by a unanimous vote of a set of resolutions pledging the alliance to pursue in the future the strictly non-partisan course, by which in the past it had achieved such grand successes. Mr. Daniel declining to serve longer as President, Edward Higgins, Esq., an eminent lawyer of the city bar and an ardent temperance man, was elected his successor and publicly pledged himself to carry out the non-partisan policy as expressed in the resolutions adopted by the convention.

PREMIUM. - Webster's Practical Dictionary free to any one sending four new names and four dollars. The Peninsula Methodist one year, and Webster's Practical Dictionary for \$1.50, cash.

Rev. John Summerfield Deale, D.D., of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, died suddenly last Sabbath morning, at his home in the parsonage of Caroline St. Church, Baltimore City, to which he had but recently been appointed. Dr. Deale has been an earnest, able and successful preacher of the gospel for some thirty-five years, serving twice in the office of Presiding Elder. He was a graduate of Dickinson College, and for four years a classmate with the writer in that institution. But a few words fell from his lips in testimony of a triumphant ending of a well-spent life. "Precious Jesus," was one of the responces from the dying Herald of salvation, as he recognized the com-

Whedon's Commentaries, 9 volat this office.

Why Sorrow is Indispensable.

Sorrow is not an accident, occurring now and then-it is the very woof which is woven into the warp of life. God has created the nerves to agonize and the heart to bleed; and before a man dies almost every nerve has thrilled with pain, and every affection has been wounded. The account of life which represents it as probation is inadequate; so is that which regards it chiefly as a system of rewards and punishments. The truest account of this mysterious existence seems to be that it is intended for the development of the soul's life, for which sorrow is indispensable. Every son of man who would attain the true end of his being must be baptized with fire. It is the law of our humanity, as that of Christ that we must be perfected through suffering. And he who has not discerned the divine sacredness of sorrow. and the profound meaning which is concealed in pain, has yet to learn what life is. The Cross, manifested as the necessity of the highest life, alone interprets it .- F. W. Robertson

THE crusade of the Churches and other religious and moral societies against the abomination of roller skating rinks is prosecuted vigorously, and ere long they will all be put in the limbo of public detestation. Speed the day when no person having reason to pretend to respectability, can be found within their malodorous precints!

It is passing strange that parents can be so regardless of the moral danger of such places, as to permit their children to patronize them. Children of the most susceptible age, young maidens as ignorant as babies of the vitiating influences to which they are there subjected, and boys are permitted to go to the rinks day after day and night after night, to mingle with all that pay the admission fee, however disreputable and bad they may be. There they may breathe the foulest moral atmosphere and be poisoned or smirched by familiar asaociations, and contact with the most corrupt of both sexes. It is charitable to suppose the parents ignorant of the great danger into which they let their children run. But such ignorance cannot save them from severe censure nor soothe the wounds their children's loss of purity must inflict,—Ocean Grove Record.

Begin Where You Are.

The man who has really resolved to live the best life that he can, must begin right where he is-begin where his failures, his false education, his errors, and his sins have left him. By no single stroke of the pen can we erase whole pages in the history of our lives. We have made or unmade ourselves as we are. If we could only begin at some lofty height which our moral dreams picture for us, it seems to us that there would be inspiration in going still further. But we cannot substitute in a moment the dream life for the real one. We are surrounded on every side by hard and tangible realities. One who takes a practical and sagacious view of what is possible to him in life will not burden himself by attempting the unattainable. He will begin when and where he is, and do that which lies in his power. Each day of life brings its own task; each task is an opportunity; each task accepted, each opportunity fulfilled, may be a step toward a higher life. Jacob's old dream was not an unreasonable one. His angels did not fly to heaven; they went patiently up each round of the ladder, and

The Independent, gleaning from about two dozen journals of all evan-gelical denominations, finds that the gelical denominations, and that the conversions reported in a single week number 28,000. "We must not for get," it says, "that this list of upwards of 28,000 conversions represents only a fraction of the Church sents only a fraction of the Church-

The Advance thinks there is "mon. strous logical contradiction in the strous logical tian nation spending act of a Christian nation spending act of a Christian Hatch spending \$1,400,000,000 for crime breeding intoxicants, and only \$80,000,000 for education—that is seventeen dollars to debase men, and one to educate them.'

The earth's population, according to Behm and Wagner's "Befolkering der Erde," is 1,439,145,300, distributed thus over the great land divisions: Europe, 312,398,480; Asia, 831,000, 000; Africa, 205,219,500; Australasia and Polynesia, 4,411,300; and America, 80,116,000.

The founder of Methodism, who ought to have understood its nature. its characteristics, its genius and its aim better than any one else, said that "it is only plain, scriptural religion, guarded by a few prudential regulations. The essence of it is holiness of heart and life; the circumstantials all point to this."-Exchange.

One of the funny things of the period is, a modern politician trying to hold with the temperate and moral portions of society, and at the same time keep in with the saloon keepers and the drinking classes. Gentlemen, the day is coming for honest, out-spoken opinions.-Richmond Advocate.

By a vote of 94 to 63 the Connecticut House a few days ago, passed a bill allowing women to vote at school elections. If the schools profit as much by calling out this reserve force as the churches have by a similar expedient, the result will be highly gratifying.

Think of that noble, old worn-out warrior, Hartwell Gary, taking of his little allowance to send the Advovale to a poor neighbor. Can Methodists in good conscience "pass by on the other side" their needy and unreading brethren?

He sends the Church paper to the new home. He pays for it out of the marriage fee. There is pure Methodist metal in that man.-Richmond Advocate.

THE SABBATH, A DELIGHT.—There are some who would make the Sabbath a day of gloom. I would have the sun to shine brighter and the flowers to smell sweeter, and nature to look fairer on that day than on any other. I would have the very earth to put on her holiday attire on the blest morning on which our Saviour rose from the dead.—Guthrie.

THE BETTER VIEW OF DEATH. We picture death as coming to destroy; let us rather picture Christ as coming to save. We think of death as ending; let us rather think of life as beginning, and that more abundantly. We think of losing; let us think of gaining. We think of parting; let us think of meeting. We think of going away; let us think of arriving. And as the voice of death whispers, "You must go from earth," let us hear the voice of Christ saying, "You are but coming to Me."-

Mrs. C. H. McCormick and C. H. McCormick, Jr., representing the estate of C. H. McCormick, have made a further donation to the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Chicago of \$100,000. Altogether, the they began at the bottom.—Christian \$506,000 from the McCormick fam-

Wilmington Conference NEWS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT -Rev. Charles Hill, P. E., Wilmington, Del. The citizens of Rockland and vicinity appear to be well pleased with the appointment of Rev. W. H. Hendrickson as the pastor of Mt. Lebanon Church. The congregation last Sunday was one of the largest that has assembled there within the past three years, and all appeared to enjoy the services. By proper effort the membership may be increased, and the church be restored to something like the usefulness it possessed in former times. Rockland is a pleasant neighborhood, the country round about is quite thickly settled, and there is an ample field for a prosperous church. We hope the brightest anticipations of all connected with it will be fully realized.—Daily Republican.

It is stated that contributions amounting to \$1,000 have already been received on account of the projected improvements of old Asbury. The improvements of the Sunday school room have been talked about for years, and we trust that they will now be speedily made. Asbury is the mother of Methodism in our city. All the other Methodist churches owe their origin directly or indirectly to her, and she continues as popular and prosperous as at any time in her history.—Daily Republican.

Until June 1st the Sunday evening services at Grace M. E. Church will begin at 8o'clock, and after that date twilight services will be held. Last Sunday night the pastor, the Rev. J. Richards Boyle, began a serries of lectures on the minor prophets his theme being "The Office of Prophecy." Each successive Sunday night he will lecture on the prophecies of Obediah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. -Every Evening.

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

Rock Hall, G. S. Conoway, pastor, writes us, the deficiency in his salary reported in the Minutes has been more than half made up since conference by the Piney Neck brethren who acknowledge the debt and purpose to pay it. The good people of this charge have suffered peculiarly from the depression in the oyster trade upon which they are largely dependent. "With anything like a fair chance, Rock Hall charge will do well by her preachers,"

A very interesting meeting is in progress at Bolingbrook church, Trappe circuit, Rev. R. K. Stephenson, pastor. 12 have been converted. Last Sunday night there were 12 at the altar, and 8 stood up for prayer. All except one are adults, and many heads of families.

A correspondent from Chestertown writes: Our church here is in a flourishing condition-class meetings on Monday and Wednesday nights, and Sabbath morning; Young Men's Christian Association Tuesday night; a meeting for promotion of holiness Thursday night; and general prayer meeting Friday night,-all largely attended, lecture room often crowded. People are well pleased with their new pastor. Recent revival added 127 probationers.

DOVER DISTRICT-Rev. A. W. Milby, P. E., Harrington, Del.

The Rev. William E. England was cordially received by the church at Seaford, but he will not remove his family until warm weather, on account of the illness of his wife.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, P. E., Princess Anne, Md.

The Rev. F. C. MacSorley at Laurel M. E. Church, received recently, 3 young ladies from probation into full membership, and on last Sunday he received eight persons into the church by certificate.

The Easter services at Salisbury M. E. Church were very interesting and impressive. The pulpit was tastefully decorated with pot flowers and plants, and appropriate mottoes. The pastor, known to many of your readers as a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," preached a stirring sermon. The music was of a high order. Our congregations at both the morning and evening services were large and very attentive. We are asking God to bless the united labors of pastor and people of the M. E. Church in Salisbury, and to make us a power for good in this community.

Hurlock and Missions.

The reason why Hurlock charge is not represented in the list of contributors to missions, is because their pastor failed to hand his missionary statistics to the committee on missionary statistics; but he is excusable; he had his new wife with him at conference.

J. WATHMAN.

Committeeman for Dover District The editor must differ with the missionary statistician. A due sense of increased responsibilities ought to have prompted to greater diligence in the performance of duty. We can't excuse the happy groom on any such plea.

WHEREAS, By a mysterious dispensation of Divine Providence, our dear Bro., the Rev. B. F. Price has been called upon to mourn the loss of his most estimable wife, who was summoned away by the death angel, April 15th, 1885.

Therefore, Resolved, That we appreciate keenly his great loss, and extend to him in this hour of his bereavement our most heartfelt symthies, and assure him of our love and prayers.

2nd, That a copy of these resolutions signed by the president and secretary of this meeting be furnished Bro. Price, and also published in the Peninsula Methodist.

W. B. GREGG, Pres. JULIUS DODD, Sec'y.

CECH.TON. MD., APRIL 18TH, 1885.

Editor Peninsula Methodist, DEAR BRO : I regret to find in the Mis-Stonary Address in this week s issu paper, the following mistakes and changes

1. "O'er" is put for "over" in this line, And Jesus reign over all of our race." 2 'Mankine" is put for "mankind," but all will know that to be a typographical error, hence, is slight. 3. "Burn" is substituted for "bleed" in the following line: "Holocaust of humanity bleed every year." 4. The word "many" is left out of the following line: "Many millions of mankind, marshals and drills." 5. "For" is changed to "too," and "sin" is left out in this line; * Selling indulgence for sin, now and then." 6. "Sutter" is put in the place of "Suttee," in this line, 'Suttee is abolished and Juggernant rolls.' 7. Then, in the next line, "car" is turned into 'care.' 8 "Have" is given the place of "learn," in this line: "Japan is now willing to learn in Christ's school." 9. "They" is substituted for "there" in the following line: "That assure of success, and gives hope that there may." 10. 'Natives" is put instead of "nations" in the following line: "In full many regions the nation's disgrace." 11. "Taulse faith" is instituted for "false faiths," in the following line: "The gloom of false faiths forever depart." 12. And. then, in the next line, which rhymes with this, the word "enthroned" is changed to "throned," thus breaking the rhyme and leaving but ten syllables in the line, when there ought to be eleven.

briefly as possible, to designate their whereabouts in the piece. It was written for a boy to speak at our S. S. Missionary Anniversary, and some who heard it spoken, expressed a wish to see it in print; but I am sorry that they and many others see it so mangled, with my name appended Please publish the above corrections and thus heal its horrible wounds.

Yours truly, J. T. VANBUREALOW. Poets as well as poetizers are proverbially sensitive and jealous of the offspring of their brains. In deference to Bro. Van Burkalow's wounded spirit, we publish his "corrections," though as a general rule it is better to let an article go as printed, than to call attention to trivial inaccur acies. Our intelligent readers will note obvious typographical errors. Jesse Lee, tradition says, when charged by some self-important sprigs of the law in New England, with his liability to make mistakes in his extempore preaching, replied he always corrected important mistakes, but neverstopped to correct trivial ones; "if, for instance in quoting from the word of God,-'all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone,' I should say 'all lawyers,' the error would be so slight, I would have no occasion to stop and make any correction." Our readers can judge of the importance of these corrections. This passage between the editor and his esteemed correspondent may help to illustrate 'the difference between skinning

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and being skinned."

Our little town, though "beautiful for situation," is not favored with facilities for transmitting or receiving money by order or postal note. May I ask those who wish to pay for Minutes, to send check only. Please do not send stamps. Remittances will be thankfully received, as I am obligated to pay the printers by June

J. D. Rigg.

Sudlersville, Md.

PERSONAL.

President Cleveland's father was a Presbyterian preacher, and married a Methodist lady. The cross was a good one, as results are showing.

Mark Twain is said to be worth \$1,000,000, and constantly adding to

Sermons of the late Bishop Matthew Simpson, edited by Rev. G. R. Crooks, have just been published-The price of the volume is \$2.50

Cornelius B. Erwin, of New Briton, Conn., leaves \$1,142,767, all of which goes to various colleges, churches, and missions.

Wm. Taylor is in Africa. Good and great have gone to the "dark continent." But it is safe to say no man ever went to Africa watched with deeper interest, loved more intensely by holy people, more believed in by Christians generally and followed with more prayers of faith than Wm. Taylor. Is there another man in Christehdom who could find 40 men and women in six months to go with him on the terms laid down in Matthew tenth chapter? We believe not one. God bless Wm. Taylor is the prayer perhaps of one million devout Christians of various denominations in America. Yea, Australia, South Afirca, India, the West Indies and Europe find thousands more doing so .- India Methodist Watchman.

Miss Eliza Lee, who died recently, left a bequest of \$200 for Exeter street M. E. Sunday School, Rev. L. H. Pearce, pastor.

Rev. Jas. L. Elderdice, the new M. P. Minister, arrived in Snow Hill, Monday the 13 inst., and conducted the weekly prayer-meeting on Tues. I call attention to these twelve errata as day evening .- Wor. Co. Shield.

Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District has ap-pointed Father Taylor, a local preacher of Asbury M. E. Church, this city, pastor of Barren Creek Circuit, near Seaford. Father Taylor entered upon his pastoral duties last Sabbath.

PERMITTED IN A HEALTH OF THE

Bishop Bowman, who was reported in the papers two weeks ago as being ill at his home in St. Louis, officiated Sabbath the 12 inst. at Mt. Vernon Place Church, Baltimore, at 11 a. m. He attended our preachers' meeting on Monday and gave an interesting account of the present progress of Methodism in St. Louis. We are now more numerous there, than our brethren of the (M. E. Church South). We have built in the last twelve years eight new churches. There is an efficient City Church Extension Organization which has greatly helped in the work Methodism is on the look up in the west. Class-meetings are being revived. There is less formality and worldliness than formerly' There are comparatively few charges which tolerate such things as dancing &c, among our young people. Baltimore Conference Methodism, which he always considered a model, (although it is not in all places perfect), is about the style of Methodism which generally prevails in the west.—Baltimore Methodist,

Rev. William L. Gray has been ppointed Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society and Bro. F. B. Clegg has been elected Book Agent, leaving Rev. J. B. McCullough, D. D. to devote himself to the Philadelphia Methodist.

The clergy of Portland, Me., have ddressed a courtcous request to the owners and conductors of the newspapers of that city, to suppress the details of criminal reports, which so greatly imperil the morality of the

The Nominations for the For-eign Missions.

Mr. Lowell's successor at the Court of St. James is to be Edwin J. Phelps, of Vermont, and Mr. Morton's, at Paris, is to be Robert M. McLane of Maryland. Judge Phelps is professor in the Yale Law School and is most favorably known among jurists. He is the son of Senator Phelps, of Vermont, and has been a Democrat for twenty-five years. Robert M. Mc-Lane, is Governor of Maryland, and served as minister to China under President Buchanan. For the German post, the honor has fallen on one of the purest and best statesmen in the Democratic Party. George H. Pendleton was one of the most thorough and active Civil Service reformers in the Senate, and did a service in this cause which the rank and file of his party could not appreciate, and by a combination of opposing elements he was rebuked, dedefeated, and left in retirement. President Cleveland has done a wise and graceful thing in rehabilitating Milton him in the party. Mr. Pendleton Lewes will worthily represent the country at Berlin.—Independent.

President Cleveland to Join the Veterans at Gettysburg.

In pursuance of the plan adopted by the veterans of the late war to visit, each spring. some one of the celebrated battle-fields of the Union, the pilgrimage will this season be made to Gettysburg. The time fixed for the visit is May 4th and 5th.

The great success attending the previous visits of the veterans to Fredericksburg and elsewhere, and the wide interest manifested by the old soldiers of both armies, indicate that the Gettysburg meeting will not only be largely attended, but highly valuable, from an historical point of view, and full of interest to the participants in the scenes enacted there twenty-two years ago. The meeting will bring together numbers of the most distinguished men of the land. The President, with his Cabinet; the "War Governors" and present Governors of the States, distinguished officers and soldiers of both ces where it is announced or desired. armies, and men prominent in the councils

of the nation, will honor the occasion with their presence. Not only from the vicinity of the field will the veterans come, but from States North, South, East, and West, soldiers and civilians are sending assurances of their attendance

The pilgrimage is made under the auspices of the First and other Corps of the Army of the Potomac, but the invitation covers every officer and soldier of the late war.

In order to accommodate the visitors, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its lines to Gettysburg, on May 2d, 3d, and 4th, good to return until the 6th inclusive, at greatly reduced rates

MARRIAGES.

NIBLET-SHALLS.-On. April 12th, at Talbot M. E parsonage in St. Michaels, by Rev. A. P. Prettyman, James B. Niblet and Susie B Shalls, both of Talbot Co., Md

WILLEY-HUGHES .- At the residence of the bride's father, near Vienna, Md., on April 15th, by the Rev, V. S. Collins, Mr. Daniel J. Willey to Miss Bertie W. Hughes, all of Dorchester County.

DIED.

At her home, North East, Md, Sabbath morning April 19th, 1885, Mrs. Annie E. West, wife of Mr. Jesse West, and only daughter of Mrs. Rachel Whitaker Campbell and the late Rev. William Campbell, of the Ph:\adelphia Conference of the M. E. Church, and step-daughter of Mr. Johnson Simpers of North East, Md.

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BY PROF. F. MERRICK.

The African missionary enterprise, under the direction of Bishop Taylor, is attracting, as it well may, very general attention. It is one of the modern times. It should have the good wishes and earnest prayers of fect unanimity in so great an underand scientific enterprises looking to far less important results. But wisely or unwisely undertaken, the movement has been inaugurated, and the missionaries are now on their way to will prepare the hearts of the people of the fourth Gospel. to whom they go, that they may receive gladly the message of "God's good will to men."

Let none be waiting for tidings of disaster which shall authorize to say, "I told you so." Suppose some fall. How many have fallen in arctic expeditions? In an address to the students of our university, one once said with thrilling effect: "When you find a good time to die, die." Cox, of precious memory, and Wright, the friend of my boyhood, found a good time to die for Africa. It was said that the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church. The graves of a score or two missionaries in the soil of Africa, would bind that continent to the heart of the Church as with bands of steel.

But from a mere human standpoint, the undertaking is by no means as Utopian as some seem to suppose. There is much in the circumstances to awaken hope. But if it is of God, as, for one. I believe it is, it cannot fail, unless the Church prove faithless to its solemn trust. Let there be no withholding of sympathy, and, as there is no general appeal for money, what else can be done but the offering of fervent prayer for God's blessing upon the undertaking? Let this singularly devoted band of missionaries be remembered in the closet, at the family altar, in the social meeting, and in the great congregation. Let prayer be made without ceasing that their labors may be crowned with abundant success. A world wide interest has of late been awakened toward Africa. God has a gracious purpose in this. He has opened the door. Let the Church enter and fulfill her mission in giving the Word of Life to this long neglected and much abused people. Let her not be faithless, but believing. Let her ask and look for great things. Who knows but here shall be seen "a nation born at once?" Pray for Bishop Taylor and his missionary band .- Western Christian Advocate,

A Chinese Sunday-school Tea-Party.

It was an odd tea-party which was held in the basement of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Philadelphia, on the evening of March 16th. Chinese cooks prepared the food, Chinese Sunday-school scholars acted as hosts, Chinamen took a leading part in the literary exercises, and a Chinese committee, of which Mr. Tick Way was

chairman, had the entire entertainment in charge. The supper the preparation of which was superintended by a Chinese cook, formerly the chef of a San Francisco hotel, was and 7.40 p.m complete and well served, with roast turkey, salads, etc. The only startling thing about it was the comgrandest missionary movements of mencement of the speech, which followed, in which a Chinese speaker. as yet unfamiliar with all the mysall Christians. Some may think the teries of English idioms is alleged to bishop's method not the wisest. Per- have said: "My triends, shis is the second time you have eaten a Chitaking could hardly be expected. nese cook." It was explained, some-The enterprise undoubtedly has its what to the relief of the guests, that perils. So have many commercial the speaker referred to the fact that this was the second time they had partaken of Chinese cookery.

Following the supper, the invited guests, numbering about two hundred and fifty, withdrew to the chap their field of labor. What now is el, and the Chinese hosts entertained the duty of all who desire to see the them with singing in both the Chi-"Dark Continent" taken for Christ? nese and English language, and with Manifestly to drop all questioning Scripture reading. Once more the about the wisdom or unwisdom of English idiom is said to have conthe measure, and to betake them- quered the master of ceremonies. selves to earnest prayer for God's who made the formidable announceblessing on the enterprise; that he ment that one of his Chinese fellowwill have the missionaries in his holy pupils would "read fourteen chapters keeping; that he will prepare the of John"-meaning, of course, that way before them, especially that he he would read the fourteenth chapter

The entire expense of this Chinese tea party was borne by the Chinamen present; and the fact shows their interest in their Sunday school and in their teachers, who, with other friends, constituted the guests. The teachers, on the other hand, express much interest in their work and in their pupils, whom they find not very hard to draw toward Christianity, and away from the opium-habit and kindred evils. -S. S. Times,

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Bananoon the only periodical in the world, devoted wholly to the care of young children, has succeeded in securing the ser children, has succeeded in securing the services of eminent specialists in every subject with which it deals. The April number contains articles on "The Care of Children's Hair," by Prof. George H. Fox, M. D. "Isolation in Contagious Diseases," by Dr. L. Emmett Holt; "True Croup, "by Prof. John H. Ripley, M. D., etc. Among the miscollynous gridge is contained. miscellaneous articles is an especially enmiscellaneous articles is an especially en-tertaining and practical one, by an anony-mous lady writer, entitled "Nurse's Day Out," Marion Harland's writing is attrac-tive as usual, and the "Baby Ward'obe," "Nursery Problems," and other departments contain the acoustomed variety of useful contain the accustomed variety of useful hints. [15 cents a number: \$1.50 a year. 18 Sprace Street, New York.] Orders received for Basymoon at this office.

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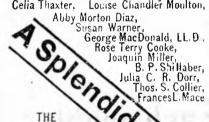
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