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GEORGE H. STUART, the distinguished Christian philanthropist of Philadelphia, died in that city, April 11th in the 75th year of his age. He was a native of County Down, Ireland, and came to Philadelphia in his sixteenth year. Few, if any Christianless] men in modern times have been more prominent in church, and general philan thropic work, than Mr. Stuart. His business was dry-goods commission and in it he had good prosperity. Noted severe reverses overtook him in 1880. He was an officer in several trust and insurance companies, and in several banks, being president successively of two banks in Phila.

He was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and treasurer of its Missionary Society, and of its Theological Seminary, for many years, and vice-president of the American Sunday school Union. He was actively connected with the Young Men's Christian Association from its organization, and was president of its first national convention in Troy, in 1859, and again of its convention in Chicago, in 1863. Mr. Stuart declined to conform to the regulations of his Church which forbade its members to sing any hymns in worship but the inspired psalms, or to commune with Christians of other churches. As a result of controversies arising out of his course in this matter, he united himself with the Presbyterian church, and was honored by an election to the presidency of the Presbyterian General Assembly in Philadelphia, in 1867. Under appointment of President Grant, he served as a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners. In fact, he showed his intelligence and whole- oiled devition to the spread of the Gospel, by active co-operation with almost every good society in the country, the business men's Monday prayer-meeting included. But perhaps the largest field for his liberal and zealous activity was furnished in the needs of our citizen soldiery during the war of the rebellion. As chairman of the United States Christian Commission, he performed a a service to those brave men, and their families, whose magnitude and value, it is difficult to exaggerate. It is a question, if so much and so faithful Christian work has ever been crowded

into fifty years in the life of any other layman in the American Church.

His health has been seriously impaired for several years. His end, of course, was peace. We endorse what

Dr. Buckley says of him: "His memory deserves respectful mention by all Christians of every name, by all lovers of their country, and all friends of humanity." \* \* \* Activity, good sense and a capacity of developing and imparting immense enthuisasm, were his chief characteristics. \* \* \* All his qualities were used in the interest of mankind, and for the promotion of the kingdom of God. The United States owes a debt of gratitude to Ireland for the gift of George H. Stuart; for such immigrants as he strengthen rather than weaken American institutions."

### Second-Hand Indorsement of Dancing.

We are pained and surprised to see in the PENINSULA METHODIST a clipping from another paper entitled, "When dancing is wrong," which indorses dancing. This may be appropriate food for Peninsula Methodists (we hardly think so), but it is poor food for those farther inland. It is a large-sized straw that shows which way the wind is blowing in the church to day.

The above characteristic effusion is from The Christian Witness, (Beston, Mass.,) of April 24th. The facts are as follows:

In our issue of April 5th, appeared the clipping referred to, and taken from The Ladies' Home Journal. In it young ladies are admonished of the moral contamination unavoidable in promiscuous dancing. We never imagined that the most captious would be so hypercritical as to construe the article into an "endorsement of danc ivg." But it seems that our Boston cotemporary is equal to this; and with characteristic aridity for fault-finding, he embraces the opportunity, not only to make an invidious fling at our paper, but also to cast an ungracious imputation upon "Peninsula Methodists," and to make a disparaging reference to "the Church of to-day."

The occasion for so delectable a task was too inviting, to let it pass without cditorial, under the heading, "A improvement.

The logic of The Witness seems to be about this,-All articles on dancing endorse it, unless they denounce all its evils; this article denounces but one of its evils; therefore it is an "endorsement of dancing." The mere statement is ample exposure of the sophistry.

of the simon pure quality, and are at least as good judges of intellectual pabulum as are "those farther inland," Only what is pure in morals, sound in doctrine, and refined in taste, is "appropriste food" for them; and in their behalf, THE PENINSULA METHODIST indignantly repudiates the sneering imputation The Witness has cast upon them.

Had its editor had a little more of the "charity that thinketh no evil," and had he been less oblivious of the many articles we have published, unequivocally denouncing dancing, including a reprint of "The General Rules" in full, this "railing accusation" had not been brought by him.

Even were the article capable of the construction put apon it by The Witness; our "entirely sanctified" brother had the alternative of treating its insertion as an inadvertence, or as a matter of deliberate purpose; but as is his wont in dealing with those who decline to pronounce his shibbolcth, he preferred the latter, so as to make a point against us.

We would fain hope that another 'blessing" might sweeten his pen, and make him less acrid, and more fair and discriminating, in criticising those who may not feel disposed to accept him as an infallible repositor of Scriptural holiness.

Lest any of our readers may think we are too severe in the above strictness, we will give two instances of aggravated misrepresentation, among the many we have noticed in the editorial columns of The Witness.

When a member of the California Conference was expelled for persistent at it. recusancy, in refusing to obey the order of his Conference, forbidding him to hold meetings within a pastoral charge minister expelled for preaching holiness."

What was this but so gross misrepresentation, as to be a virtual falsehood; his expulsion having nothing to do with what he preached, but with his disorderly contumacy, in refusing to obey the mandate of his Conference? But "As to "Peninsula Methodists," we then, the brother could not otherwise his service with the church.

would inform our critic, that they are be made to pose as a "holiness" martyr, or the Conference receive due castigation, for exercising discipline.

The second instance is somewhat personal, though none the less interesting to our readers.

In commenting on an editorial in The Witness on the distinction between a regenerate heart, and one wholly sanctified, we took occasion to contrast Mr. Wesley's description of the regenerate state, with the statement in The Witness to the effect, that original sin, or native depravity remains in the regenerate heart until removed by a subsequent work of grace.

In his replies to our criticisms, The Witness editor drew pretty freely upon his treasury of epithets, so as to disparage his critic, even though he did not weaken his arguments.

In one of them under the startling heading, "Wesley Misrepresented," THE PENINSULA METHODIST and its editor are held up before the readers of The Witness, as guilty of misrepresenting our revered Founder; when, as a matter of fact, we had simply sustained our criticism, with quotations from Mr. Wesley's writings, fairly, and legitimately used.

Not only did The Witness publish us, as having misrepresented Wesley, but when we sent in our defence against such an injurious charge, this magnanimous editor refused us a hearing, while he sought to justify himself in an editorial, characterizing our request as "An Extraordinary Demand." This specimen of unfriendly criticism is in keeping with our brother's record. However much we may be "pained," we are not "surprised"

We submit to our confreres of The Witness this question, "Did the writer really believe, when he wrote his critiwithout the consent of the pastor, The cism, that we intended to "endorse Witness came out in a denunciatory dancing," by printing this selection from the Journal? If not, why represent us to his readers, as having done so?

> At a farewell reception to Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, the retiring pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, a purse of \$30,000 was given to him, by his parishioners, representing \$1000 for each year of

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"AND HIS WILL IS OUR PEACE."

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"E la sua volontade e nostra pace."-DANTE O restless soul of man, unsatisfied With the world's empty noise and fever

ish glare, Sick with its hopes of happiness denied, The dust and ashes of its promise fair; Bafiled and buffeted, thy days perplexed,

Thy cherished treasures profitless and vain What comfort hast thou, captive, thwarled vexed, Mocked by mirage of joys that merge in pain !

Though love be sweet, yet death is strong, and still Inexorable change will follow thee;

Yea, though thou vanquish every mortal ill Thou shalt not conquer mutability !

The human tide goes rushing down to death Turn thou a moment from its current

broad, And listen: what is this the silence saith, O soul? "Be still and know that I am God !''

The mighty God ! Here shalt thou find thy O weary one! There is naught else to

Naught else to seek-here thou mayst cease thy quest, Give up thyself. He leads where thou shalt go.

The changeless God ! Into thy troubled life Steals strange, sweet peace; the pride that drove thee on, The hot ambition and the selfish strife

That made thy misery, like mist are gone And in their place a bliss beyond all speech The patient resignation of the will That lifts thee out of danger, out of reach Of death, of change, of every earthly ill.

-Celia Thaxter in Century. A Little While.

How strange this "little while" seemed to the disciples we may learn from John xvi, 16-22. Our Lord said: "A little while, and ye shall not see Me: and again a little while, and ye shall see Me, because I go to the Father." Then all the perplexities of the disci ples break out.

There is many a "little while" in your life and mine which seems as strange. In one of Stanley's books of African travel he relates how he was once floating down the Congo; they were in great straits; they were starving in a land of plenty because the

seem strange to us. Our finiteness lays truth." Sometimes to a prophet, 18 think strange actions towards us. a warrior, as Joshua. In the new Tesmust be, therefore, that his plans must designate the characteristics or inves-

be beyond our finite grasp, But God means the very best possible things for us. In that "little while" there was wrought out redemption through the cross. The disciples could not under stand it, and yet all the time God was working out the salvation of the world. We see it all now, but they could not they could only sadly murmer, "A little while."

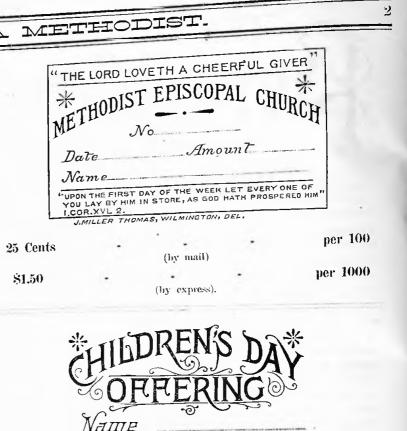
The cross and the tomb, which filled that little while, are a proof for all time that God means the very best thing for us. God has exhausted Himself in showing the evidence of this when He gave Himself to die on the cross. Within this little while which tries you may lie the very process which is to make you victor over all your fces. "But what am I to do when all is dark and every hope fails?" There is but one thing to do: to hold on and to trust, and to keep on trusing.

"This "little while" shall surely bloom into triumphant joy. "Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy," the Master said ; but the slain hopes of the disciples found resurrection, and their doubts were slain. The cross turned out, indeed, to be the throne from which their Master was to rule the ages. The tomb cou d not hold our Lord; through the cress and the tomb He has won for His people the very best thing possible.

This sometimes strange "little while" shall only be a little while. It was for these disciples. Soon for them there was the sunburst of the resurrection. So for us the afterward shall surely come in which we shall see that the chastisement which seemed for the present grievous was really only working out the peaceful fruits of righteous ness .- Wayland Hoyt, D D., in Homiletic Review.

### "The Man of God."

The old designation of a truly good and pious man was, "the man of God." savages would not let them land to Sometimes the expression refers to a get food. The wife of one of the fol- great leader, ss, "Meses the man of lowers was lying in the bottom of the God." Sometimes to a famous teachboat dying. She called for Stanley, er, as when Manoah's wife said, 'O my and said faintly to him; "Master, I Lord, let the man of God come again shall never see my home again; I shall and teach us.' Sometimes to an annever see the ocean. It is a bad world, | gelic visitant: "A man of G d came master, and you have lost your way unto me, and his countenance was li! e in it." Have you ever had such a the countenance of an angel of God.' feeling about God, when the dangers Simetimes to one who works miracles, have thronged, and you have thought as when Elijah raised the widow's son, of the uncertain future? Have you and she said, "Now by this I know thought that God has lost His way? | that thou art a man of God, and that Sometimes God's "little while" must the word of the Lord in thy mouth is on God a kind of necessity of what we Elisha; or to a king, as David; or to God must adjust Himself to facts. tament the expression occurs but twice One of these facts is our finiteness. It and in these intances Paul uses it to seem strange to us because they must titures of the spiritual man. Writing



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to Timothy, he refers to the danger of riches-the temptations and snares, and the foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in perdition, and then adds: "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love patience, meekn 'ss; fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." And again referring to the foct that Timothy from a child had known the Holy Scriptures, he dilates upon the profitableness thereof for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness, and then reflects, "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

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From these references it is plain that no person is entitle 1 to the high name of a man of God unless he bears a holy character, is engaged in a noble work and is equipped with the graces and gifts of a life made new in Christ Jesus. No man is a man of God unless to the extent of the Christian scheme he is God-fearing, God loving, God Honor ing and God like. His mission on earth is to obey God, serve G d and make God known to the godless. He is not only negatively good, but positively spiritual. He is believing, loving, patient meek, yet a hard fighter for truth an earnest contender for the faith, and is thomoughly furnished for every religious duty and work. He is the perfect man of the new covenant. He bears the c'oset semblance to the divine nature possibly to a human being He has the mind of Christ in his heart and the fruits of the Spirit in his life. His highest ambition is to do the will of God and inherit the kingdom of God. Auything else or anything less than this ideal Christian character is unworthy of this highest descriptive Scriptural designation. - Michigan Christian Advocate.

### Bishop Taylor Arrived in New York.

316 E. 15th St. New York, April 21st, 1890

I arrived in this city to-day by the steamship Alaska. Thank God, I am in good health, and am abiding in Jesus, and have not returned to America to rest, but to work for God and Africa.

Our missions in Africa. in spite of all sorts of discouragements, are developing most encouragingly. This year will exceed any in the past in preparing mission-houses. We have just | six of its brightest young men to be completed the repairs of the Monrovia | educated at Westminster College, a Seminary Building and will, by July, United Presbyterian institution locomplete the repairs of Cape Palmas cated at New Wilmington, Pa. The Seminary. They are large, stone young men come from the highest caste buildings, erected by our Missionary and royal line, and the King himself Society many years ago, but for years will defray their expenses. They will abandoned to the wastes of decay. We be chaperoned by a medical missionary, will this year (D. V.) rebuild the Sem- located at Bangkok, by whom Westinary at White Plains, twenty-three minster was recommended.

miles from Monrovia, up St. Paul's r ver-the old battle-ground of Ann Wilkins; also, repair our church in Cape Palmas, and build two missionhouses for new missions in North Liberia. All this belongs properly to the old Liberia mission work of our Society, and they are furnishing the funds for the improvements named, ex cept for the Cape Palmas Seminary.

We expect, by the will of God, to find the men and the money for passage, and have all these manued in this year 1890

About a dozen houses for chapel and for school purposes, commenced in our Cavalla River and Kru Coast Missions last year, are to be completed this year. Further, the builders of our steamer on the Congo have gone on at the time appointed, and will (D. V.) construct and launch her during the coming summer

In the principal object of our mission THE SALVATION OF THE HEATHEN, the growing success, in so short a time, is truly wonderful. So the workers in Africa can spare me for a few months, while I serve our cause in America.

Your fellow-worker for the redemption of Africa,

WM. TAYLOR.

Pray for your minister. If you do so in the public services of the church it will not be out of place.

The American College and Educational society refuses to aid mon who use tobacco in any form.

Silver medals and first class honors were awarded to eight young women at the close of the winter session of the school of medicine, at Edinburgh, Scotland.

Sacramento, Cal., has passed an or dinance making it unlawful for any person under 17 years of age to smoke cigarettes within the corporate limits.

The Maryland legislature will be thanked by all good citizens for abol ishing the pool rooms. The evils growing out of these foul sinks of iniqui-y are patent to the most casual observer and a city paper well says that "they are so palpable, flagrant and scandalous that it is a matter of surprise that they were not long ago crushed out of existence.—Smyrna Times.

Rev. E. P. Dunlap has been notified, that the government of Siam has sent



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# Dr. William Butler's Conver-sion and Entire Sanctifi-cation, as Given by Himself.

Dr. Butler in his book entitled "From Boston to Bareilly," tells of his visit enroute to his birthplace in Ireland, and of his conversion and sanctification there in early life. The distinctness of these two blessings, as experienced by him, according to his own testimony, is so decided, that all who are in doubt on the subject and have been impressed with the Christian heroism and moral grandeur of that man of God, ought to read it.

He says: "One Sunday afternoon, while in a meeting for Christian fellowship, held in the vestry of Hendrick chapel, I was enabled to rest on Christ as my personal Redeemer. All the burden rolled off my heart, and I felt and knew that I was saved. I rose to to my feet and at once acknowledged what the Lord had done for my soul, and those present rejoiced with me."

This was a clear conversion. He was led to seek a change of heart by the wife of a Judge, who from being a proud High Church Episcopalian, had become a humble Methodist and a professor of Perfect Love; and she urged him to seek, at once, the higher experience which she enjoyed. Accordingly he applied himself diligently to learn his privilege and duty on this line, from the Word of God and the writings of Wesley and Fletcher; and in a few weeks after receiving regenerating grace, he professed to be entirely sanctified, or made perfect in love.

He says: "To be sanctified through out body, soul and spirit, now, became my intense desire. I longed to be saved "to the uttermost" and to know for myself what it is to "walk in the light as He is in the light, and to experience that "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from all sin." I did not trouble myself about definitions of the doctrine the experience of which I was seeking, no more than I did, a few weeks before, when God granted me the blessing of justification. I simply accepted the words above quoted, in their manifest meaning, and entreated the Holy Spirit to grant me, in His own way and manner, what they implied.

With all sincerity and strong desire, I sought it daily, I might say, hourly. At one of our little meetings a peculiar spirit of earnestness for the blessing sought became manifest. We were kneeling round the centre table in the parlor, and one after the other prayed, and some one suggested that we should sing as we knelt, and with all the faith we had, sang these two Oh that it now from Heaven might fall, And all my sins consume! Come Holy Ghost, for thee I call; Spirit of burning come!

Refining fire go through my heart;

Illuminate my soul; Scatter thy life through every part, And sanctify the whole."

As the singing closed, all became conscious of the surrounding sanctifier, whom we had invoked. I can describe my own feelings very imperfectly, for this was something beyond what I had ever had before. It seemed to be light and life and love combined so sweetly, and in such an indescribable manner; resulting in:

"The speechless awe that dares not move And all the silent Heaven of love."

Christ had become beyond all former experience, everything to me, while I seemed to sink at his blessed feet "Lost in astonishment and love."

Those, in any denomination, who have sought and found this grace, will understand what I am trying to narrate better than I am able to describe

The effect upon me was clear. I had, henceforth, more delight in devotion; closer intimacy with God; greater stability of heart and character, and more deadness to the world. I was conscious of an increase of calm, fervent zeal to lay out my life to do anything that my blessed Master might require of me. Perfect peace-"The peace of God that passeth all understanding"kept my heart and mind from day to day. I was free from excitement, from fluctuation and from all fear, resting in the calm sunshine of the New Testament salvation, and living a life of faith in the Son of God, who, I knew, loved me and had given himself for me."

# "O day of Heaven, And night of equal praise!"

In the above extract the Doctor describes the experience of a distinct second blessing, received a few weeks after being born again, and states its effect.

It was not attained by gradual growth in grace, but obtained in a short time hy earnest importunate prayers, in the exercise of living, appropriating faith.

No one will dare to call him a crank ; for he has a world-wide reputation, not only for large-heartedness and burning zeal, but also for broad-mindedness and remarkable executive ability, displayed in founding two of the important Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop William Taylor, the greatest Missionary of modern times, also, professes to have received perfect love, as a second blessing by faith, and so do all his workers in his self-supporting African Missions,

Nay, more, so do thousands of saintly men and women now living, and so have thousands who have died in the Lord.

Nevertheless, there are thousands of Methodists, who, because they have never sought for the blessing, or have never had faith to claim and receive it, assume that all who profess to enjoy the high experience have been self-deceived. Because they have not experienced it, no one else has. How cheeky and absurd!

J. T. VANBURKALOW.

### Reflections. EDITOR PENINSULA METHODIST. DEAR SIR:-The pleasure of reading your journal has not diminished and as the Springtime has come and the season of flowers and warmer sunshine begins its reign, so the message bearer of intelligence, general and special to the

homes of the people, on the peninsula is a joy in its weekly visits. The Christian Advocate our great official from the commercial Metropo lis of the Country and the PENINSULA METHODIST from the Metropolitan City of our conference make an interesting duality, in the work and harmony of the religious press among us; and it would seem furnish our people with

ample weekly news through the press. In reading your paper since conference it appears that the ministerial changes that have taken place are so satisfactory that utterances to that effect have been expressed by many of the new incumbents of the charges. And now let the harmony of a common zeal for the Lord of Hosts, and for winning souls to Christ, and for proclaiming the truth as it is in Jesus such as has marked our Methodist Evangelism for more than a century still chime through all our borders. And the watchman on the walls of Zion seeing eye to eye, let us have peace and the vigilance that never tires and that ever triumphs.

The Methodists of Fall River tendered the bishop a reception, Friday evening of last week, in St. Paul's M. E. Church, Rev. J. N. Williams, Ph. D. pastor.

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# Marriages.

DAWSON-CRAIG. - April 24th, 1890, by Rev. S. T. Gardner, Charles B. Dawson of Wilmington, Del., and Minnie M. Craig of Chesnpeake City, Md.,

CUMPTON-BROWN.-April 9th, 1890, by Rev. S. T. Gardner, Charles Cumpton of Delaware, and Mary E. Brown of Chesa-peake City, Md.

BOULDEN-LYNCH -April 23d, 1890, by Rev. S. T. Gardner, Jesse Boulden and Eugenia E. Lynch, both of New Castle Co.

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A Word to Tax Payers.

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It is understood that license fees are to be used as a bribe, to induce you to vote for license.

Have you struck the balance between these fees, and the cost of idleness, drunkenness, and crime that are sure to prevail, where there are licensed saloons? How much do any honest mer chants, or business men or farmers gain by licensing grog shops, into whose tills flow so largely the hard earned wages of laboring men, which would other wise be expended in providing home comforts for themselves and their families?

Did the thirty pieces of silver pay Judas for betraying his Lord? And will any amount of license fees compensate a community, for the devastation, that is done by the saloons it licenses? How about it, if your home is the one that is to be ruined?

A Temperance Measure

Just so exactly! A measure devised and recommended by the friends of the saloon! The wolf is a safe comsellor for the innocent lamb.

> "Will you walk into my parlor, Said the spider to the fly."

'We are not willing to think, the vot ers of Kent can be deceived with such patent sophistry.

When saloonists become trusty friends of temperance, it will be time enough to follow their advice, and vote for license instead of prohibition. Kent county "expects every man to do his duty."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Bishop Ninde in his address to the candidates for admission into full connection, at the Newport Conference, "we are all politicians in Kansas; it is a necessity of the situation; our politics have to do with a great moral question. In fact we sometimes get things a hitle mixed out there. My own little boy, when received into full membership in the church lately, in referring to his previous probation, said he had been kept two years on prohibition."

"Not many women have the opportunity," says the Boston Evening Record, "that awaits a Boston bride of Wednesday, of applying for admission to practice before the supreme court on her wedding journey. The bride is Mrs. E. G. Sawtelle, born Miss Lelia J. Robinson, and well known as pressed her as peculiar in America. Miss Edwards said: "That which most surprises and impresses me is the number, size and importance of women's colleges, the enormous forward movement for education for everybody, and the universality and activity of women's clubs.

The young ladies of the Baptist mission band of Waterville, recently introduced a rather taking feature into one of their entertainments. It was a historical exhibition of woman's head gear of all ages and all nations, some bonnets being heirlooms that had seen service in their day, and some being constructed from fashion plates, and historical pictures and descriptions. The exhibition was instructive as well as amusing, and suggests a new line of entertainment for similar occasions.

The willingness of Chicago to furnish sufficient capital for an exposition commensurate with national progress and dignity, is, apparently, no longer questioned either in Congress or in the newspapers. The Senate bill for the World's Fair concurs substantially with that of the House, but adds a new section, providing for a naval review in New York harbor in April, 1893. The President is empowered to invite foreign governments to send ships of war "to join the United States Navy in rendezvous" at Hampton Roads, and 'proceed thence to -aid review." 'The President is further empowered and directed to m k+ arrangements for the unveiling of a statue of Christopher Columbus, at Washington with appropriate ceren onics and civic and military parade under his general direction, after said naval review and and not less than five days before the opening of said exposition, and to invite the attendance thereat of foreign representatives." Other features will p obably be added before the programme will be considered complete.-Zion s Herald.

### Selected.

However a man is gifted, whether for active enterplise, or for thought, or for charity, there lies around him a world of oppertunity. So far behind are we socially, morally intellectually, that one might be forgiven if he supposed the world was made but yesterday and nothing had yet been done. Does no ambition fire us to help the despairing, starving, sinking people around us? If a few more years be ad-

pressed her as peculiar in America. summer time; in the winter, she goes Miss Edwards said: "That which most surprises and impresses me is the number, size and importance of women's younger.

> The more a diamond is cut the brighter it sparkles, and in what seems hard dealing God has no end in view but to perfect His people's graces.— Dr. Guthrie.

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Miss Amelia B. Edwards was interviewed not long before she sailed for home, by a representative of the New York Sun, who asked what had imioned stone house in Kensington in the







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# The Sunday School.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MAY, 4th, 1890. Luke 8: 41-12, 49-56 BY REV. W. O. HOLWAY, U. S. N.

> [Adapted from Zion's Herald.] THE RULER'S DAUGHTER.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Fear not; believe only, and she shall be made whole" (Luke  $\S$ ; 50). 41 There came.-We learn from a parall el narrative that the ruler sought out Jesus while He was discoursing at the close of a feast given in Matthew's house. Jairussame name as Jair (Judges 10: 3). Professor Lindsay conjectures that "he had been to Jesus before, when with his colleagues ne had plead for the Roman centurion who had built the synagogue. Now on his own account he falls on his knees in Oriental fashion, and bends his forehead towards Christ's feet till it touches the ground." A ruler of the synagogue-probably the roth hakkeneseth, or chief elder, of the synagogue and therefore holding the highest religions and social position in Capernaum. Fell down-in Matthew, "worshipped;" not necessarily implying divine honor; rather the Oriental salutation of profound respect Besought him to come into his house .- "Jair had not the faith of the heathen centurion" (Farrar).

42. Only daughter, -The young man of Nain was an only son: Lazarus was an only brother. Lay a dying-in Matthew, "is even now dead ;" in Mark "is at the point of death." The varying statements in the parallel narratives are thus explained by Trench: "Mark and Luke speak of her as dying when the father came. Matthew as already dead. Yet these differences are not hard to adjust: He left her at the last gasp; he knew that she could hardly be living now; and yet, having no certain notice of her death, he at one moment expressed himself in one language, at the next in another." People thronged him .- The throng was denser than usual, as we learn from the parallel narratives. "They were pressing together upon His person" (Morison); "suffocating, stifling Him" (Alexander). In the crowd was the woman who touched the hem of Jesus garment-an interruption which our lesson omits.

49. While ye yet spake-the benediction, "Go in peace," to the healed woman. The knows all possible contingencies. This delay doubtless made Jairus anxious, but Je- ing. sus was calm. Says Robertson: "Seemingly there was delay, fatal delay. But just so far as the resurrection of the dead is a illustrate the glory of His mission." Thy ed their thoughts.

to save his daughter's life while she still and thereby established a visible connection

been overcome by death. For Christ an swers us, not according to our petitions but according to our needs. His mercy is always greater, that we can ask or conceive." 51. Suffered no man to go in. - The eager, curious multitude were forbidden to enter; and of the apostles only the three who comprised "the inner circle" were permitted to accompany Him. The same selection was made for the Transfiguration, Gethsemane, etc. This, by the way, is the first occasion on which we read of the clife three. It was important that they should be present, that they might subsequently testify to what was done

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52. All wept and bewailed her. - The word for "bewailed" means "beating one's breasts." Mark has a lively account of the "tumult" they were making. Being the child of a "ruler," this "(umult" was excessive-not restricted to two flute players and one mourning woman which the Rabbinic rule prescribed but produced by many voices and flates The professional wailing was an ancient custom and also in vogue among the Greeks and Romans. It still exists. Says Thomson ( 'Land and Book') There are in every city and community, women exceedingly cunning in this business. They weep, howl, beat their breasts and tear their bair. according to contract." She is not dead, but sleepeth .- From the Sa viour's standpoint ("who hath abolished death") death was but a sleep from which He had power to waken. So in the case of Lazarus He said, 'Our friend Lazarus sleepeth, but I go that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said His disciples, Lord, it he sleep, he shall do well. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead' (John 11: 11, 12, 14).

To speak of death as a sleep, is an image common, I suppose, to all languages and nations. Thereby the reality of death is not denied, but only the fact implicity as sumed that death will be followed by a resurrection, as sleep is by an awakening. He, the Lord of Life, takes away that word of fear, "she is dead," and puts in its room that milder word which gives promise of an awakening, "she sleepeth" (Trench).

53. Laughed him to scorn.-The paid mourners received our Lord's statement with derisive laughter. They had seen death too many times to be mistaken in this case, and they interpreted His words literally. As being no longer needed, and as being unfitted by their spirit to be pres-Great Physician is never hurried. He ent at the solemn act of raising the dead to life, life thrust them out, Jairus not oppos-

54 Put them all out-omitted in R. V .; probably interpolated here from the other Synoptists. Says Abbott: "Observe the mightier miracle than the healing of the incidental evidence of the father's faith: sick, just so far did the delay enhance and Though the maiden is dead, he allows the mourning to be stopped and the mourners daughter is dead.-Suspense was over; hope to be sent away. Christ is truly 'master' was extinguished; the dread cortainty must in this house." Says Lindsay: 'Only the be accepted. Trouble not the Master. - Don't real mourners were to be comforted: only worry Him, now that she is past cure and those who trusted were to see the miracle beyond His power. The idea of His raising of faith. The eyes of those who utterly the dead to life seems never to have enter- derided Him were not worthy of the honor. Faithlessness keeps us from sceing many a 50. When Jesus heard it-"overheard it" manifestation of the glory of God, and ren-(Mark). Fear not; believe only--words of ders us incapable of secret tellowship with unutterable comfort, coupled with the the Saviour. Tuok her by the hand. - It was promise, "She shall be made whole." Says cold and dead, but it did not long remain Lindsay: 'Fear and faith are coupled to- so. He need not have touched her; the gether here by Christ, and the faith is to word would have been sufficient; but for

# Mark uses the vernacular Aramaic, talitha

cumi. It is in harmony with the sublime fam ilinrity of Jesus on all the points of this subject, which men bad consecrated with all solemn symbols as the one great dread of the race, that He should have used the dear mother-call to this little girl-talitha cumi-as if she had only slept soundly for a night. . . . Over every silent grave the ear of faith can hear the words, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me never dies" (C. H. Hall).

55. Her spirit came again-peculiar to Luke, who was a physician. She arose straightway-no waiting, no delay. Mark adds that she walked -a sign of complete restoration. Commanded to give her meat (R. V., "commanded that something be given her to eat")-"a precaution, the more necessary, as the parents, in that ecstatic moment, might easily have forgotten it" (Trench)

56. Parents were astonished (R. V., 'amazed''). -- Their joy and gratitude were apparently held in abeyance by their amazement. They were too startled at first to be happy. Charged them. . . tell no man - Of course the miracle would be kuown-was known - but the parents and disciples might decline to publish it.

THE NIGHT COMES ON.

- I am tired, Lord, and tearful, My courage well-nigh gone; And the soul in me is fearful For lo, the night comes on 2
- And dark the shadows gather, And thick they rest upon The way before me, Father,
- And lo, the night comes on ! O, clasp me, Christ, and hold me,

For lo, the night comes on Let Thy tender arms enfold me

Till the blessed morning dawn. -Susan M. Best.

**Right Views of Christ.** 

To right views of Christ are we indebted for all our religious happiness and tranquility. "They that know Thy name," says the psalmist, "will put their trust in Thee." And St. Peter writes, "Unto you that believe He is precious." For if we truly believe, Christ must be precious to us-precious for the glory of His character, precious for the aboundings of His compassio i and sympathy and love. And this will make everything in and about Christ to be precious also. His word will be precious, for it will guide. His sacraments will he precious, for they will refresh. His Spirit will be precious, for He will set the seal of the covenant on our hearts. His day will be precious, for it makes us think of the time when we shall spend an everlasting Sabbath with Him in heaven. Thus our thoughts of Christ will, for the most part, be governed by what our experiences of Him have been.

If He has become endeared to us by cast out the fear. Jairus had asked Jesus the sake of those present He took her hand by kind promise of forgiveness when

safed to us in the dark night of despondency and mentalsorrow, by great deliverance wrought for us when some danger threatened the best interest of our souls, in such cases, not words, but only the grateful heart, can make answer to the question, "What think ye of Christ?"-The Rev. Daniel Moore.



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# Temperance.

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

The Ohio W. C. T. U., has made plans for a general celebration of Mother Stewart's seventy fourth birthday, April 25.

The Sabbath observance department of the W. C. T. U., sent out nearly four thousand pages of literature during March.

About four hundred and thirty sol diers--inmates of the soldiers' home and prisoners in the military prison, at Leavenworth, Kansas-have signed the pledge of the W.C.T.U., as a result of the work of the state superin tendent of the department of work among soldiers.

The saloon managers of California, at a late meeting of the horticultural commission, complained of the fact that 25,000 gallons of aniline dye disguised as 'cherry juice,' to flavor the wines, had been shipped into the state within a year.

His Royal Highness, Prince Fiss, who is at the head of the educational department of Siam, has declared himself to be deeply interested in the temperance cause and says that he is about to begin the translation of a text book on scientific temperance to be used in the college for native boys.

In Iowa even the Gormans are becoming converted to prohibition. A thrifty German merchant in a small village, where is a large population of his countrymen, speaking recently of the abolished saloons, admitted that prohibition did prohibit in his village, and when his son suggested that business would be 'livelier' if they had sa loons, replied: 'Yes, pisness for the saloons. I tells you, Carl, how tat is. When there was the saloons the men pay their money to them, and I wait 000. for mine; saloons makes pisness for saloons, not any for the merchants."

The farewell message of the out going mayor of Beatrice, the fourth largest city of Nebraska, gives this point for amendment workers: 'I certainly am not mistaken when I say that for the \$10,000 yearly obtained from saloon license the city loses annually \$75,000,-taken from the pockets of the people without adequate remuneration. Is it not a true business statement when I say that the taxable property of the city is far less than it would have been had this great sum of money gone into lots and cottages ins.loons?

The lumber camps of Wisconsin have been the scene of a remarkable work this season. The State W. C. T. U. has kept an itinerant missionary constantly in the field, and the camps have been supplied with the best literature, by the various unions throughout the State. Croakers are informed that men do read with eagerness all that they receive and are greatful for the interest shown in their welfare .-W. C. T. U Bulletin.

In Consequence of the resignation of Mrs. R. W. Todd, as President of the W. C. T. U., Chestertown, caused by the transfer of her husband, to Greensborough, the members of the W. C, T. U. at a special meeting offered suitable resolutions expressing their regret at her loss from their midst, and and at the conclusion of the meeting presented her with a handsomely bound copy of Mrs. Willards' last work, 'Glimpses of Fifty Years."

### Ruineil By Drink.

At Ballston, N. Y, two years ago John McDonald died and left to his son who hears the father's name, \$21,-000 in money and a prosperous marhle business. The son took to drink the wife took to drink, family quarrels followed, the son was frequently arrested, filled, and re-arrested; his property was rapidly wasted, and recently sold to satisfy accumulated claims against him. Next the mother deserted her children and abandoned herself to drink; the family is broken up; the father and mother have become va grants, and their children are home less. Thus does strong drink do its merciless work of devastation and ruin!

Ten Syracuse university students are pledged to go as foreign missionaries on the completion of their course.

The receipts for foreign missions of the Southern Presbyterian church during the year just closing will be far greater than for any previous year. The amount is already more than \$100,-

Rev. Dr. Pierson addressed the largest woman's missionary meeting ever held in the city of Glasgow in the interest of woman's work. Over a thousand women were present, and hundreds went away unable to gain admittance to the church.

Some Christians try to excuse themselves .rom being holy by the remark, "I make no great profession." Just as if our want of adequate profession lessened our obligation to be pure. We have not so learned Christ. Ours is a high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The best answers to the cries of infidels, that Christianity is running down

stead of being utterly wasted in the ind losing its hold on people, is, Christian aggressiveness, new churches, more revivals, more conversions, more sanctified believers. Nothing succeeds like success.

> The Baltimore Methodist hints that the Metropolitan church, Washington, is too far down town for the purpose for which it was built-to accommodate those who represent Methodism at large in the national city, and that "it is imperatively necessary for the honor and influence of our church that either the Metropolitan or some other congregation shall 'go up town' to meet this emergency." A new and suitable edi fice, the Methodist says, can be built for \$50,000 in addition to the value of the present property.

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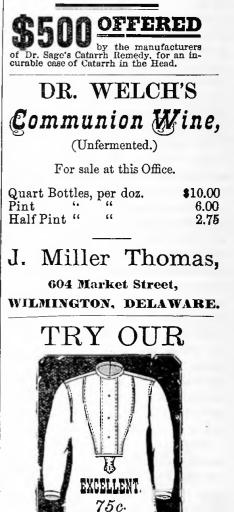
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An Important Election.

By legislative enactment, the question of continued prohibition of the liquor traffic, or a return of license, has been submitted to the citizens of Kent county, Maryland, for them to decide in a special election to be held Saturday, May 10, one week from today. We are glad to learn from our Rock Hall correspondent, that the temperance people are thoroughly aroused," and are at work day and night to defeat this attempt to introduce the curse of the saloon into their county, which has so happily been free from its demoralizing presence, the last ten years.

While it is well to be hopeful and even confident of success, it will not do for a single friend of the home and the best interests of the community to relax any effort in their power, to secure the largest possible vote against the re-establishment of liquor saloons, under authority of law.

The example of Cecil should be a lesson. The first vote was for submission, and was carried by over 2000 majority; the next vote adopted the prohibitory law, by some 1700 majority; after several years' trial, the law was found defective in some of its provisions, and the people were called upon to decide between a very stringent license law, and one that prohibited the traffic. This of course divided the friends of temperance, while the friends of the saloon were solid for license, as they always are, when they have to choose between it and prohibition, a fact that ought to convince every honest friend of temperence how to cast his ballot, when he has an opportunity to vote for or against prohibition.

Well, what was the result, notwithstanding this dividing of our forces, and the odium of a defective law, very imperfectly enforced, the amended prohibitory law was carried by over 200 majority. But this victory was secured only by the most unremitting and resolute efforts upon the part of all the gleet, allows one more vote to count staunch friends of prohibition, in the for the saloon. various political parties. As before, it was a non partisan triumph.

money to influence the venal voter, and to disseminate false and misleading statements as to the advantages of high license and the inefliciency of prohibi tory laws; but it is for temperance peo ple-men, women and children-to expose such deception, and to diffuse truthful information.

Philadelphia has tried high license, only to find, that while the Judges may reduce the number of saloons that shall have license, the speak-casies are multiplied indefinitely, and drinking and drunkenness are in no way restrained.

This is the experience, wherever license is tried; the law defying liquorsellers always having an advantage in their nefarious work, when the law li conses the business.

We do hope the moral and religious people of Kent county will embrace this opportunity to roll up such a large majority against the saloon, next Saturday, as to convince all parties that old Kent stands true to her colors, and will never strike them and retreat from the honorable position she has taken in this great reform.

Let every voter vote against license, if he does not wish to be responsible for the misery, crime, and ruin of which the saloon is the most prolific source; let every one vote against the soloon, if he would save his own children and those of his neighbors, from the temptations and allurements of those places, which are gateways to de struction here and hereafter; let every voter vote against the saloon, if he prefers the quiet, order, industry, peace,

and prosperity of the community, to brawling, discord, idleness, strife, and general demoralization. Stripped of all disguises, the real question the voter is to settle by his vote is this, "Shall I join hands with the friends of "God, and home and native land," the friends of the Church and the school, the friends of sobriety and good morals, or with those who are their enemies?" No Christian voter in Kent, it scems to us, can fail to vote against license in this election next Saturday without committing a grievous fault; no Methodist then, can fail to cast his ballot against license, without also repudinting the judgment of our Bishops, and General Conference; and no friend of good morterrible evils that never fail to result from the legalized saloon,

The conflict is apon us; let no one shirk his duty. Not to vote against tig cense fails to nullify the corresponding perance, who fails to vote, by this ne-We hope to hear of a grand victory

zeal and diligence of temperance work ers, male and female, and the intelligence, morality and patriotism of Kent county voters, it would seem almost impossible, for the friends of the saloon to succeed in the effort to reintroduce it.

Let every voter face the issue squarely, and cast his ballot, as his conscience dictates; and we are confident, the result will be an overwhelming defeat of the liquor party.

### Roger and the Baby.

"Oh, dear!" said mamma, "I have such a headache and baby will not go to sleep."

"Bo o o-o-o!" said baby, wide awake. Just then Bridget came in. "Mrs. Brown is in the parlor, mum."

"O, Roger, I must see her. Will you take the baby, dear? I want Brid get to finish her work.'

So Roger looked up from his blocks and took that naughty baby.

"Now, Bunty," said he, "you needn't go to sleep one bit. We will play soldiers. De rub, de rub, de rub a-dubdub. Here we go marching to battle.' Baby liked to march, so hesaid, "budaba," and listened to Roger's "dub-a" dub," and pretty soon he leaned his head on Roger's coat and then in a minute he gave a little snore. Roger held him very quietly for a while, but before long he heard Willie Lee whistling to him from the yard.

"O, bother !" said Roger to himself. Baby is no fun now. I'll just put him lown and run out to Willie; mamma will hear him if he wakes up and cries." But Roger thought of mamma's headache, and some how he did not

Pretty soon Willie whistled again, and after that baby grew heavier, and it seemed as if mamma never would come. But she came at last, and looked so glad and surprised.

"Why Roger," she said, "did he really go to sleep? Thank you, dear." Roger caught up his hat and ran out, but wasn't he glad he had waited!-Churchman.

But few people realize how grand a world this is. Its flowers are God's als can fail to vote against license, with- thought in bloom, Its rocks are God's out incurring responsibility for all the thought in stone. Its dew-drops are God's thoughts in pearl. This world is God's child-a wayward child indeed. It has wandered off through the heavens. But about eighteen hundred vote for it; so that every friend of tem | night, God sent out a sister world to and ninety years ago, one Christmes call that wanderer back, and it hung over Bethlehem only long enough to get the promise of the wanderer's re-

Of course the enemy will not spare the earnest prayers of Christians; the through the heavens. The hills, how day.

beautiful they billow up, the edge of the wave white with foam of crocuses! How beautiful the rainbow, the arched bridge on which heaven and earth come and talk to each other in tears, after the storm is over! How nimble the feet of the lamplighters that in a few minutes set all the dome of the night ablaze with brackets of fire? How bright the oar of the saffron cloud that rows across the deep sea of heaven: How beautiful the spring with bridal blossoms in her hair! I wonder who it is that beats time on a June morning for the bird orchestra? How gently the harebell tolls its fragrance on the air! There may be grander worlds, swarthier worlds, larger worlds than this; but I think this is the most exquisite world-a mignonette on the bosom of immensity .-- T De Witt Talmage.

Dr. Buckley raised a hearty laugh in the Philadelphia Conference, when, in illustration of his Methodist lineage, he told the brethren his father had joined the church five years before he was born. But after quiet was restored, he avowed as usual, that he was right, and could prove it by the rules of grammar.

At the Wilmington Conference, Dr. Leonard excited the risibles of the brethren by an inadvertent lufsus. In order to appreciate the slip it must be remembered that the Wilmington and Delaware Conferences while covering largely the same territory, are differentiated on the color line. In an outburst of eulogistic commendation of the noble doings of the Conference for the benevolent enterprises of the Church, our eloquent secretary reached his climax, by declaring, "Had I not been born in Ohio, I could wish I had been oorn in Delaware, and were I not a member of the Ohio Conference, I would like to be a member of the Deluware Conference." As soon as quiet was restored, and Dr. Leonard had seen the point, he very adroitly added, "Well, I'll not take back a single word I've said." Of course this was greeted with a round of applause.

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Bishop Ninde accepted an invitafor temperance, next Saturday. With feet of light, comes treading back state institutions at Cranston last Monturn, and now that lost world, with soft Newport, R. I., to visit and inspect the

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# Conference Reus.

Brother Davis, of Delmar charge, organized a Sunday school at Callaway's schoolhouse, on the road leading from Delmar to Laurel, last Sunday. This is a point situated in a thickly settled neighborhood, and is likely to be the nucleus of a new church in the near future.

DEAR BRO. THOMAS.-I observe this mistake in the printed Minutes. Berlin's apportionment for presiding elder \$50, paid \$30. Berlin paid the elder the entire amount apportioned, which was \$50, and would like to have credit for it.

### Yours fraternally, C. T. WYATT.

# Roxanna, Del., April 28, 1890.

A copy of the last Annual Report of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been sent to every member of an Annual Conference and an additional copy for the superintendent of the principal Sunday-school in each charge. Any pastor or superintendent who has not received this Report, and any other person wishing a copy can have the same by sending a request to the undersigned.

### C. H. PAYNE. 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Fletcher Hall, April 25, 1890.

The Preachers' Meeting was called to order by the president, D. H. Corkran. Rev. B. F. Price conducted the devotional exercises. Julius Dodd was elected secretary pro. tem.

The order of the day was taken up. An essay "A Review of the Satisfaction Theory of Atonement," was read by Julius Dodd; it was discussed by Bro. Campbell of the Presbyterian Church, Bros. Tomkinson, Price, VauBurkalow, and Dr. Todd.

Members present: Sanderson, Todd, Tomkinson, VanBurkalow, Price, Houston, Franklin, Collins, Hanna, Avery, Atkins, Given, and Smoot.

Bros Hanna and Atkins a committee appointed to draft resolutions respecting the violation of the Sabbath by the Forepaugh circus reported as follows:

WHEREAS, The Forepaugh Circus now exhibiting in our midst, grossly violated the sancity of the Sabbath, and the laws of our city by unloading the goods from the cars, transporting them through the city, putting up their tents, and by other work that would be allowed to no other calling on the Lord's day, thus interrupting the peace and quiet of the Sabbath in the eastern section of the city. Therefore

Resolved 1, That we unsparingly condemn this company for its outrageous violation of law, and its total disregard of the Christian sentiment of this community, and call upon all good men to express their indignation against this wilful desecration of God's holy day.

Resolved 2, That we call the attention of the city authorities to this violation of our laws, trusting to them for the preservation of the sanctity of the Sabbath, and pledging our support in every effort they may make to punish these and other like offenders.

Resolved 3, That as we have on previous occasions expressed by resolutions our condemnation of like conduct, and this expression has had no right, because it was not followed by practical measures. We

now recommend that a committee from this meeting be appointed to visit the proper officers and see what steps must be taken in order to bring the aforesaid offenders to justice, and push the matter to an issue. The curators report. Exegesis by W. G. Koons of Rom. 8-31; 39.

On motion, adjourned with benediction by Bro. VanBurkalow.

SMYRNA, DEL., April 24, 1890.-Dear Brother Thomas: - The first quarterly meetings for the present Conference year were held at Smyrna Station, Appoquinimink, Kenton and Smyrna Circuit. At all these points the old pastors were returned excepting at Kenton. I found that these old pastors, Bros. Warner, Wilson, and Stephenson, were warmly welcomed by their respective charges. Brother Warner indicated in his report that he was very hopeful of a pleasant and successful year. Brother Wilson, of a determination to have Smyrna Station develop a usefulness never before attained, and Brother Stephenson, of a fixed purpose to save, if possible, to the church the 234 probationers secured last year. Should there be a failure, it will not be the fault of the pastor. At Kenton, Brother Albert Chandler, was received very kindly, and as soon as the new parsonage is completed so that he can bring his family to the charge, they will give them a royal welcome.

The second Sabbath of the Conference year we spent at Sassafras, Cecilton, and Galena. Brother Sheers returns to Sassafras for the fourth year, which indicates what is true, that he is beloved by that people. Brother T. A. H. O'Brien, who goes to Cecilton, is a new man ou Easton District, but if the manner of his reception at Cecilton, is an index to the future, then we are certain that the right man is in the right place. Brother E. H. Nelson, of Galena, is also a new comer to the District, but I found on my arrival that he had already captured the hearts of that people. We cannot but feel under some obligation to Brother Murray, of Wilmington District for giving us two of his best men, but then, we remember, that two of our best men have gone to recruit and strengthen the forces of Wilmington District.

The third Sabbath was spent holding Quarterly meetings at Millington, Crumpton, and Sudlersville. Brother E. E. White, pastor of Millington, reported the church to be in a good spiritual condition. Brother Thomas Mallalieu, the superintendent of the Sunday school, stated, what to me is a remarkable fact, that for 38 successive years, he has been superintendent of the Millington Sabbath School.

At Crumpton, we found Brother J. B. Merritt, in charge for another year at the earnest request of that people. That Bro. Merritt, is not a worn out preacher is evident from the grand work that he is doing at Crumpton. At Sudlersville, we found Brother T. H. Haynes, happy in having in his possession the hearts of that royal people, and hopeful of another year of success. At none of the charges thus far visited, has there been manifested any disposition to lower the salaries of the preachers, although we do hear many complaints of the hard times. Smyrna Circuit, instead of lowering, they propose to advance the salary to at least nine hundred dollars, but the Presiding Elder thinks that they ought not to stop short of a thousand Yours fraternally, J. FRANCE.

Lam now in Chestertown. Dr. Willey is making a fine impression. Since the last letter, I have held quarterly meetings at Claymont, Silverbrook, Scott and

Madely. I have also visited Wesley, and held the love-feast. The work at the above named places gives promise of a good degree of success. Bro. Collins opens the year after having had a fourfold reception. The first at the parsonage when greetings of welcome and good cheer filled all hearts, second, when he entered the church, the whole congregation rising and singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." third, the choir sang an anthem of welcome, tourth, the Epworth League to their pastor and founder, extended a most enthusiastic greeting. Besides the regular work in the quarterly conference, the auditing committee and temperance committee made special reports, the latter proposes to fill the year with earnest temperance work. A collection amounting to \$15, had been taken for the campaign in Nebraska, with the hope that prohibition may triumph over High License.

My visits to Union and Silverbrook schools Sunday afternoon, to open the first and close the second, reassured me that officers and teachers were faithful, and the good seed were with great care and devotion being sown. It was my first visit to Silverbrook school for about three years. The progress made astonished me. I understand that on clear days and under favorable circumstances, every seat is taken. The necessity to enlarge in the near future is upon us.

Bro. E. C. Atkins reported that he had been with his people two weeks and two days, and besides a grand reception, full congregations, enthusiastic prayer-meetings and a love-feast surcharged with heavenly electricity, there had been four conversions.

The trustees of Wesley have felt for sometime the necessity of enlarging to accommodate the crowds who desire to attend divine service. Plaus have been drawn, specifications made and bids called for. Bro. W. H. Foulk has been awarded the contract for \$8,558 for the church; for the parsonage about \$1,400. Bro. Foulk uses the present church for rebuilding. Funds are being solicited. We bespeak for this church your generous and timely aid.

W. L. S. MURRAY.

# Corrections.

Near the end of second column, first page, a part of the sentence beginning "Rev. James Mather" needs re-modeling; instead of what is printed, read "though still hale, and eager to prosecute the work".

The second part of the stanza, in the third column should have been as follows:

"The peace of God makes fresh my heart A fountain over-springing; All things are mine since I am His,

How can I keep from singing."

Oa page 2, second column, the third sentence is deplorably maddled. It should be,

"A vital difference between the prelatical and non-prelatical idea, between Romanism and Protestantism, is found here, in the absolute necessity of co-op eration of the subject of Grace, in or- 49-1m

der to any saving officacy in that grace."

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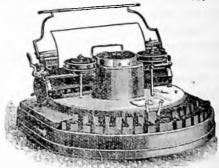
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# WHY WAS IT? BY CAUGHEY.

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CHAPTER XVIII-EVENTFUL DAYS. The next day Walter returned to the bank, and his mother resumed her home duties, and their lives began again to flow on in the usual channels.

In the fall Blanche returned to her school, to complete her course of study, and her father turned his attention to superintending his large business and looking after the various charitable enterprises his generosity and kindness had set on foot

In the latter part of the summer George Colton went west, to look after some mining interests; and during her father's absence, Emma Colton came to Glen Eden, to spend the time with her aunt, Mrs. Melvin.

On his return to Rosedale after an absence of two weeks in the east, Mr. Montague found his son Horace on the eve of leaving for Hathway, where some legal business required his pres ence. On learning his purpose to visit Walter Melvin while in the Arlington Manor, his father decided to accompany him.

We may imagine the pleasure Walter Melvin felt a few days later, when crossing the public square at Hathway he met Mr. Montague and Horace. Their greetings were such as to lead a passer by to conclude, that it was the meeting of a son with his father and brother after a long time absence.

trust you will be able to visit us at Glen Eden, before you return to Rose

dale." "We are here on business," said though we cannot be with you before to morrow evening."

' If you will engage to accompany me to morrow evening," said Walter "I will drive over here in the morning for you, with our two seat carriage."

Thanking him for his attention, Horace and his father promised to return with him at the time named.

Welter was about to inquire after Blanch, but the Court House clock striking nine, he hastily bade his friends adieu, and went at once to the bank. His thoughts were very pleasant, as he anticipated having with him at Glen-Eden, the friends who had become specially dear to him, as the relatives of one who was never absent from his thoughts, and he could scarcely wait

for the time to come, when he should welcome Christopher Montague and his son to his home, and introduce them to his mother.

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At four o'clock in the afternoon of the next day, he drove up to the door of the Girard House, where his friends were stopping, and having them seated in his carriage, the three were soon on their way to Glen Eden.

This October evening was delightful and the drive from Hathway to the old homestead of the Melvins, lay through the flucst portion of the Arlington Manor.

It would be a pleasant task to tell the reader the incidents of the next few days; and of the interest Horace came to feel in Miss Colton, and of their walks, and drives, and talks, each seemingly unconscious of the existance of any one save themselves; it would be pleasant also, to tell how Christopher Montague found himself observing with admiration the graceful figure of Mrs. Melvin, as she moved about the house and grounds, attending to her various domestic duties; to linger, as the reader looks upon these scenes, and discerns the emotions that stir these hearts; but we cannot indulge in such pleasures, because other scenes and in cidents, that will interest the reader far more deeply, demand recital, and and must engage our attention.

Mr. Montague and his son, remained two weeks as the guests of Walter and his mother. The time flew quickly by but in its rapid flight, there had been crowded into this brief period, many things that were to affect all the future of their lives; nor did Christopher Montague or his son ever forget those days at Glen-Eden. When Horace found himself again in his law office "I am so glad," said Walter, "that at Rockwell, his thoughts were not you have come to Hathway; and I confined to the codes of human laws piled up about him.

That it "was not good for man to be alone," seemed to be a conviction that in strength grew daily; and as often as Horace, "but it is our purpose to visit he thought of a home and a companyou at Glen Eden before we go home; ion for himself, Emma Colton's pleasing person came vividly before his mental vision.

Christopher Montague returned to Rosedale, and to his work, but somehow he was never quite the same man he was before his visit to Glen-Eden. Some of his friends said, his trip abroad had done him good; others, that he seemed to have grown younger all at once; but he knew, there was a happy change in his spirits, and the secret of it lay in the new hopes, inspired by his association with Walter's mother. Let him go where he would, she was ever beside him, in his thoughts; and in fancy, he seemed to see the beautiful mistress of Glen-Eden, accompanying him everywhere he went through the Rosedale mansion.

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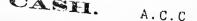
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### THE CHILDRFN'S PRAY-ERS.

The tender twilight falls: And, bent beside my knee, While shadows climb the walls, The clustering heads I see! And, free awbile from household cares, I sit and hear the children's prayers.

Oh, pure young souls and white, For grace they sweetly pray! And, precious in His sight. He will not say them "Nay," Who gently in His bosom bears These lambs, and listens to their prayers !

It is His joy to hear Their fond petitions rise! In love that casts out fear. Beneath His holy eyes, They kneel, unvexed by hurtful spares Of faithless thoughts that mar our prayers!

Lord, that we may become Trustful as children are ! Our lips have long been dumb, Our steps have wandered far, Forgetful of the golden stairs Of faith and love, the children's prayers! -J. R. E., in The Quiver.

Look Higher Up

"Is this the door?" I asked myself, hunting up an address in a bewildering street. "I ought to know it."

"No," I said, "I doubt if this is the door."

I chanced though to look higher up and there was the name I sought after a name honored. beloved, valued Looking lower, I had failed to notice that help. I saw it now, standing out in clear, distinct letters.

A simple incident, it has set me busily to thinking.

There are many of us trying to find some door of blessing. Bewildered, we look and may be disappointed. We are in sorrow. It may be the disappointment of affiiction, of sickness, of business losses. We look along the range of human resources and human helps, ever seeking some door of peace Look higher up. Look unto the name of Him called "Wonderful." Measureless are His resources, giving a personal presence to support us an individual reconcilation to our losses, strength now. Look unto Jesus!

We are perplexed about duty. But it may not be the thing that perplexes so much as the way: not the end, but our course to do it. We want wisdom, We need advice. We seek it at human lips; we err if we stop there. Look higher up! Look unto the name of Him called "Counselor." Ask the Saviour. Look unto Jesus.

We are tempted. We are weak before the hour of decision and helpless after it. We cry, "No man careth for Blessed is the man who, when the temmy soul." Self then shall be the friend showing spmpathy, self the friend that promises the strength of its co-operation. "Is not this the door?" some one asks. "That door is a snare," we say. No; victory has another portal. Look unto Him called the "Mighty God." He is able to save from sin and save unto holiness. Look up higher, unto Jesus!

When the end c mes, when our feet may falter in death, when our sight may be dim, how precious the name of the Unchangeable. One, the same yestesday, to day, and forever, His glorious name shining out in letters of fire! In the hour of dying may we look on high, and looking we shall live as we pass into the Father's house, no more to go out forever .- Messenger.

Mr. Spurgeon has just finished the thirty fifth volume of his sermons.

Every Calvary has an Olivet. To every place of crucifixion there is likewise a place of ascension. The sun that was shrouded is unveiled, and heaven opens with hopes eternal to the soul which was nigh unto despair .--Henry Giles.

"Bishop William Taylor has done more to turn the eye of the Christian Church up in Africa, than any man in the last half century." "The India chiefs say they do not wish Roman Catholic missionaries," said Dr. Leonard.

Morality apart from religion is but another name for decency in sin. It is just that negative species of virtue which consists in not doing what is scandalously depraved and wicked. But there is no heart of holy principle in it, any more than there is in grosser sins.—Horace Bushnell.

Mrs. S. S. Fessenden, recently appointed national superintendent of the franchise department of W. C. T. U. work, speaks with no uncertain sound on 'license.' She says: Until we have some arithmetic by which we can compute the value of a human soul, we can in no sense speak of a license as high. You would not for a thousand dollars allow a leprous hand to be laid upon the head of your boy, and yet for this mere pittance we permit the liquor dealer to ruin his white soul, and then call it 'high license.' Can there be anything so miserably low as a liquor license at any price?'

There are some spirits which must go through a discipline analogous to that sustained by Elijah. The storm struggle must precede the still, small voice. There are minds which must be convulsed with doubt before they can repose in faith. There are hearts which must be broken with disappointment before they can rise into hope. pest has spent its fury, recognizes his Father's voice in its undertone, and bares his head and bows his knee as Elijah did. To such spirits it seems as if God had said, "In the still sunshine and ordinary ways of life you cannot meet me, but, like Job, in the desolation of the tempest you shall see My form, and hear My voice, and know that your Redeemer liveth."-F. W. Robertson.

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If one looks upon the bright side It is sure to be the right side— At least that's how I've found it as I've	"Yes, sir. And-please, sir-1 a rate	tered the room—the gentleman who	The vision of eternity. The building reared harmonious through
journeyed through each day. And 11's queer how shadows vanish, And how easy 'tis to banish From a bright side sort of nature every doleful thing away.	"Oh well, suit yourself," growled the clerk. "If you don't come on Sunday morning, you need not come on Mon- day."	"I wish to hire a boy," he said. Mrs. Benson's face brightened. "What did I tell you, mother?"	out Would be deformed by adding aught Or were a part from such a plan dropped 'Twould show what yet remained wrought.
There are two sides to a question, As we know; so the suggestion Of the side which holds the sonlight seems most reasonable to me. And, you know, we can't be merry,	Charlie sighed, picked up the money and walked dejectedly away. A gen- tleman stepped into the office from the	whispered Charlie. Then he said aloud: "I'll engage with you sir. What am I expected to do?"	A little city lovely and complete, That with the limpid lake keeps tro And shows no stone misplaced on any sti No future has—nor life, nor growth.
And make our surroundings cheery. If we will persist in coddling every gloomy thing we see. There's a sensible quotation	corridor. "That elevator boy is a bright, polite little fellow," he said, "What is his name.?"	"I am a lawyer, and want an office boy. You can write, I suppose?" "Oh, yes, sir. A good hand, others	
Which will fit in every station— We all know it—"As the twig is bent so is the tree inclined." And the twigs of thought we're bending, If to ways of gloom we're tending, Will be pretty sure to twist and dwarf and	"Charlie Benson," replied the clerk- "What is his address?" The clerk gave it, and the gentleman wrote it down in his pass book.	say." "Then I'll put you to engrossing."	And so were every bateful wrong below Atoned, all right made clear and sw Snch perfect harmony of parts would sl That Nature's course here ends compl
quite deform the mind. There's a way of searching over The wide skies till we discover	"I think you made a mistake in dis- charging that boy," he said.	"Well, that's business ! Five dol- lars a week."	Thus long as Truth is often crucified, And falsehood throned—all things part— The incompleteness shown on every sid
Whether storms are on the way, or the weather that we love; And the blue may fast be biding Back of clouds which swift are riding,	"I didn't discharge him," replied the clerk. "Then he'll discharge himself. He	consciously bringing his hands togeth-	Relates the Future to each heart. Yale, Mich.
Yet we know the blue is shining still, and spreading far above. And while <i>that</i> will last forever (For the true blue fadeth never);	has convictions, and is not afraid to voice them. Isn't there a boy about the hotel who hasn't scruples against	"That's business, too," said the visi- tor. "I expect to take you with me."	The Philadelphia Method Episcopal Hospital, Broad
The dark clouds must soon or later he dis- persed and fade away; And the sweet "brightside," still shining, Will meet the eyes inclining To watch for it and welcome it, however	working on Suuday?" "Yes." "Then let him run the elevator to-	"Nor don't intend to." "Nor given me your name." "My name is Gilbert Fansworth.	and Wolfe Streets. The munificent bequest of the Dr. Scott Stewart, for the purpose
dark the day. So, my friends, let's choose the hright side,	morrow." "I ain't bothering myself about it," retorted the clerk. "I told Charlie,	Here is my card." He did not give it to Charlie, but to his mother.	founding a Methodist Hospital in city of Philadelphia, under the au ces of the Philadelphia Conference
Just the happy, glorious <i>right</i> side, Which will give us health and spirits just as long as life shall last; And the sorrows that roll o'er us	what he might expect. He is the one to feel worried, not me. All days are alike here."	Sunday?"	been justly regarded as a providen call to the church to engage with ea
Shall not always go before us If we keep a watch for blue skies, and will holds its subshine fast. MARY D. BRINE, in Harper's Bazar.	Charlie Benson's mother was a poor widow who lived in a topmost flat.	"No!" replied the visitor explosive ly. "If I thought you'd work on Sun- day I wouldn't want you."	estness and vigor, in the hitherto r lected work of caring for the un tunate sick. More Hospital acco
One Boy's Experience.	The room was cleanly kept, but that did not hide its meagreness. A look	At the close of the week Charlie could not cease sounding his employ-	modations are urgently needed in t great city, and the Methodist Episco
"Here, Charlie," the clerk kindly said.	of surprise mingled with the pallor of her face when Charlie handed her his week's wages.	er's praises. "Mother, I told you that God would	Church may justly be expected only to care for her own sick, but a
The elevator boy approached the desk, a pleased expectant look upon his face.	"You think you pleased them, dear?" she asked. "The clerk said that I'm the best el-	take care of us, and that something better would turn up. Well, didn't He, and hasn't there? What do you	to assist in caring for others. A gl ious opportunity has come to her, a if she will prosecute with energy a
"Here are \$3 for you to take home to your mother," the clerk said, as he laid three bright coins on the counter.	evator boy they ever had." reported	hotel clerk, and got our address from him. He's a kind, considerate Chair	identity the work so providentially augurated, "the blessing of him the
"I was to get but \$250 a week," reminded Charlie. "Oh that's all right." rejoined the	"But-" "But what?" anxiously asked his	tian gentleman. A handsome office short hours, light work, good pay, and promotion just ahead. I copied one	was ready to persist" will, in due ti come upon her, and she will inherit abundant reward.
clerk. "The other half dollar is a do- nation. You are really the best eleva-	mother, for he had paused, and a troubled expression rested on his face. "I'm expected to work on Sunday	work pleased him 'A good	The Philadelphia Conference, acc dingly accepted the trust, "with conditions and limitations," and add
tor boy we've ever had." "Oh thank you," cried Charlie, his eyes shining.	"Then you'll be dismissed, my boy." "Yes it resolves itself to that	no blots, no erasures, no pig-ears.' I am glad I concluded not to ro back to	tion of the will; and in May 1880
"Now, be on hand bright and early to-morrow morning <sub>a</sub> so—" "To-morrow!" repeated Charlie, a	go back at all." The widow rocked herself to and for	"I can see the Lord's hand in it all,"	ter an expensive litigation the prope was passed into the hands of the Tr tees of the Hospital. By order of Conference
disappointed look on his face "Why not to morrow?" asked the clerk.	a vacant look on her face. "And you are not going back?" she asked.	The M A	amounting to about \$200 000 has be set apart as the nucleur
"It is the Sabbath," stammered Char- lie.	"No, mother," he resolutely said. "All right," she replied with a	past winter, 29.007 students. Of these	churches and Sunday and an while t
"I believe it is." said the clerk with a grin. ',But the elevator isn't suspen- ded for that reason. We'd soon hear	though our distress is great, I'll not ad- vise you to the contrary "	from other parts of Europe; and 546 from the rest of the world. 436 from	the Hospital nearly \$90,000 for t
from our guests."	"I am doing right, mother, and the	ese), 11 from Africa, and 9 from Aus-	ercction of necessary buildings. To establish and maintain a Meti

) from Aus-dist Episcopal Hospital in the city of

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Philadelphia, which shall be alike whether with or without a public colworthy of the church and of the city, lection.

will require a large expanditure of , money, and therefore an appeal to the is not without ample justification. Methodism is the church of the masses and as she does not number among her | noble enterprise. adherents many persons of wealth, she can only succeed in an enterprise like this by enlisting the sympathy, and se number. Philadelphia Methodism has bean liberal in sustaining her local institutions, and generous to a fault in supporting the great benevolent enterprises of the church. She has founded a Home for the aged and infirm on Le high Avenue, where she is providing for a family of over a hundred at an annual expense of about \$12,000. Through the munificence of Col. Bennet, a Methodist orphanage has been founded at Bala, near the Park, where she is supporting a family of ninety happy children, and her splendid buildings capable of accommodating a hundred and twenty more, are open to orphans from all parts of the state and without restriction as to the creed of the parents. Last in the order of time but not least in importance, comes the Methodist Hospital. This institution is by no means a local enterprise. The temporary sejourners in the city, who constitute so large a percentage of the population, and who represent every part of the country, will share its benefactions equally with the permanent residents; while moreover in the reception of patients there will be absolutely no restrictions of any kind whatsoever whether as to creed, color, race, nationality or social condition.

The Hospital will be conducted in the most liberal spirit, and in accord. ance with the most approved methods of Hospital management.

latest improvements which sanitary ecience can suggest, and when completed they will be a substantial reproduction on a reduced scale, of the celebra ted Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, the completest structure of the kind in the world. The medical staff will necessarily be restricted, as in all but, taking the Word of God for our the neighboring hospitals, to a single school of practice, but the highest skill available in the medical metropolis of the country, will be enployed, and no patient will ever be sent away from its doors an account of his poverty.

We can therefore confidently appeal for sympathy and support to the public at large, but especially to the Meth odist public throughout the Philadelphia and adjacent conferences.

We invite all the churches to join with us in the observance of HOSPITAL SUNDAY, on the eleventh of May, ing defeated by a vote of 29 to 21.

We ask that the claims of the Hospital may obtain a hearing in all our neighboring Conferences for assistance congregations and that, wherever practicable, an opportunity may be given for persons to contribute towards this

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Hold up the Light. The famous eddystone light-house, off the coast of Cornwall, England, was first built in a fanciful way by the learned and eccentric Winstanley. On its sides he put various boastful inscriptions. He was very proud of his structure, and from his lofty balcony used boldly to defy the storm, crying "Blow, O winds! Rise, O ocean! Break forth, ye elements, and try my work!" But one fearful night the sea swallowed up the tower and its builder.

The light house was built a second time of wood and stone by Rudgard. The form was good, but the wood gave hold for the elements, and the builder and his structure perished in the flames. Next the great Smeaton was called. He raised a cone from the solid rock

upon which it was built, and riveted \$ to the rocks as the oak is fastened to the earth by its roots. From the rock of the foundation he took the rock of the superstructure. He carved upon it no boastful inscriptions like those of Winstanley, but on its lowest course he

put: "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it;" and on its keystone above the lantern the simple tribute Laus Deo! and the Our buildings will embody all the structure still stands, holding its beacon-light to storm tossed mariners.

> Fellow-workers for the salvation of men, Christ, the Light must be held up before men, or they will perish. Let us then, place Him on no superstructure of our own device. Let us rear no tower of wood, or wood and stone foundation, let us build our structure upon its massive, solid truth and on every course put Smeaton's humble inscription, and then we may be sure that the light house will stand.-The Presbyterian Record.

Stapley has returned to Europe, after an absence of over two years.

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HIS SUBJECT A MOST TIMELY ONE: "THE VOICES OF NATURE."

They Are Articulate and Harmonious, He Says - The Doctor's Congregations Not at All Affected by the Beautiful Weather of the Springtime

BROOKLYN, April 27 .- The attrac tion of the parks in their new spring time garb, which affects many congregations at this season, does not di-minish the crowd which pours into the Academy of Music to hear the eloquent preacher. This morning the great edifice was thronged, as usual, as soon as the doors were opened. After the reading of an appropriate passage of Scripture and the singing of the hymn, "Glory to God on High, Dr. Talmage announced as his text Isa. Ix. 13 "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto the thee, the fir tree, the pine tree and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary.

Following is his sermon in full: On our way from Damascus we saw the mountains of Lebanon white with snow, and the places from which the cedars were been and then drawn by cedars were bewn and then drawn by ox teams down to the Mediterranean sea, and then floated in great rafts to Joppa, and then again drawn by ox teams up to Jerusalem to build Solo-mon's temple Those mighty trees in my text are called the "glory of Leba-non," Inanimate nature felt the effects of the first transgression. When Eve touched the forbidden tree, it seems as if the sinful gontage hed quittee pot if the sinful contact had smitten not only that tree, but as if the air caught the pollution from the leaves, and as if the sap had carried the virus down into the very soil until the entire earth recked with the leprosy. Under that sinful touch nature withered. The in-animate creation, as if aware of the damage done it, sent up the thorn and brier and nettle to wound and fiercely oppose the human race

oppose the human race. THE MILLENIUM Now as the physical earth felt the effects of the first transgression, so it shall also feel the effect of the Sav-iour's mission. As from that one tree in Paradise a blight went forth through the entire earth, so from one tree ou. Calvavy another force of the through the entire earth, so from one tree on Calvary another force shall speed out to interpenetrate and check, subdue and override, the evil. In the end it shall be found that the tree of Calvary has more potency than the tree of Paradise. As the nations are evangelized, I think a corresponding change will be effected in the natural world. I verily believe that the trees, and the birds, and the rivers, and the skies will have their millenium. If man's sin affected the ground, and the vegetation, and the atmosphere, shall Christ's work be less powerful or less extensive? extensive?

Doubtless God will take the irregularity and fierceness from the ele-ments, so as to make them congenial to the race, yet to be so symmetrical and evangelized. The ground shall not be so lavish of weeds and so grudge-ful of grain. Soils which now have peculiar proclivities toward certain forms of evil production will be de-livered from their besetting sins. Steep mountains, plowed down into more gradual ascent, shall be girdled with flocks of sheep and shocks of corn. The wet marsh shall become the deep grassed meadow. Cattle shall eat un-harmed by caverns once haunted of wild beasts. Children will baild playto the race, yet to be so symmetrical wild beasts. Children will build playhouses in what was once a cave of ser-pents, and, as the Scripture saith, "The weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den.'

Oh, what harvests shall be reaped when neither drouth, nor excessive rain, nor mildew, nor infesting insects shall arrest the growth, and the ut-most capacity of the fields for produc-tion shall be tested by an intelligent and athletic yeomanry. Thrift and competency characterizing the world's inhabitants, their dwelling places shall be graceful and healthy and adorned. Tree and arbor and grove around be graceful and nearing and adorned. Tree and arbor and grove around about will look as if Adam and Evo had got back to Paradise. Great cities, had got back to Paradise. Great cities, now neglected and unwashed, shall be orderly, adorned with architectural symmetry and connected with far dis-tant scaports by present modes of transportation carried to their greatest perfection, or by new inventions yet to spring up out of the water or drop from the air at the beck of a Morse or a Robert Fulton belonging to future from the air at the beck of a Morse of a Robert Fulton belonging to future generations. Isaiah in my text seems to look forward to the future condi-tion of the physical earth as a condi-tion of great beauty and excellence, and then prophesies that as the strong-est and most ornamental timber in Lehanon was brought down to Jerusa-Lebanon was brought down to Jerusa lem and constructed into the ancient temple, so all that is beautiful and ex-cellent in the physical earth shall yet contribute to the church now being built in the world. "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee; the fir Leganon shan come unto thee; the fir tree; the pine tree, and the box to gether, to beautify the place of my sanctuary." MUCH OF THY PROPHECY ALREADY

MUCH OF THY PROPHECY ALREADY FULFILLED. Much of this prophecy has already been fulfilled, and I proceed to some practical remarks upon the contribu-tions which the natural world is mak-ing to the kingdom of God, and then there is in formation of the first condraw some inferences. The first con draw some inferences. The first con-tribution that nature gives to the church is her testimony in behalf of the truth of Christianity. This is an age of profound research. Nature can-not evade men's inquiries as once. In chemist's laboratory she is put to tor-ture and compelled to give up her mysteries. Hidden laws have come out of their hidden laws have come out of their hidding place. The earth and the heavens, since they have been ransacked by geologist and botanist and astronomer, appear so different from what they once were that they may be called "the new heavens and

The new earth." This research and discovery will have powerful effect upon the relig-ious world. They must either advance or arrest Christianity, make men bet ter or make them worse, be the church's honor or the church's overthrow Christiens, aware of this overthrow Christiens, aware of this in the early ages of discovery, were nervous and fearful as to the progress of science. They feared that some natural law, before unknown, would suddenly spring into harsh collision with Christianity. Gunpowder and the gleam of swords would not so much have been feared by religionists as electric batteries, voltaic piles and as-tronomical apparatus. It was feared that Moses and the prophets would be run over by skeptical chemists and philosophers. Some of the followers of Aristotle, after the invention of the telescope, refused to look through that instrument, lest what they saw would overthrow the teachings of that great Christians, aware of this overthrow

nstrument, lest what they saw would overthrow the teachings of that great philosopher. But the Christian re-ligion has no such apprehension now. Bring on your telescopes and micro-scopes and spectroscopes—and the scopes and sr more the better. scopes and spectroscopes and intero-more the better. The God of nature is the God of the Bible, and in all the is the God of the Bible, and in all the universe and in all the eternities he has never once contradicted himself. Christian merchants endow univer-sities, and in them Christian profess-ors instruct the children of Christian communities. The warmest and most communities. The warmest and most enthusiastic friends of Christ are the bravest and most enthusiastic friends

The church rejoices as much over every discovery as the world rejoices. Good men have found much world rejoices. Good men nave to the that there is no war between science and religion. That which at first has and religion. That which at his that seemed to be the weapon of the infidel has turned out to be the weapon of the Christian. SCIENCE IS FOR OHRISTIANITY.

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SCIENCE IS FOR OHRISTIANTY. Scientific discussions may be divided into those which are concluded and those which are still in progress, de-pending for decision upon future in-vestigation. Those which are con-cluded have invariably rendered their verdict for Christianity, and we have vestigation. Those which are con-vestigation. Those which are con-cluded have invariably rendered their verdict for Christianity, and we have faith to believe that those which are still in prosecution will come to as fa-vorable a conclusion. The great sys-tems of error are falling before these discoveries. They have crushed every-thing but the Bible, and that they have established. Mohammedanism and paganism in their ten thousand forms have been proved false and by great natural laws shown to be impo-sitions. Buried cities have been ex-humed and the truth of God found written on their coffin lids. Bartlett, Robinson and Layard have been not more the apostles of science than the apostles of religion. The dumb lips of the pyramids have opened to preach the gospel. Expeditions have been fitted out for Palestine, and explorers bave come back to say that they have bave come back to say that they have found among mountains and among ruins and on the shore of waters living and undying evidences of our glorious Christianity. Men who have gone to Palestine in-

fidels have come back Christians. They who were blind and deaf to the truth at home have seemed to see Christ again preaching upon Olivet, and have beheld in vivid imagination the Son of God again walking the hills about Jerusalem. Caviglia once rejected the truth, but afterward said, "I came to Eavent and the Scrintures and the and the Scriptures and the ids converted me." When I Egypt, pyramids converted me. was in Beyrout, Syria, last December our beloved American missionary, Rev. Dr. Jessup, told me of his friend Rev. Dr. Jessup, told me of his friend who met a skeptic at Joppa, the seaport of Jerusalem, and the unbeliever said to his friend: "I am going into the Holy Land to show up the folly of the Christian religion. I am going to visit all the so called 'sacred places,' and write them up, and show the world that the New Testament is an impo-sition upon the world's credulity." Months after, Dr. Jessup's friend met the skeptic at Beyrout, after he had completed his journey through the Holy Land. "Well, how is it?" said the aforesaid gentleman the Holy Land. "Well, how is it?" said the aforesaid gentleman to the skeptic. The answer was: "I to the skeptic. The answer was: "I have seen it all, and I tell you the Bible is truet Yes, it is all true!" The man who went to destroy came back to defend. After what I myself saw during my recent absorpt. saw during my recent absence, I con-clude that any one who can go through the Holy Land and remain an unbeliever is either a bad man or an imhever is either a bad man or an im-becile. God employed men to write the Bible, but he took many of the same truths which they recorded, and with his own almighty hand he gouged them into the rocks, and drove them down into dismal denths and as docuthem into the rocks, and drove them down into dismal depths, and, as docu-ments are put in the corner stone of a temple, so in the very foundation of the earth he folded up and placed the records of heavenly truth. The earth's corner stone was laid, like that of other sacred edifices, in the name of the Fa-ther, and of the Son. and of the Holy ther, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The author of revelation, standcross. The author of revelation, stand-ing among the great strata, looked upon Moses, and said, "Let us record for future ages the world's history; you write it there on papyrus; I will write it here on the bowlders." NATURE'S INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO

CHRISTIANITY. Again, nature offers an invaluable

contribution to Christianity by the illustration she makes of divine truth. The inspired writers reized upon the advantages offered by the natural world. Trees and rivers and clouds and rocks broke forth into holy and enthusiastic utterances. Would Christ set forth the strength of faith, he points to the sycamore, whose roots spread out and strike down and clinch themselves amid great depths of earth, and he said that faith was strong enough to tear that up by the roots. At Hawarden, England, Mr. Glad.

enough to tear that up by the toos, At Hawarden, England, Mr. Glad. stone, while showing me his trees dur-ing a prolonged walk through his magniticent park, pointed out a sycamore, and with a wave of the hand said, "In your visit to the Holy Land did you see any sycamore more impressive than that?" I confessed that I had not Its branches were not more remark-able than its roots. It was to such a able than its roots. It was to such a tree as that Jesus pointed when he would illustrate the power of faith. "Ye might say unto this sycamore tree, Be thou plucked up by the root and be thou cast into the sea, and it would obey you." One reason why Christ has fascinated the world as no other teacher is because instead of asing severe argument he was always telling how something in the spiritual that Jesus pointed when telling how something in the spiritual world was like unto something in the natural world. Oh these wonderful natural world. Oh these wonderful "likes" of our Lord1 Like a grain of mustard seed. Like a treasure hid in a field. Like a merchant seeking goodly pearls. Like unto a net that was cast into the sea. Like unto a householder. Would Christ teach the precision

would chirist teach the precision with which he looks after you, he says he counts the hairs of your head. Well, that is a long and tedious count if the head have the average endow-ment. It has been found that if the hairs of the head be black there are about 120,000, or if they be flaxen there are about 140,000. But God knows the exact number: "The hairs of your head are all numbered." Would Christ impress us with the divine watchfuiness and care, he speaks of the spar-rows, that were a nuisance in those rows, that times. They were caught by the thou-sands in the net. They were thin and scrawny, and had comparatively no meat on their bones. They seemed almost valueless, whether living or dead. Now, argues Christ, if my fa-ther takes care of them will he not take care of you? Christ would have the Christian despondent over his slow-ness of religious development go to his They were caught by the thoutimes. the Christian despondent over his slow-ness of religious development go to his corn field for a lesson. He watches first the green shoot pressing up through the clods, gradually strength-ening into a stalk, and last of all the husk swelling out with the pressure of the corn: "First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." EXPRESSIVE IMAGERY EXPRESSIVE IMAGERY.

Would David set forth the freshness and beauty of genuine Christian char-acter—he sees an eagle starting from acter—ne sees an eagle starting from its nest just after the moulting season, its old feathers shed, and its wings and breast decked with new down and plumes, its body as finely feathered as that of hum how more just beginning that of her young ones just beginning to try the speed of their wings. Thus rejuvenated and replumed is the Christian's faith and hope by every season of communion with God. "Thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Would Solomon moments the appearance of a Solomon represent the annoyance of a solution represent the annoyance of a contentious woman's tongue, he points to a leakage in the top of his house or tent, where, throughout the stormy day, the water comes through, falling upon the floor—drip1 drip1 and he says "A continued dripping in a he says, "A continual dripping in a very ramy day and a contentious wo man are alike." Would Christ set forth the character of those who make great profession of piety, but have no fruit, he compares them to barren fig trees, which have very large and

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showy leaves, and nothing but Would Job illustrate deleaves. but leaves ceitful friendships, he speaks of brooks in those climes, that wind about in different directions, and dry up when you want to drink out of them: "My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away." David when he would impress us with the despondency into which he had sunk, compares it to a quagmire of those regions, through which he had doubtless sometimes tried to walk, but sunk in up to his neck, and he cried, "I sink in deep mire where there is no standing." Would Habakkuk set forth the capacity which God gives the good man to walk safely amid the wildest perils, he points to the wild animal called the hind walking over slippery rocks, and leaping from wild crag to wild erag, by the peculiar make of its hoofs able calmly to sustain itself in the most dangerous places: "The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hind's feet."

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Job makes all natural objects pay tribute to the royalty of his book. As you go through some chapters of Job you feel as if it were a bright spring morning, and as you see the glittering drops from the grass under your feet, you say with that patriarch, "Who hath begotten the drops of the dew?" And now, as you read on, you seem in the silent midnight to behold the waving of a great light upon your path, and you look up to find it the aurora borealis, which Job described so long ago as "the bright light in the clouds and the splendor that cometh out of the north." As you read on there is darkness hurtling in the heavens, and the showers break loose till the birds fly for hiding place and the mountain torrents in red fury foam over the rocky shelving; and with the same poet you exclaim, "Who can number the clouds in wisdom, or who can stay the bottles of heaven?" As you read on you feel yourself coming in frosty climes, and, in fancy, wading through the snow, you say, with that same inspired writer, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" And while the sharp sleet drives in your face, and the hail stings your cheek, you quote him again: "Hast thou seen the treas-ures of the hail?" In the Psalmist's writings I hear the voices of the sea: "Deep calleth unto deep;" and the roar "Deep calleth unto deep; and the roar of forests: "The Lord shaketh the wil-derness of Kadesh;" and the loud peal of the black tempest: "The God of glory thundereth;" and the rustle of the long silk on the well filled husks: "The valleys are covered with corn;" and the cry of wild beasts: "The young lions roar after their prey;" the hum of palm trees and cedars: "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon;" the sough of wings and the swirl of fins: "Dominion over the fowl of the air and the lish of the sea. PRESENTATION OF CHRISTIAN TRUTHS.

The truths of the gospel might have been presented in technical terms, and by the means of dry definitions, but under these the world would not have listened or fett. How could the safety of trusting upon Christ have been presented, were it not for the figure of a rock? How could the gladdening ef-fect of the gospel have been set forth, had not Zacharias thought of the dawn of the morning, exclaiming: "The day spring from on high hath visited us to give light to them that sit in darkness." How could the soul's intense longing for Christ have been presented so well as by the emblem of natural hunger and natural thirst? As the lake gathers into its bosom the shadow of hills around, and the gleam of stars above, so, in these great deeps of divine truth, all objects in nature

are grandly reflected. We walk forth in the spring time, and everything breathes of the Resurrection. Bright blossom and springing grass speak to us of the coming up of those whom we have loved, when in the white robes of their joy and coronation they shall appear.

And when in the autumn of the year nature preaches thousands of funeral sermions from the text, "We all do fade as a leaf," and scatters her elegies in our path, we cannot help but think of sickness and the tomb. Even winter, "being dead, yet speak-eth." The world will not be argued into the right. It will be tenderly il-lustrated into the right. Tell them what religion is like. When the mother tried to tell her dying child what heaven was she compared it to light. "But that harts my eyes," said the dying girl. Then the mother compared heaven to music. "But any sound hurts me; I am so weak," said the dying child. Then she was told that heaven was like mother's arms. "Oh, take me there!" she said. "If it is like mother's arms, take me there!" The appropriate simile had been found at last.

Another contribution which the natural world is making to the king-dom of Christ is the defense and aid which the elements are compelled to give to the Christian personally. There is no law in nature but is sworn for the Christian's defense. In Job this thought is presented as a bargain made between the inanimate creation and the righteous man: "Thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field." What a grand thought that the lightnings, and the tempests, and the hail, and the frosts, which are the enemies of unrighteousness, are all marshaled as the Christian's body guard. They fight for him. They strike with an arm of fire, or clutch with their fingers of ice. Everlasting peace is declared between the fiercest elements of nature and the good man. They may in their fury seem to be indiscriminate, smiting down the right-eous with the wicked, yet they cannot damage the Christian's soul, although they may shrivel his body. The win-try blast that howls about your dwelling you may call your brother, and the south wind coming up on a June day by way of a flower garden you may call your sister. Though so mighty in circumference and diameter, the sun and the moon have a special charge concerning you. "The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night." Elements and forces hidden in the earth are now harnessed and at work in producing for you food and clothing. Some grain field that you never saw presented you this day with your morning meal. The great earth and the heavens are the busy loom at work for you; and shooting light, and silvery stream, and sharp lightning are only woven threads in the great loom, with God's foot on the shuttle. The same spirit that converted your soul has also converted the elements from enmity toward you into inviolable friendship, and furthest star and deepest cavern, regions of everlasting cold as well as climes of eternal summer, all have a mission of good, direct or indirect, for your spirit.

THE STUDY OF NATURAL OBJECTS.

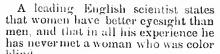
Now 1 infer from this that the study of natural objects will increase our religious knowledge. If David and Job and John and Paul could not afford to let go without observation one passing cloud, or rift of snow, or spring blossom, you cannot afford to let them go without study. Men and women of God most emment in all ages for faith and zeal indulged in such observa-tions-Payson and Baxter and Doddridge and Hannah More. That man is not worthy the name of Christian who saunters listfessly among these magnificent disclosures of divine power around, beneath and above us, stupid and uninstructed. They are not worthy to live in a desert, for that has its fountains and palm trees; nor in regions of everlasting ice, for even there the stars kindle their lights, and auroras flash, and huge icebergs shiver in the morning light, and God's power sits upon them as upon a great white throne. Yet there are Christians in the church who look upon all such tendencies of mind and heart as soft sentimentalities, and because they believe this printed Revelation of God are content to be infidels in regard to all that has been written in this great book of the universe, written in letters of stars, in paragraphs of constella-tions, and illustrated with sunset and thunder cloud and spring morning.

1 infer. also, the transcendent importance of Christ's religion. Nothing is so far down, and nothing is so high up, and nothing so far out, but God makes it pay tax to the Christian re-ligion. If snow and tempest and dragon are expected to praise God, suppose you he expects no homage from your soul? When God has written his truth upon everything around you, suppose you he did not mean you to open your eyes and read it? Finally, I learn from this subject

what an honorable position the Christian occupies when nothing is so great and glorious in nature but is made to edify, defend and instruct him. Hold up your heads, sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty, that I may see how you bear your honors. Though now you may think yourself unbe-friended, this spring's soft wind, and next summer's harvest of barley, and next autumn's glowing fruits, and next winter's storms, all seasons, all elements, zephyrand euroclydon, rose's breath and thundercloud, gleaming light and thick darkness, are sworn to defend you, and cohorts of angels would fly to deliver you from peril, and the great God would unsheath his sword and arm the universe in your cause rather than that harm should touch you with one of its lightest fingers. "As the mountains around about Jerusalem, so the Lord is around about his people from this time forth for evermore OII FOR MORE SYMPATHY WITH NATURE.

Oh for more sympathy with the nat-ural world, and then we should al-ways have a Bible open before us, and and we could take a lesson from the most fleeting circumstances, as when a storm came down upon England Charles Westey sat in a room watch-ing it through an open window, and frightened by the lightning and thun-der a little bird flew in and nestled in the bosom of the sacred poet, and as he gently stroked it and felt the wild beating of its heart, he turned to his desk and wrote that hymn which will be sung while the world lasts

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly, While the billows near me roll, While the tempest still is high; Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, Till the storm of life be past, Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.



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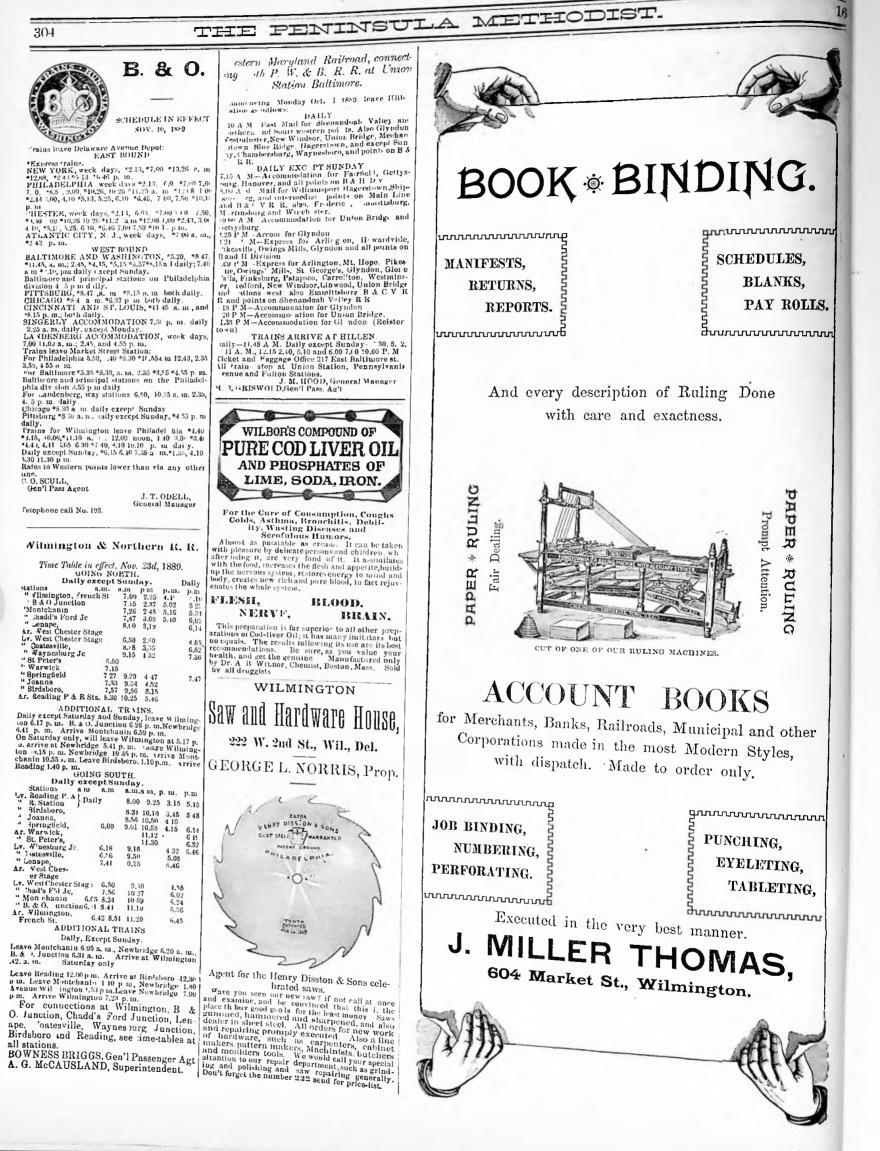
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