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IMPROVE THY TIME．

## by grace elizabeth coub．

 Life is passing，swiftly passing，Friter not the time away；
Lose the net Lose thou not in idle dreamin Fill the hours with something no no Fill the hours with something nobler，
Let a purpose strong and noblo Light thy path with rays divine，
Opportunities are waiting Opprtunities are waiting， Let then each bear fruit eternal； Do ye dare e＇en one resign．
Let an influence，pure and holy
Through thy ife Through thy life be shed alroroad， Thus the sinful far from heaven
May be pointed to thy God； Let them by thy holy living，
Be rebuked，convince， Walk thou not among tranggressors， Shun ow in the good paths old，all things unholy Leave the dross，keep but the Will se let thy soul eternal For this world＇s gilt toys be sold？ Time with thee will soon be ended，
Swiftly pass the years away All too soon the days are speeding，
Then improve then while Then improve then while ye nary Earnestly，for night is coming；
Up，be doing while＇tis day？

## Then when com summons

## Thou shans

Up to heaven＇s pearly sheaves of gold Wide for thee will they unfo Thou shatt have abundant entrance And shalt know the＂lualf ue＇er told．

Bishop Asbury，or Bishop Simp

The Trustees of City Rond Chapel London，at the suggestion of some Amer－ ican visitors，have authorized their min isters to offer to Americau Methodists， the privilege of placing a memorial win－ dow in that historic edifice，in bowor of Bishop Asbury，or Bishop Simpson．W know not who is authorized to speak for that numerous individual，＂the Metho dists of America，＂but it is entirely prop． er that each man shall speak his mind
The＂Great Official＂seems disposed to take a snap judgment．In an editorial in the Adrocate of May 7 th ，under the heading，＂Propised Honor to Bishop Simpson，＂Dr．Buckley seems to assume that there is no question in the matter． Were this so，and were the proposition simply to honor our late beloved and lamented senior Bishop，a well－nigh uni－ versal response in its favs，by that por tion of the said complex individual which rejoices in the deseriptive appella tive，＂The Methodist Episcopal Church．＂ But has our esteemed confrere，in his jubilation over our own marvelous comectional growth and there are some Methodists in America outside of our fold？How about our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church South，our brethren of the Methodist Protestan Church，and our brethren of other ram－ ilies of American Methodism？ each and all would heartily concur and memory of our eloquent and distinguish－ ed Simpson，as one among many stars in our Methodistic galaxy．But when it comes to selecting a representive of his toric Methodism，it seems to us，that，as in Wesleyan Methoters，there is but one distinguished ministers，there in bul Metho name that somong all the illustrious names in the history of American Methodism， there is but one，that stands for the en－ tire of that history．
distinguished Church

WILMINGTON，DELAWARE，SATURDAY，MAY 28， 1887.

Methodism，he（Francis Asbury）stands inmeasurably above all his contempora－ ries and successors；＂says．Dr．Dixon， an eminent Wesleyan，＂I reckon him， the second man in Methodist history； and in the extent of his labors，and the variety of incidents connected with them，he is not the second，but the first man in our community．＂Luke Tyer－ man，Wesley＇s biographer says，much as he reveres the memory of Wesley，he regards Asbury，＂with an almost equal veneration．＂After an able summary of the labors of this Apostolic Bishop，Mr． Tyerman thus eloquently closses，＂if the reader wishes to see his monument，we invite him to step within the living walls of the present Methodist Episcopal Church of America，and there，while
surveying the grand edifice of spiritual order and beauty，we ask him，as the inquirer in St．Paul＇s Cathedral is asked， to＂Look Around．＂He might have justly included the fruitful off shoots of
American Methodism at home and American Methodism at home and
abroad，withiu whose＂living walls＂may be found monumental traces of this American Wesley．St．Paul writes to his beloved Corinthians，＂though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ， yet have ye not many fathers．＂In our history we have heen favored by the Great Hend of the church with able，
godly，accomplished，elonquent and dis－ tinguished Bishops，as well as simila men of renown，who never sat upon the Episcopal bench；and among these il lustrious sons of the church，our lament ed Simnson stands primus clarissimus in－ given the opportunity that was given to Asbury－the opportunity he so magnifi ently embraced．
If the memurial winduw in this his－ toric Chapel，is merely to honor a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church，as personal compliment，Dr．Buckley is about right；but if，as we take it，the design is to honor the chief figure，the nost representative man in American Methodism，we have no hesitan
saying that he is entirely wrong．
Rev．Dr．Warren puts the matter in the proper light，in an editorial，in the Northern Christian Advocate of the 12 th nst．He says：
＂The proposal，by the trustees of City Roxd Wesleyan Chapel，Loudon，to put a wiudow in that historic edinice in mem－
ory of Bishop Astury or Bishop Simp－ son，will commend itself to the good judgment，and secure the grateful recog nition of American Methodists．The proposal is made in the following com－ munication．
American visitors to England will have woticed that the chancel of Cily Road Wesleyan Chapel，has lately been adorued with two stained glass windows， the centre one of which commemorates John Wesley．Space is left for at thir
sindow，and it has been suggested by Awerican visitors（one of whom has left a subscription for the purpose），that a third window should be erected in mem－ ory of Bishop Asbury or Bishop Sirap－ son by the Methodists of America．The trustees of City Road would gladly avail themselves of this suggestion，and take this opportunity of ascertaining whether the project is favorably entertained in America．The window is Georgian， eighteen feet by six feet，and the cost would probably be about $\$ 1,200$ ．City Road Chapel belongs to the world，and
be more appropriate than that such a window should be erected in a sanctuary， where for several months in a year wor shipers from America are constantly found．
City R not be forgotes that it was in reached the hel that Bishop sit First Ecumenical Conference．
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { John M＇Kenyy，} \\ \text { W．J．Dawsox，}\end{array}\right\}$ Ministers．

## 49 City Road，London，E．

To which of the two bishops nominat ed for the proposed honor shall the memorial be erected？Bishop Simpson was，as the Christiun Advocate states， peculiarly un American product，and a flower，not of English Wesleyanism， but of the Methodist Episcopal Church．＂
He was also kuown and greatly beloved in England．＂On the other hand As－ bury claims peculiar consideration as tinguished historic representative of American Methodism，and no name could be more significant to that world－wide Methodism to which City Road Chapel belongs，in either the present generation or generations to come，or more fitly rep－
resent the spirit and unity of Methodism． than the name of Francis Asbury．＇
Of all possible rensons which the satile editor of the New York Advocate may be supposed capmble of giving．for
dedicnting this menvorial window to our dedicating this menoorial window to our ate senior Bishop，rather than to Bishop Asbury，certainly the most infelicitous one is the suggestion，that the latter was
foreign born，while the furmer was a nat tive．This is almost as stumning，as his assumption in the heading of his editori－ ．It is true，Mr．Asbury，in the order of Providence，was born beyond the sens，
for which Dr．Buckley certainly will not hold him personally responsible．But if ever there was one Englishman who became a true hearted American，that
one was Francis Asbury．When but twenty－five years old，he heard the call from these western wilds；and at the en－ suing Conference，he offered himself for service，in response to Mr．Wesley＇s ap．
peal：＂Our brethren in＂America call aloud for help；who are willing to go over and help ther？＂＇When earnestly importuned to return to his native En－ gland，by the other English preachers， at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War，he firmly refused to accompany then．＂I can，＂says he，＂by no means agree to leave such a field for gathering
souls to Christ，as we have in America． souls to Christ，as we have in America． Methodists，that we should all leave three thousand souls，who desire to com－ mit themselves to our cart；neither is it the part of a good shepherd to leave his flock in time of danger；therefore I am deterinined，by the grace of God，not to leave them，let the consequences be what
they many．＂In reference to Mr．We，－ ley＇s interference with the questions be－ tween Great Britain and her American colonies，he says，＂I am truly sorry that the venerable man ever dipped his pen into the politics of America．＇
he insensible to the sacrifice，he was making．When the last of his associates， his＂dear George Shadford＂had left him， he says，＂I was under some heaviness of mind．But it was no wonder；three thousand miles away from home；my friends have left me；I am considered by some，an enemy of the country，every day liable to be seized by violence，and
triffe to suffer，for Christ and the salva－ tion of souls．Lord，stand by me．＂This resolution of devotion to the sheep in the American wilderness，Francis Asbury adhered to with unwavering fidelity from the midsummer of 1771 ，when，as a youth of twenty－six years，he offered himself for the work，until in his seventy first year，he fell at his post，at the head of＂an army of more than 211.000 Meth－ odists，and more than 700 itinerant preachers．＂Surely the fact that＂Bishop Asbury＊＊＊was an Englishman，＂is no reason，why we，his sons in the gos－ pel，should refuse him his well earned chaplet．
By all means let all branches of A mer－ ican Methodists unite，and honor them－ selves in honorivg this chief founder of American Methodism，this peerless ser vant of the churches，in reference to whom our own church historian avers， ＂the history of Christianity，since the apostolic age，affords not a more perfect example of ministerial and episcopal de－ votion，than was presented in this great man＇s life．＂Let the design be an itin－ erant on horseback，in couventioual at－ tire and accoutrements，reading，it may be，his Greek or Hebrew Bible，as he jogs along the Indians＇trail，and let the inscription be his own memorable words， ＂I am determined，by the grace of God，

## be what they may

Of course，the contributions volun－ teered，will be available for either party named．

## The＂Ninety and Nine．＂

An humble lady in Melrose，Scotland， was led to see the beauty of the charac－ ter of Christ in the parable of the Good Shepherd．She possessed genius，and sometimes expressed her best thoughts and feelings in verse．The vision of Christ leaving the glories of heaven and becoming a seeker of men who had gone astray，like an Easteru shepherd seeking a wandering sheep in perilous places， touched her heart with poetic fervor，and she wrote the hymn beginning：
There were ninety and niue that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold，＂） One of the stanzas most suderly expes ber dervily and vine sympathy and compassion

## ＂But none of the ransomed ever kne How deep were the waters crossed，

 Nor how dark was the night that the Lopassed tbrough，
re he found the shee
Fire he found he sheep that was lost； Out in the desert he heard the cry－
Sick and helpless and ready to die．，
The poern was published in a local pa－ per，and the lady soon afterwards died aud went to the Good Shepherd，whose love for the wandering and perishing had gained the affections and service of her life．She was buried in one of the church－yards of beautiful Melrose．
The efforts of a sincere life always meet with the needs of others，and are often given under Providence a special mission in the world．The simplicity and fervor of the poem gained for it an unespected recoguition immediately． The American evangelist，Mr．Sankey， was one day returning from Edinburg to Glasgow，to hold a farewell meeting． Glasgow had been the scene of the most signal triumphs in the works of Messrs． Moody and Sankey，and his farewell gathering promised to be one of thanks－ giving and tears，of wonderful interest， power and feeling．
Mr．Sankey，on this occasion，desired
represent Christ as a compassionate and all－sufficient Saviour．＂Before getting on the traiu，＂he says，＂I went to the news stand and bought two or three papers－－some secular，some religious， and in one of them I found the following beautiful verses：
＇There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold，＇etc．
＂I said to my brother Moody，＂that just the hymn that I＇ve been wanting I think the Lord has really sent it to us！
＂Next day the little tune or chant it is set to，came to me．＂
＂We went into the noon meeting，and dear Mr．Bonar，who has written so many beautiful hymus－I was a wander ing sheep and did not love the fold，＇and ＇I heard the voice of Jesus say，Come unto me and rest＇－was there，and the thought came to me，＇We must sing now this new hymn that the Lord has sen down to us．＇
The tune had scarcely formed itself in my head yet，but I just cut the words fron the paper，put it in front of me on the organ and began to sing them，hardly knowing where the tune was comin from．But the Lord said，＂Sing it，＂ and as we were singiog it his Spirit cam upon us，and what a blessed weeting w had！＂
The meeting was a very crowded one and tender feelings were awakened is all hearts，bringing vividly to all minds，
as it did，the fract that the world is full of farewells．The imagery of the hymn the shepherd，the sheep－fold，the darb night on the hills，the anxions search and the joyful return，were in harmon with Scottish associations，and touched
the best feelings of the converts and in quirers．
Away in the gallery there sat a lady who was at first startled，and then deeply
affected by the hymn．She was unable to speak with the sweet singer，in the confusion that followed the close of the meeting，but she soon after wrote to him from Melrose，and said：＂I thank you
for having sung，the other day，my de ceased sister＇s words．She wrote them five years ago．She is in heaven now．＇
The hymn has had a tender mission． Thousands seeking the help of a powe ceen of their own sinful nature，hav ＂And I looked，and there was none help；and I woudered that there was none to uphold；therefore mine own arm Christian Alloocate．

In response to a circular asking their views on the subject，the Irish Wesleyau lied the they ane opposed to Ho Rulc．

The large sum of $\$ 2,075$ has been paid

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## Texas On to Prohibition.

Within the last fortnight the grea "Lone Star" probibition campaign has been wonderfully stimulated. The strong and clear utterances of our Ex-Senator Maxey, and his successor, Hon. J. H. Reagan, were a positive but a most happy surprise to many of us. They have been a great stimulus to the gnod
and growing cause. The stubborn and and growing cause. The stubborn and persistent eftorts of some of the would-be Texas, to make this movement assume Texas, to make this movement assume
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prominent statesmen, and that of the prominent statcsmen, and that of the
chairman of the Democratic State Cenchairman of the Democratic State Cen-
tral Committee, who positively refused tral Committee, who positively refused to call an anti-Prohibition convention in
the name of Democracy, received a the name of Democracy, received a
stunning blow. The Prohibition leaders seem to be thoroughly alive throughout the State, and are organizing the work first by counties, and then within the counties by election precincts, and with in the precincts by school districts. Prohibition Cluba are being organized in every community, and before August 4,
Texas will be organized and worked as Texas will be organized and worked she has never been for anything. W do not indulge a single thought of anything but the most complete victory for prohibition. In our own county, and city of Denton, we began early and instrumentality. In the interims of these more prominent features of the work, the details of complete organizntion and close and clenn work are all being attende to by the men having these matters i harge.



Conti
Prohlbitlon In Michigan. At this time we do not know the exact figures, but the prohibitory amend ment is probably lost by a small majorheavily against it; the foreign population in the northern part of the State was against it. The friends of prohibition made a noble fight, but the saloons against temperance restriction, and all against temperance restriction, and all
for the saloons. They run the politics for the ealoons. They run the politice
of the bosses. This is a grent struggle. All manner of corruption is in league with the saloons. We had hopes of Michigan, but do not feel discouraged at the result; for we knew how difficult the task was. The work to be done
there is that of education, and agitation, there is that of education, and agitation,
until the people are enlightened, and the power of saloons broken. The delay only puts off the inevitable. Prohibition will be victorious at last. The press of Michigan, except the Michigan Christinn Adrocate, and a few other temperance papers, were hostile to prohibition.-Cal. iformia Christian Advocate.

At the annual meeting of the Mussachusetts Total Abstinence Society, of which His Excellency, the Governor, is president, the Governor said that he favored constitutional prohibition, and ance, which the Legislature would emper-

The people of the United States annually expend $\$ 900,000,000$ for liquors, $8600,000,000$ for tobacco, $8505,000,000$ for meat. Of the money expended fo liquors, it is estimated that $8500,000,000$ laken from the wage-workers of the local option and his that prohibition, local option and high license convulse every

A Boy's Influence.
Some time ago I attended a religiou meeting, and at the close of the exercise the audience was invited to participate
in testimonies. A middle-age man arose and said, in substance: "I've been sare from intemperance by my iittle bof,'
pointing to a bright lad in the audience pointing to a bright lad in the audience.
"I owe my conversion under God to my II owe my conversion under God to my
little son. Religion has made me a so ber man and helps me to live an honest, industrious life. It was not always so.
On one occasion I was absent three or four days from my home and my poor wife and boy were nearly broken-
hearted. On the fourth day my dear child asked his teacher to let him dear home at recess, as he was not feeling well. The boy was sick at heart on my account; when he reached home he burst into tears, and said
mother, "I can't study in school, I can't sleep at night, my head aches and my home father. Mother, to God to sond His mother strowe to comfort him, bu her fiith was beginning to waver, for through her married life her unceasing prayer had been for my reclamation. other, at the end of the fourth day I returned home intnxicated. Did my boy turn from his drunken father? No, he ran to me, clasped his arms about my beck and wept tenrs of joy. After his motion his first words were 'Father, I almost feel I can never pray ugain, for
God has let you come home drunk.' The words struck me to the heart, and I said, 'Dou't lose your faith in God and
your poor miscrable father will never get drunk again.' God heard that promis and has eaabled me to keep it." This man is among the most earnest workers
in the temperance cause to.doy. He had lost all self-respect and had sunk very low, but could not bear to see his
child lose confidence in God ; therefore child lose confidence in God ; therefore the boy became the means of the fathers
reformation. The exertions put forth on behalf of children in temperance instruction will not be lost in the home but will produce lasting fruitage.-Sel.

The Glory of the Resurrection

## Rev. r. C. Jones

In that wonderful 15 th chapter of 1 s Corinthians, Paul presents some benuti ful thoughts, as well as powerful arguments. One very fine thought is con one star differeth frum 42 verses, For glory. So also is the resurrection of the glory. So also is the resurrection of the
dead." He here shows God's absolute power over matter, teaching what grea capability it possesses, and how God can make from the same material, birds, beasts, fish, aud men; also suns, moons
and stars; for the same material eleand stars; for the same m
ments enter into them all.
The lines in the spectrum of the sun and stars, reveal lime, soda, magnesia, ron, oxygen, hydrogen, \&c.; and we know that these constitute the leading elements in our earth, and also in our bodies. The human body is composed of lime, soda, carbon, water, with slight races of other matter; nine tenths of the human body being water. The iden of the Apostle is this; if God is ale of these material elements, to fosbit such worlds of beauty us shine above us why may be nut also change these ments of dust, "these vile bodies," and endow them with a supernatural beauty and glory? He possesses the power; and here he presents the hope, that such onsummation shall be realized. But in this, as in all of God's works, there will be variety in unity. "As one
star differeth from another star in star differeth from another star in glory There will be some distinguishi glory for each saint; and the glory will doubtless be in perfect accord with the nature of the individual soul; not that
the sonl will be the creator of the body but the body will be suited perfectiy, as the abode of the particular soul that
shall inhabit it. Nay we not suppose sball inhabit it. May we not sunpose
that the greater or less intensity of the inner epiritual nature, shining out through the body, will give to each individual his distin
stellation of saints.
One reason for the difference in the glory of the stars, is their color; some are white, others blue, yellow and red. Sirius, the brighteat star in the heavens, is white, and stands in beauty and glory among the stars at the top. Capella turus, and Antares red. Thewe all differ from each other in glory, although they are all stars of the first magnitude; the white stars are most intense in heat and brightness; then come the others in their own order, blue, yellow, red. The red stars stand at the bottom of the list, because their light is the most feeble, their Ares are dying ont, and growing din.
Another reason for difference is Another reason for difference is their nitude can only be seen lowest magnitude can only be seen by the most
powerful telescope. Perhaps one reason for the difference in the glory of the aints will be, that one shall outshine tenser indwelling spiritual glory; an that separate, individual glory will be in harmony with the life and character, as wrought out in this world. Some
"shall shine forth as the sun, in the kingdom of their Father," and they that have turned many to righteousness, " he stars, forever and ever.
If God can and does impart such beauty to dead worlds, with what wonpirtiunl, holy beings? To what height of exalted beauty, may we not rise? The lory of the stars however, is a diminaud finally go out. Even our grear sun according to science, will become a cold har. But the glory of the saints is an increasing and an everlasting glory; far more exceeding, and eternal weight of glory." The pattern of these
uminous, glerious, bodies, was seen by Johnous, ghen a poor exile in Patmos. He says: "I was in the spirit on Lord's day, and I heard behind me great voice, as of a trumpet, $* * *$ and
I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven
golden candlesticks; and in the midst golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks, one like unto
the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the feet, and girt about at the brensts with a golden girdle. His head, and his hair were white as snow; and bis eyes were as a flame of fire; and bis feet like unto burnished brass, voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stare, and out of his mouth went a sharp, twoas the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as when

We are also told, by this same John, that "it doth not yet appear what we
aball be; but we know that when He ahall be; but we know that when
shall appear, we shall be like him." Seeing then what glory God has is reversion for us, what manner of perns ought we to be?

## An Interesting Letter From

The Peninsula Metiouist seems to ind its way through this densely popuInted eity, to 128 Allen St., as easily as it used to make its appearance in the icut, where for several years, its weekly isits were regularly made, to our home Among the many unfamiliar thing hat crowd upon us here, the "MIEth dist," with its clean, well printed parges, comes to us with the greetings of an old friend, and prevents the feeling hat we are entirely amongs strangers. The Allen St. M. E. Church is one oldest and. I. E. Church is one of
odist churches of this great city. It own a large church building, worth some $\$ 60,000$, besides three other bouses, including the parsonage. I find on the record, the paines of Phobe Palmer, of A. V. Stout, the New York banker, who for years occupied a prominent place in
the Methodism of this city, and others who mathodism of cher a power in their day. Bro. Wallace, in one of his recent interesting letters, tells of the manner in which he and "Sammy Halstead sup plied in the absence of Rer. Jacob "Sam my" is still living, and is a member this church.
Like all the down town churches, thi has suffered much in the loss of mem bers, within a dozen years. The drift has been largely to the uptown churches, while a vast population of foreiguers of the city. There are some faithful souls Ieft however, who are trying to stem the fierce tide, whicin has swept so many of the old churches from their an cient moorings. If earnest prayers hearty singing, and soul-full testimonies for Jesus, can avail anything, then the
salvation of God will yet sweep in upon his neighborhood, and rejoice the hearts God's dear children.
There is quite a large number of the Methodist churches of New York, in the hands of the City Church Extension and Missionary Society. Some of these are old organizations, and some are new enterprises, Allen St. maintains her independence, and is still hoping to make progress against the forces of evin
well and surge on every side of her.
One of the most interesting experiime, that I have enjoyed for a long Mission at the "Five Poiuts." The hundreds of childreu gathered from the humblest homes, in the presence of representative men and women of New York Methodism, sung most benutifully, and performed certain calisthenic exer-
cises in a most marvelous manner. Their recitations would have done credit to any of the many social occasions of our first class churches. To look into the bright yes, and on the beautiful faces of some of these children, and then to think of he homes whence they came, rake one's heart sad.
The New York Preachers' Meeting is the centre of a great deal of interest to the ministers here. Some of the discusLast Monday, Dr. Geo. and enjoyable. poem, which had been previously pre sented to the faculty and students of Columbia College. It elicited some earty applause.
Our Conference, held in April, was argely attended, and its public sessions troversy over the various enterprises of eeclesiastical and social world. We are to meet in Middletown, Con nest year. Large as this Conference
is, their invitations to different places have been abundant for several years

May 13th, 1887
c.r. pace

## Rev. W. Swindells vs. Rev. J.

The strictures of Rev. W. Swindells, one of the Presiding Elders of the Phila Confence, in reference to the tabulaark Conference, have directed the New of the church to Bro. Swindells' district It is said, one living in a glass hous should never throw stones, and this face should have induced silence on the part of our lorother. While the presiding elder cannot be held responsible for the true he has it in his power, to inspire in then a laudable ambition to reach the highest degree of success in their power. Animstance-the work of our own Bro In looking over thistrict. In looking over the figures of South
Phila. District, for the lust fiecal year,
we glean the following: one charge reported only 83 missionary money; and that one reports 140 members 98 blanks, proijationers. The Delong to the seven collec38 of which belong to theneral Confertions, ordered by the Gellar collections. ence. It has 116 one dollar report one For Church Extension, 1185 and undollar each, while 25 report 85 and under. For Sunday School, 23 report-one dor. Forlar each, and 21, $\$ 5$ and under. For dollar each, canse, 16 report one dollar the Tract cause, and under. For the Freedmen's Aid cause, 14 report one dollar each, and 28,85 and under. and Education, 7 report one dollar Bor the Bible 19 report 85 art one dollar collections, ause, 19 report one under. It is thus and 16 report 85 and number of the readily seen that a large nuder $\$ 5$. charges report collects a church valued One charge repors an $\$ 5,000_{r}$ at $\$ 25,000$, and a parsonage contributes and pays 120 andary cause per capita oward the missionary cause per 28 cents. for members and probationers, $\$ 23,000$, and a parsonage at $\$ 3,500$, contributes toward the same great work, 36 cents per capita. Another with a church 10,000 ributed 69 cents per capita, toward the tributed 69 cents
Now let us look at some of the work
ur Wilnington Conference. One charge, with church valued at $\$ 2,000$ and parsonage at $\$ 1,150$, and paying $\$ 525$, reports for the missionary cause per cupita, S1.29. Another with the church valued at $\$ 400$, and parsonage at $\$ 1000$, and salary at $\$ 400$, reports $\$ 2.35$ per capita. Another with two churches valued at $\$ 12,000$, a parsonage at $\$ 2,500$, reports per capita $\$ 1.40$

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The Red Sea

## Exod. 14: 10 Ma <br> Adev. w. o. norw

## Golnen Text: "When thou passest throug

 19. The angel of Goil-the divine Person ality Himself, who was pavilioned in "tia visible and constant column, rising higb reat distance; preternatural iu cbaracter ing-place of God. It served to ing-place of God. It served to reveal Hiactual presence, to indicate His will and di to assure the poople of His protection. By
night the columa, or pillar assumed hue; by day it resembled a dark cloud. The mystery of its presence and movement, and ed any idolatrous association with it ; whil the fire that dwelt within its folds was th symbol, then and thereafter, of the Spirit
divine. Went from before their face. It had od at the bead of the people, as their 2U. It came betwcen, etc.-The pursuing Egyptians had reached the rear of the re-
treating bost, prolably just at sanset. at the Israclites had run into a sort of cul ac sac, from which there was no escape, the
mountains benming them in on two sides, and the sea on the third, the chariots came there was the cloud and the dark The pillar presented the aspect of to the warriors of Pbaronh. It gave light by
night to these (R. Y., "yet gave it light by
night") night -a cheering and bright token of
omnipotent guardianship to the Israelites.
The night was changed into day for them; the Egyptians, they could proceed in an or

## ward.

 God have a twofold aspect; a black and dark side toward sin and sinners; a bright andpleasant side toward those that are Israelites doed. On the former the Most High look
owningly in wrath; on the latter His counnance slines brightly with favor" (Bush). n bidden to do. As he, "with fear and and the poople's salvation, God also wa
working to make the salvation surc. Th
sea-the western branch of the Red Ses iled the Gull of Suez; it is about 170 The Lord caused the sed Brugsch-who dismiskes the irely, a district known as the Serbonian Says Schaff nearly
lighted by the fiery column in their re tween two and three millions of men, women, and children, wero probahly so compactly drawn up, that the passage would not occupy more than three or four hours, Accord-
ing to Fxod. 13: 18, the host went forth from Egypt "haincssed," or as the marrgin reads, 'by fives in a rank," showing that on the marcl they presented a regular, well-or-
dered array, and not the confusion of a mob dered array, and not the confusion of a mob.
A call unto them. -Tbe waters on either side ore barriers against attack.
23. The Eyyptians pursucd. -Thongh they could not see the liraelites through the in-
terrening pillar of cloud, they could probably hear them; and when the pillar receded following closely in the rear of the retreating Hebress, they struck camp and followed too. Some conjecture that they rewhed the bed of the ses without knowing where they were. were imported into Egypt in the 1sth dyasty. The cheriots wore a favorite warimplenent among the Egyptians. Diodorus his army. The cbariots occopicd the ran o the purs
the sea.
24. In the morning wateh-which began at wo, and ended at six. The Hebrews divid ed their night into three watches, of four
hours each. Looked (R. V. "looked forth") unto the hosts of the Egpytians.-By a well
known Hebraism, the word "look" implies a demonstration either of mercy or wrath. from the allusions in Psaln 7\%, that dazzling lasbes of lightning, with crashes of thander and torrents of rain, accompanied the "look."
Troubled (R. V. "discomfited") dismayed them, threw them into confusion.
25. Took off their chariot veheels. - In the
panic which followed this commotion of ture, the wheels of the chariots, sinking in-
o the mire, were wrenched off, so that the to the mire, were wrenched off, so that they
could scarcely be dragged at all; and soon be whole army was incolved in inextricable
$\qquad$ paralyzed with fear, and, unable to move
their clariots, were held fast where they

26, 27. That the waters may come again-
showing that they were held back until the divine signal was given. The Lord overthrew the Egyptians, -Says Murpby: "At one fell of Mizraim is laid forever low. sage, a manifest sign from hea plagues failed to subdue the obstinacy of his heart A final judgment, of terrific sublim. The Red Sen marked a disruption, well as physical, between Israel and Egypt nto Moses began. 'They were
18. Covered. . the host of Pharaoh.-Opin
ions are dividod as to whether Pharaoh him self perished with his army, or not. Canon
Cook urges "the distinct statement of the Psalmist" (Psa. 136: 15), the probable posi-
tion of the king in the vanguard of his host, and the cesstation of further pursuit aftor the passage of the sea as arguments in favor of
his destruction; on the other hand, the absence of any allusion to bis death in the song
of Moses, or elsewhere, except in the Psaln quoted (which is not conolusive), has led Wilkinson and others to think that the king
survived. It is certain, however, that not a oldier of the army escaped.
29, 30. The children of Israel walked upon dry land.-The writer dwells upon the fact by contrast. The Lord saved Israel.-A most emphatic truth, and one which for centuries
afterwards was the watch word of the Israel ites when pressed by their foes. larael saw the Egyptians dead upon the shore.-According to Josephus a west wind set in which drifted hore which the Israelites held. Moses i said to have obtained arms for his followers rom this unrecorded "spoiling" of his foes. 31. Feured the Lord and believed the Lord. "the beginning of wisdom," and led to a wholesonve trust in their Deliverer and "his

## That Missionary Sermon befoer

the recent Conference.
Editor Peninsula Metiodist:The issue of your paper to-day, contains the "Programme of the Salisbury Dis from it that the "Surviving Curator" of that Association, the Rev. R. W. Todd, assigns to himself the following topic for discussion: "The Comparative Record

Rev. C. A. Hill, in his Missionary Ser mon before the recent Conference." In
that topic it is clearly implied that I uttered strictures upon the record of Salisbury District, and the implication is wholly gratuitous. If the mere utteranc of plain and undisputed facts before the recent seesion of the Wilmington Confer ence, disturbed any one, the Million Dollar Chart is responsible. That the Mcthodists of the Peninsula may know that whatever strictures I made were up on Salisbury District, I beg you to pub lish the following extract from that ser mon: "The Methodist Episcopal Church in its devotion to Christ, and obedience to his great command, challeuges the ad miration of Christendom. Large advan the line, due, as I believe, largely t the zeal and energy of the Missionary Secretaries. God bless that herald of the cross, who in his rapid flight up and down this land, has again and again
blown upon the trumpet the silvery call "A Million for Missions," and has thu inspired the Church with a holy enthusiasm to do its best for Christ in this great conflict with superstition and dark
ness. When the strife is over may he hear the King of kings say to him "Well done, thou good and faithful ser ant." But brothers, let us pause a mo ment and study our own position, aud see if while the army of the Lord's hosts advancing upon the strong-holds of mington Conference, is doing its duty, and coming up to the help of the Lord to the help of the Lord against the
mighty, or are we like eowards skulking to the rear and hiding in our tents.
Divesting ourselves of all impressions and prejudices which are the results of
visionary standards and imaginary lines, let us study the record as it is, and we shall find that the Wilmington Confe ence bas made for itself a history whicb
is in every way honorable. I have many and serious misgivings about the practic of self-laudation which has become some what revived in recent years; yet "see
ing that many glory after the flesh, will glory also." A reference to the minutes of the Conference for the year growth in our contributions to the caus of Missions. I quote from the minutes In 1882 there was apportioned to the everal charges within the bounds of this Conference the aggregate sum of
$\$ 11.625 .00$; the contribution was $\$ 12$ 922,13 , In 1883 the apportionment was 811.820 .00 ; the contribution was was $\$ 12.380 .00$; the contribution was $\$ 16.134 .84$. Iu 1885 the apportionmen was $\$ 14.250 .00$; the contribution was was $\$ 17.056 .00$; the contribution w $\$ 17.339 .00$. The Reports of the Mission ary Treasurer at New York show that the Wilmington Conference has advanced from \$11.318.70 in 1881 to $\$ 17.339 .00$ in 1886, or a gain of more than 53 per cent., a gain which if it had been maintained by every Conference in the Conection, would on Oct. 31, 1886, have carried the Church clear across the million dollur line, and the Treasurer would bave reported the total receipts for last year more than 81029131,72 . From the Miesion Rooms there was issued in 1885 and reissued in 1886, a million dollar chart, which, without any authority in the world, states the apportionment of the Wilmington Conference is 823921,00 . The truth of the matter is, no such a mount has ever been apportioned to the Wilmington Confereuce. It cannot bo maintained that this is in ally sense, a million dollar line apportionment, for a its session in November last, the Generul Missionary Committee apportioned to the Conferences and Missious within the bounds of the United States, to be raised by collections only, during 1887, the sum of $\$ 10.93530 .00$, and of this sum there was apportioned to the Vilmington
has said for these two years the million dollar line apportionment of the Wil I repest, it is not, and nerer has bee any such amount. I protest against the figures of the chart because they are un warranted, unreasonable and unjust to overy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of thi Conference; nor am I saying too much for the chart of 1885 put the imillion dol lar line apportionment of the Central Penusylvania Conference at 842.985 .00 the chart of 1886 reduced it to $\$ 35021,00$, and three of its districts immediately crossed the million dollar line; not one of then would have done so without this reduction. The chart of 1885 put the million dollar line apportionment of the Philadelphia Conference at $\$ 73.684 .00$ the chart of 1886 reduced it to $\$ 60000,00$, and every district in that Conference immediately crossed the million dollar ine; not one of them would have done so without the reduction. If the Phila-
delphia Confereace is entitlod to rank as a million dollar line Conference, much more is the Wilmington Conference, for siuce 1881 we have made a greater ad vance than they. But the chart deal
with districts, and a consideration of it figures will reveal some startling facts For my purpose I select, together with our own, the goaup of Conferences, whos territory is adjacent to ours: The Bal timore, Central Pennsylvania, Philadel Conferences contain eighteen districts: fhe Baltimore, East Baltimore, West Baltimore, Washington, Cumberland Williamsport, Danville, Harrishurg, Ju niata, Altoona, North Philadelphia, North West Philadelphin, West Phila delphia, South Philadelphia, Wilming ton, Easton, Dover, Salisbury. Of these above the million dollar line, and prints their contributions in heavy black type -the Washington, Williansport, Dan ville, Harrisburg, North Phila., North West Phila., West Phila., South Phila. and Salisbury ; the remaining nine districts the chart places below the million
dollar line, and prints their contributions in smaller and less conspicuous type. makes these apportionments to these dis tricts not so much upon the basis of "numbers and ability" as upon the basi of "heart and willinguess as indicated by what had been done already," a very
curious rule, and in its application to the subject in havd, some very curious results are obtained. "The heart and line districts are equal to the following per capita apportionments, discarding fractions of a cent-West Phila.. \$1.24 \$1.01, Washington $\$ 1.00$, Danville 87 cents, North Phila. 84 cents, Willians port 77 cents, Harrisburg 73, and Sali bury 41 cents. The "heart and willing ness" of the Baltimore district, which is not a million dollar line district, are equa to a per capita apportionment of $\$ 1.70$.
The chart itself being the judge, the Baltimore district has a heart larger and a mind more willing by 37 per cent. to evangelize the world than the largest hearted and most willing of all these glory of the Baltimore District is, that while the nine million dollar line districts give in per capita sums ranging from 46 cents on the Salisbury District up to one dollar and thirty cents on the West Phila. District, I say the real glory of the Baltimore District is that it actu ally surpasses in liberality all these million dollar line districts, and gives one dollar and thirty-five cents a member, and yet the chart deprives it of credit by printing its contribution in small type. Again, of these eighteen districts the Wilmington stands second only to the Baltimore in its per capita appor-
tionnent. Gengraphically we are sandwiched, so to speak, between two districts that are each on the million dollar line

Salisbury, south of us. The per capita apportionment of the North Pbila. District is 84 cente, that of Salisbury Dib
trict 41 cents, making a total for these two districte of $\$ 1.25$, but the per capita apportionment of the Wilmington Digtrict is $\$ 1.44$, or 19 cents a member more than both the North Phila. and Salisbury districts taken together. Were his a question of "numbers and ability," it could be easily shown that neither of
these districts is seriously inferior to the Wilmington; but alas! the chart says it is a question of "heart and willingness." and yet I submit if it be not a very grave reflection upon the christian devo
tion and liberulity of our brothers upon the North Xhila. and Salisbury districts, to say that the "heart and willingness" of the Wilmington District to convert this world to Cbrist, is 71 per cent greater than the "heart and willingness" of the North Phila. District and 2.51 per cent, greater than the "beart and willingness" of the Salishury District, and yet this is exactly what the chart says. The
actual per capita contribution of the Wilmington District is 93 cents. which entitles it to rank sixth in the list of the eighteen districts, it gives more per cap ta, than five of the million dollar line districts, the Williamsport, Danville, Harrisburg, North Phila., and Salisbury, and yet the chart prints their contribu tions in big type and ours in small. protest, I protest. Not only does the Wilmington Conference deserve rank with the million dollar line Conferences, but the Wilmington district deserves rank with the million dollar line districts.
If the chart bestows credit upon those districts that deserve it, in view of recen advances, it withholds proper recogni tion from thuse who deserve it more be cause in years that are past, they bore
largely as they still are bearing the burden and heat of the strife. But enough of the chart. I trust our object in giv ing to the cause of missions is not that
we may have glory of men, but that the sons of earth may know Jehovah the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, and that his will may be
By publishing the above extract, yo will greatly oblige

Yours truly,
Cifarles A. Hill
Centreville, Md., May 14, 188
"Five Minutes More to Live.
A young man stood before a larg human being could be placed-on th scaffold! The noose had been adjusted more he would be in eternity. Th sheriff took out his watch, and said: "I you have anything to say, speak now, you have but five minutes more to live.
What awful words for a young man What awful words for a youn
hear, in full health and vigor
Shall I tell you his message to th youth about him? He burst into tears, and said with sobbing: "I have to die I had only one little brother. He ha I loved him! I got drunk, the first time I found my little brother gathering strawberries. I got angry with him without cause, and killed him with blow from a rake. I knew nothing

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The managers of Woodlawn Campmeeting, Enoch McCullough, President and C. S. Abrams, Secretary, have
fixed upon Tucsday, Aug. 9th, as the fised upon Tucsday, Aug. 9th, as the
date for heginning the meeting, which will continue ten days as usual, Providence permitting. Rev. John B. Quigg, pastor of the North East M. E. Church, will have charge, by request of the man-
acers. It is in contemplation to secure agers. It is in contemplation to secure some other distinguished minister from abroad, to preach to the crowds that gather from far and near on the Sabbath, as a positive engagement is effected.
We supplement our report of the Easton District Association with the following from the Tulbot Times of the 18th inst.
"The Easton District Preachers' Associntion of the M. E. Church, composed of thirty-four pastoral charges, was in
session in our town this week. Quite a number of the visitors arrived Monday, and at night a large congregation greet-
ed the appearance of Rev. R. H. Adams, ed the appearance of Rev. R. H. Adams, and instructive sermon."
"J. Miller Thomas, Esq., of Wilmington, Del., publisher of that excellent religious journal, the Peninsula Methodist, attended the Preachers' Association. He called $\begin{aligned} & \text { towe." }\end{aligned}$
Rev. Burton S. Highly, of the M.E. Church South, whose enterprise, and editorial ability are so conspicuous in the
Talbot Times, was a welcome visitor to the Talbot Times, was a welcome visitor to the
Easton Association at its recent meeting in Trappe, Mu., as were also the pastor of the Church South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. We hail with great gard and friendly interest between the different churches, as in the line of the only possible unity between the follow gent convictions on matters of doctrine gent convictions on matters of doctrine,
polity, and duty, differ. The great ado about church unity, which certain partics are so industriously making, not only proposes the essentially impracticable,
but, as we take it, utterly misapprehends the true intent of the Saviour's prayer, "That they all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us." Those who lay such stress upon visible and organic -un tered by our Lord to the Jews, who cavilled at his saying, "ny flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed."
"The words," aaid he, "that I speak unto
sou, they are spirit and they are life." 5ou, they are spirit and they are life.'
Nor do such protestations of a desire fo union come with a very good grace, from parties, who discredit the churchly character of other communions, eitber by refusing ministerial recognition, or by excluding
Lord's table.

The case of Bishop William Taylor is a standing trouble to our friends of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They exyear hence. Some hold that he is not a Bishop, and will have no place in that a Bishop, and will have no place in that
body. He was there three years ago as body. He was there three years ago as
a lay delegate from India. What will they do with the foremost man among
then? They made him Bishop, and yet then? They made him Bishop, and yet
they say, he is not a Bishop of the Church-only of Africa. It is a curious muddle. The good old man has a way of cutting knots when they cennot be
untied, and be will fix this one when he untied, and be will fix this one when
comes.-Richmond Christian Advocate. The only "trouble" in this case is that ertain parties have taken an untenable position, and are at ther wits end to maintain it. By the action of the Genamended constitution of the church, Dr. Willian Taylor, one of the noblest of Virginia's noble sons, was duly constituted a Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the Dark Continent for his jurisdiction. For three years, he has been leading forward mission forces of the church into Africa, in execution of and yet up to date, upon the merest shadow of a techoicality, he has been re-
fused a dollar of salary from the only fund, which the church provides for the support of her Bishops.
there nothing in the Discipline prohibting the Book Cormmittee from including an estimate for a Missionary Bishop, in their estimates for the Episco ed to make estimates for all the effective Bishops, without the slightest discrimioation as to whether such effective Bishops are missionary or not. It is an entirely gratuitous assumption, that the term Bishops, excludes our Missionary
Bishop. There'll be no "trouble" howBishop. There'll be no "trouble" how-
ever, in settling this question next May, ver, in settling this question next
if Providence shall spare the noble hero to come to the General Conference.

## Three Eminent Methodists.

In ten days our church has been bereft by death, of three of her lay mem-
bers, who bave been for many years among the most prominent in our church mork, both in personal labors and in beral benefactions to her benevolent enterprises. Mr. David Preston of De-
troit, probably the most wealthy dist in the state of Michigan, died suddenly of heart disense, Sabbath morning, April 24 , in the 61 st year of his age.
He was the son of a Methodist preacher paid his way at school, by teaching in the winter time, was converted in his 23 d Ardently devoted to the church of his choice, he was foremost in promoting his money, were all placed upon her altar. For thirty years he was a faithful ciass lender, was a steward and trustee, and always active in Sunday School prise, he was a powerful factor. "He never permitted multiplied and increasgg business cares to interfere with his religious duties. He was always at his
post. He went to the prayer meeting as regularly as to his bank. Without ostentation or display, he seemed to de-
sire that his left hand should not know what his right was doing.
W. C. DePauw of New Albany, Indiana, a wenlthy banker, and successful manufacturer, four years older than Mr Preston, died suddenly of appolexy, lagt reek in Chicago, when about to take a at sixteen, he was elected clerk and aud
itor of his native county, without opposition, when he was but twenty-one. He had morked at 82 per week, in preference to living on his relatives, and when thing, rather than be idle." The honor of a Gubernatorial nomination be declined. He was a very religious man, intensely interested in the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as class leader
steward, and trustee. He believed in steward, and trustee. He believed in scriptural holiness, and modestly professed its experienca. Regarding himself as a steward of God, he freely used his vast fortunefor the promotion of religion and religious cducation. He was a delegate
to the Ecumenical Conference in Lon lon, and in an address, said a mong other things, we must "take the Lord
Jesus Christ in as senior partuer in all our busiaes, never whe aletcr, neve make an entry in our ledger, or say or
do anything, we would not be willing to do or say or w Master. Of his estate of $\$ 8.000 .000$, he devised $\$ 3.000 .000$ to his family, and $\$ 5.000 .000$ to
of the church
Mr. Oliver Hoyt of Stamford, Corm., died at his home, Thursdny afternoon, May 5th, from injuries sustained by being thrown from his carriage, the pre his whole after life was consecrated to the service of God. The Northern Christian Advocate says of him: "no layman during the past twenty-ive years, has
been more prominent than Mr. Hoyt, in the councils of the church, and in the management of her great organized beof Wesleyan University, gave liberally from his large menns to benevolent calls
of every kind, cspecially to those of the church of his early choice. Dr, Buck ley says, "he did not economize and save piety, until he had accumulated an im mense tortune, but gave constantly from nis first savings, until the end." He large part of his life the class mectings; and was devoted to the Sunday School superintending one for thirty years. Hi three largest, if not the very largest, in its line in the country. "His gifts to the poor, the private benefiactions distribu-
ted unostentatiously, were constant." We guote from The Northern:
"All three of these notable men were distinguished throughout the business right business integrity sll three started frow comparative poverty. By probity and open honesty, and their indomitable perseverance and uobroken wills, they secured the respect of busi financial prosperity, and even to great wealth. Business associations of thei various cities and localities, have been profuse in their resolutions of honor and
respect for their memories. They all carried their Christian principles into their banks and counting honses.
All three of these noble men were not ed for the depth of their personal piety, well as for the purity of their business
ives. They were faithful to the ordi nances of the church of their choiceThe depth of personal piety was co-orditheir liberal benefactions.
their liberal benefactions.
If all the laymen of our great and rapidly growing Church should emulate hese dear departed brethren in the gen-
eral spirit of their lives, how much more rapidly the Church would progress in its work of conquering the world for
Christ. If all laymen of large, of erate and of limited means, should consecrate their means in an equal degree more rapidly her work would advance How rapidly our colleges, universities and seminaries would be equipped for geinerously the ministry would be sup ported!

Anothor Plygrlm Reac
Tuesday the 10th inst., in Nashville, Tuesday the 10, McFerin, D Tenn., Rev. John Berry Muished minisD., one of the most distinguishal Church ters of the Methodist Episcopal I Jesus, South, peacefully fenrn of eighty years, after an earthly sojourn of eighty years, lacking thirt-six days. Hole grana War, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war of 1812 . The latter was converted about the same time with his son James, and became a minister of the Gospel, joining the Tennessee
In his semi-centennial sermon, Oct. 1875, Dr. McFerrin gave the Confereuce some very interesting auto-bio
graphic facts. Converted at a Methodist graphic facts. Converted at a
prayer meeting when just passed thirteen, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church two weeks afterward, in compauy with his father and mother, and was soon after called upon to pray in public. "My father," he
says, "having removed to Alabama, and erected a meeting house, and camp ground on his land, a large society was
soon raised up, and I was put in charge soon raised up, and I was put in charge as the principai leader." This was when
he was about sixteen. Aug. 1, 1824, he was licensed to exhort, and Oct. 8, 1825, he was adnitted on trial into the Tennessee Conference, Bistops
Roverts presiding. After seven years of circuit work, he was agent for LaGrange College for one year, and subsequently Presiding Elder for three years. In Christian Adrocate, then the official orgau of the Methodist Episcopul Church, gau of the Methodist Episcopal After the
for that part of the work. Af disruption of the Church, and the organization of the Methodist Eriscopal Church South in 1845 , he was re-elected,
continuing in that position eighteen years, until May 1858, when he was elected Book Agent, serving as such tary of the Board of Missions, until twelve years later, he was again elected Book agent, when the Publishing House was in a most embarrassed condition. Frome this situation Dr. McFerrin re-
lieved it, by eflecting a long loan of $\$ 350,000$, at 4 per cent., and paying it off in nine years. Elected to the
General Conference of 1836, in his General Conference of 1836, in his
$29 t h$ year, he was a member of that supreme council of the church for thirteen consecutive sessions. Among the dis-
tinguished men who entered the itinerant field in the same year with him, we George G. Cookman, Edgerton Ryerson, George M. Roberts and Levi Scott. "When I united with the Methodists, they had not a denominational school in the first Missionary Society in the Meth. ordist Episcopal Church in America was organized.
The next year, its receipts were $\$ 822$.24 . In 187 , its jubilee year, the two
divisions of the church collected nearly $\$ 900,000$, besides the hundreds of thou sands collected in other bodies of Meth odists in America." In 1820 when he joined the church, there were in all North America including Cinnada, but 904 traveling preachers, and $2 \overline{5} 6,881$ white and colored members. Our year book for 1887, gives a grand total of
28,856 traveling preachers in the United States and Canada, and $4,595,996$ members.
Dr.

Dr. McFerrin was one of the representutives of American Methodism in the Ecumenical Conference in London, in 1881 , and the most eminent delegate
of the M. E. Church South, in the temini Conference in Baltimore, in1884. He was an active participunt in the great debates which ended in the disruption of the churen in 1844 . In reference to the late Civil War, that it isported to have said, "Now Union, and $I$ am full of love for all that are trying to save men and get to heav-
"He was a most faithful to heav-
during the war. An 2 Christian his conduring the Warist and the church, was secration to "In late years he had great absolute. "o heart. Every particle of widening of denominational bitterness sectional and denom. He devoutly dehad been exorcised. sired such an adjustmentisms as would wo Episcopal Methodiem to co-operate make it possible Christian endeavor. in all forms of turch membership of After a faithful church and a marvelaearly sixty-seven years, usly successful ministry of sixty-two years, he fell asleep, his life closing in peaceful and holy triumph. "There peacefur many times," said he, "when have beeniling to die, but preferred to was willing trefer to die. The trouble to keep from being impatient to go. Iy work is done, and I am anxious to be off." Three of the six children by is first wife survive him, with his second wife and their two daughters. All his children and his grand children of children
twelve y of the Methodist Church; and one of was not, for God took him."

True Misslonary Spirit Needed.

David Brainerd, at the age of twenty declined several urgent invitations to settle in New England as a pastor He had at the same time a very highly flattering call from Long Island; but turning away from it all, he gave himself to the work of preachisg entry in his journal:
'Here am I, send me.' Send me to the ends of the earth. Send me to the rough, the savage pagans of the wilde ness. Send me from all that is called comfort in the earth. Send me even to death itself, if it be but in Thy service and to promote Thy kingdom.
He was affianced to the lovely daughof Jobatian Edwards, but he gave derness, and plunged alone into the wil savages, that he might win them to Christ.
This missionary spirit must come in larger measure upon the Church of God or we can never carry the gospel to the
heathen world. We need ten thousand heathen world. We need ten thousand iterally wore himself out an years he the age of thirty. When and died at of eternity he said: "I declure ne verge I am dying, I would not have spent my ife otherwise for the whole world. Dr. Thoburn, in his Miesionary Ap prenticeship, tells how his mother re sionary to Iudia "ury he go as a miswas beginning to feel the infirmither age, and every one assured consent to my going could never be obtained. I had anticipated as much, and said surprised when told that she had go. But wever could consent to let me one's way, He can fully accomplish th task. When I began to talk the malle the as foll hope of. Crossed the ocean in the my children of a home around which all first I felt thaight be gathered, and at let you that I could not consent to to spend all your other side of the globe before your letter came But some days prepare me for a great trial began to

## Conference Ahats

Scott Church of this city, will hold special services tomorrow. Rev. Vaughn S. Collins Townsend, hare been inrited, and are an will begin preach. The services of the da Sunday morning class. A special invitat has been extended to all persons invitation who have ever been members of now living

The afternoon will be given to this class. School. The exercises will consist of apda service, with one or more addresges a praise Sunday School worker addresses by som Feast and Family Gatherinuarterly Love $o$ clock p. m., under the direction be at six W. L. S. Murray, Presiding Elder. This Some necessary rowed by preaching service the church which adds bree been put upon nal appearance.

The Church and Sunday School are in a healthy, vigorous condition. It is hoped the present occasion will afford an opportu nity to reduce the indebtedoess on the property, and that at least during the presen year all financial obligations may be cancelled. A special invitation is extended to all
well wishers of the cause to come and participate in the services.

At a meeting of the first Quarterly Confer ence of Accomac circuit, M. P. Church, held in Leemont, May 7th, it was unanimously decided to hold another protracted wood meeting, similar to the one of last jear on the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd of July, in
grove of Mrs. Levin D. Lewis. Some plans and attractive features on the ground will be matured, which is hoped will add greatending Clergymen from abroal attending. Clergymen from abroad are ex pected to be present and
tional exercises. $-E x$.

At the Quarterly Mceting of the Union 3 E. Clurch, this city, A. Stengle, pastor, the salary was incrensed one h
dollars, making it now $\$ 1200$.

The Sunday School of the Brandywine M. E. Church, will give their Excursion to Bev erly Park, on tho steamer John A. Warber on Thursday June 2. The Boat leaves 4t The first Regiment Band will accompany the excursion.

Tife First Report.-Rev. Robert Watt, pastor of Princess Anne, has sent his report of May collections as follows: Bible §4, S. S . Union $\$ 2$, Tract $\$ 2$, Domes
All up to the apportionment.

The Rev. R. C. Jones of MIt. Salem M. E. Church, received 32 probationers into ful memb
The M. E. Cburch at Magnolia, Del., has decided to erect a fine parsonage for their Minister, the Rev. G. L. Hardesty. The new
building is to cost about $\$ 2,000-$ American buildin

## Rev. James Winters, recently appointed by

 Bishop Hurst to the pastorate of the Trappe, M. E. Church, colored, has arrived in town Times.The trustees of the Canden Union Camp Ground have decided to hold a camp meeting the coming summer. It will be under the direction of Rev
-Smyrna Times

Nortil East, Md.-Ker. Howard Quigg, of Honey Brooke charge. Phila. Conference is visiting his father Rev. John B. Quigg pastor of this charge. He will preach (a. .
fore the Wingate Post A. K. in the North East M. E. Church tomorrow, Sabbath morn ing, and also preach in the same church in ing, evening.
Rev. Asbury Burke, pastor of Bethel and Glasgow M. E. Churches, held revival services in the latter during
Mucb interest was manifested.

Rev. E. I. Nelson, pastor of the Chesa Rev. E. H. E. Church is visiting bis fathe and old friends at his former home down th state. He willbe absent albout ten days.
Rev.E. P. Roberts, of Oxford, preached at the M. E. Church Trappe, Md. on Wednes day night, of last week to a good cong and would The people were much pleased, and Times.

Rev. G. W. Townsend, of Hillsboro, preached an able sermon on Tuesday erening
of last week in the M. E. Church, Trappe, of La

The ladies of the W. C. T. U, North Enst,
Ma. held their May sociable on Tuesday Ma. held their May sociable on Tuesday
night 17th inst. After prnyer by Rev. J. B. Quigg a recitation was given by Anua Stur
geon, followed by a chorus by members of the J. T. U., a bolo hy Miss Quigg, a reading McCracken and Blanche Matthews. Rers. W. E. Tompkinson and J. B. Quigg made
addresses. The ladies expect to open the room Saturday evening, June 4th, that
being the anniversary of the formation of the $\mathrm{W}, \mathrm{C}$. T. U. in this place.

## Letter from Cape Charles

Sunday, May 15, we held our first quarterly meeting for this Conference year. Presiding Elder A. D. Davis preached excellent ser mons, just adapted to our need. The peo ple caught the fire, and we had a glorious
love feast after the morning service. The evening service closed with the sacrament the Lord's Supper. The Holy Spirit wis present in power, and hitherto careless sinners sere woved to tears. Quaiterly Conference
Monday evening wound up with one of Bro Monday evening wound ap with one of Bro.
Davis' revival meeting. The estimate for pastor's salary was advanced from $\$ 360$ last year to $\$ 500$, and nearly half of the Elder's claim for the year, was met, at this meeting A beautiful church record has been pro-
cured in lien of twhat was a mere apology for one, and the records will be kept accord ing to the Discipline. Weekly offerings by
the envelope plad promise to prevent much the envelope plan promise to prevent much
worry and vexation in raising our finances. A black-board and object lessons have been prove to be a great attraction to the childen. Cape Charles is starting out this year with the never go back spirit.
Bro. Davis, in
Bro. Davis, in company with the pastor building a church there this summer. has been donated by Mr. T. Scott, ind expressions of sympathy, with pledges of supset up his tent on this lot, nbout the 18th of June, and with the assistance of Bros. Gal loway and Geisler, will hold a meeting there Let every Christian pray for us, that God
may convert many sinners in Eastrille, and open the hearts of the people to reccive the
Gospel, and help liberally in the erection of Gospel, and belp liberally

## Galena Items.

Doubtless a few lines from this delightful charge,
readers.
At the first quarterly conference, after estimating the salary for the pastor, the memsent of fitty dollars, to aid in the purchase of a horse. This unexpected favor was a complete surprise to the pastor; words are iuadebeen here bat ten days, he was paid $\$ 86$ on salary account. Nor has the horse been for gotten, the stable loft having been filled with
hay. Prayer and class meetings are well attended, and our meetings are of the real Metho dist type.
Preparatory steps have been taken to secure better church accommodations in Galena The prospective plan now is to expend $\$ 2500$
on the old building, and ereet a Chapel for Sunday School and prayer meetings. 24x The chapel will be a plain, neat structure ith a seating capacity of one hundred and ifty. The improvements on the old build ing will consist of gable-tower and bell, pul-
pit recess, gothic stained windows, gothic pit recess, gothic stained windows, gothic
roof, painted and frescoed, new furniture, roof, painted and frescoed, new furniture,
cellar furnace, \&c. The church will then have accommodation for 300 persons instead of 210 as now. We have about $\$ 1400$ in carh and reliable subscriptions, to date. We ex-
pect to reach $\$ 2000$ in a few days, and inpect to reach $\$ 2000$ in a few days, and in
end to advertise for sealed proposals by June Children's Day. Children's Day.
We are making preparations for our Chilaren's Day services, at Galena, Chestervill We are very much encouraged, and the outlook for success all along the line is, at
this writing, quite flattering. Our fitith in God and Methodism bas not diminished one

May, 16, 1857
Gumboro, Del.-I send you a few items of Gumboro, Del.-I send you
Immediately after Conference I entered upon my work here for the second year. It has been very pleasant so far, and from the Children's Day will be absosperoms year Children's Day will be observed at all five of the appointments, for the first time in the history of the charge. We anticipate a splen did time. Onr people are excellent Sunday
School workers.

Nearly all the probationers of lnst year quito ace received into full memluership, no quite a number of new convertssince Confer
ence, have joined us on probation. Ther are signs of health and progress in every department of church work.
Bethel, one of the oldest churches on the circnit, is to be thoroughly repaired and noo dernized. About two-thirds of the mone necessary has alreadr been secured by subscription,
weeks.
The congregation at Goodhope are talking of building a new church, during this year Our Conference collections
Our new Presiding Elder, Rey. T. O. Ayres, is winning the affections of the people on the Di-trict, and will, no doubt, do much to strengthen and stimulate the work under his charge;
we all.
D. F. W

Number Seventeen, \&c. Of the ninety eight Conferences in th
 ment for missions, the present year-that is to say, there are eighty-one Conferences baving smaller apportionments, and sixteen larger. The Pbiladelphia has the largest, which is $\$ 62.000$. The New York and New York East each have $\$ 57000$, and the Balti more has $\$ 42000$, Our Wilmineton Confer more has $\$+2000$,
once is asked to raise 821.500 .
In the year 1886, there wer
ences reported as having waid for Confer oncer one dollar per metuber or missions West China $\$ 3.43$, Arizona $\$ 1.57$, Enst Ger man \$1.32, Philadelphia \$1.10, New Mexico \$1.07. Wilmington Conference nveraged $54 \frac{1}{3}$ paid according to the average per member in West Chima Conference, our contribution
would have been $\$ 112,950$. At the above rate the million dollars would have been
given by the New England, New York, New York East, Newark, Philadelphia,
heathen.
Easton District Preachers'
Association.
The Assuciation held its serenth meeting Mrappe, Talbot Co., Md., May 16, 1887.
Monday 16, at 8 P. M., Rev. R. H. Adams preached from 1 Peter, v, 7 .
The session was opened Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, with Rev. John France, P. E.,
in the clanir. Geo. W. Townsend conducted
the opening religious services.
Rev. R H. Adams was elected Vice-President, W. H. Hutchin, Secretary and Treas-
ure, R. H. Adams, G, W. Townsend, aud R. K. Stephenson, Carators.
Members present :-Rers. J. France, R. H. Adams, A. P. Prettyman, E. P. Roberts, W. W. H. Hut
Stepbenson.

The Rev. Dr. Follansbee of the M. E. Church South, was introduced, and invited o take part in the exercises.
A cordial address of welcome was made by A. P. Prettyman, to which Rev. R. K. Stephman added a few remponse, and the cbairThe preachers present reported the condition of the work on their respective charges. the Peninsula Metionist, aldressed the Association. Dr. Follansbce made a feeling and appropriate speech.
he opening religious services
The subject, "Easton District and its Pos sibilities," was presented by Rev. J. France. In his paper he reviewed in part, the Minutes of the Annual Conference of March 1887, o the District many instances of injustice done statistical tables-an injustice made permanent by the record. The Presiding Elder cation in the Peninsula Methonist, and also to embody his criticisms and suggesAnnual Conference. introduced aud invited to participate in the xercises.
The subject, "The Spirituality of the Church, and how best to promote it," was bened lyy R. H. Adams, and was discussed Roberts, Stephenson and Hutchin.
G, W. Townsend read a paper on "The best means of increasing the interest aud ef ciency of our Sunday Schools." W. I Sowbray read a paner on the same sulject and the question was discussed by Bros. Ad ms, Wilson, and ILutchin.
The sermon at 8 P. M., was preached by G. W. Townsend, from Phil. iii, 9.
M. and closed at 12.15

Greensborough wns selected as the place of the next meeting, June 5 th and Cth, 1888 and a resolution was adopted that the aggregate traveling expenses of the members to and from that meeting shall be equally divided among those
alize expenses.
The Rev. Burton S. Highley, of the M. E. Church South, nad editor of the "Talbot Times," being introduceri, made some felicitous remarks, and was invited to take part in the exercises. "Young's Tabulation and it beneficial effects upon the Church," was ad
berts. The necessity for and the probability of Acadeny,
H. Hutchin.
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R. K. St

Stephenson discussed "The Charch in relation to the temperance cause and all woral reforms.'
Resolutions of thanks included our hospithle hosts by whom the Association was so elegantly entertained, A P. Prettyman, the pastor, the Presiding Elder, the Secretary the Curators, and the Choir.
committee, consisting of Bros. Wilson, Adams, and W. S. Robinson, with J. France as chairman, was appointed to secure, if possible, for ministers of the gospel, a reduction in passenger rates on the Del. R. R. and its The choir led in singing "God be with The choir led in singing, "God be with pronounced the benediction and tho Elde pronoun.
closed.

## PERSONAL.

The late David Preston, of Detroit, Mich., gave during his life more than $\$ 200,000$ for

President Warren, of Boston University his been at Rome, studying the practicability of establishing an American institute Roman history and archroology, towards founding which he says an American lady as contributed $\$ 10,000$.
The Rev. Sam Small is in Minnesota, hold ing meetings. Sarah Bernhardt is in the
same city. Sam delivered himself of some wholesome trutbs concerning her, and created

Rev. E. P. Phelps, at one time a member of the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Virginia as the "Sheriff," died in Washing ton, D. C., a few days ago. He had located and was practicing law,
Judge Brooke, of the Corporation Court of Norfolk, by his ruling, has created considerable excitement amoug the proprietors of the tered an oath to each. The Judge administered an oath to each applicant that he would Sunday law and the law relating to minors in regard to the sale ofliquor, and if detected in regard to the sale ofiquor, and ifdetected
in violation to pay $\$ 500$ fine and license rein violation to pay $\$ 500$ fine and license re-
voked. The hotels are also debarred from erving wine at meals on the Sabbath
Sir Donald Smith and Sir George Stephens have offered to donate $\$ 1,000,000$ to establish be sick and suffering poor, providing the city would grant a site on the mountain side known as the Taylor property. The council resolved to accept the offer and further the shime io every possiblo way.
Dr. McCosh, the president of Princeton col lege, states that two students of that instituber of graduates now in colleges in the United States, who desire to go out as foreign wissionaries to foreign lands. They 1,525 that in ninety-two instations there are 1,525 persons who have volunteered. Dr.
McCosh expresses his readiness to combine with othery in raising the necessary funds to send them out.
Mrs. Samuel Landstreet, lately deceased equeathed (through Lewis E. Bailey, Esq., executor), various amounts to Christian beTo Dickinson College, $\$ 3,000$; to Home of he Aged, $\$ 1,250$; to Church Exteusion Society, 1,000 to Home of Friendless, 8300 ; to Missionary Society of M. E. Church, $\$ 300$

## TEMS.

Tie Christian Intelliyencer says: "He who instructs in momity, whom with woghy duces them to live and guides, strengthens
dure duces them to live and guides, strengthens
aud encourages them in living a moral life, aud encourages them in living a moral life,
is ns much a producer as the man who raises crop of when or the one who constructs a dynamo and maintains a hundred electric lights, or the one who builds a spire pointing heavenward. The product also of the work of the moralist is as real, as necessary, as
useful as that of the work of the carpenter aseful as that of the work of the carpenter

In the biographic aketch of Rev. William Dake, in Mr. Jobntson's book noticed in nother colnmn, the author makes some ecclusiastical relations, to that clergyman's need some modifcation. Mr. Duke at the age of sixteen, was converted under the mome five or six ant Methodist preacher Subsecuently; Mr Duke entered the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church; but "tbat denomination" (the Methodist societies) never "separated (the Methodist societies) never "separated that church had no existence, as an organiza tion until after the Methodist Episcoral Church was organized, at the Christmas Con ference of 1784 . Although there were ten tative efforts to gather up the frof he church of England in this country in the everal states, atter the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London had lapsed by the acknowledged Independence of the American Colonies, yct it was not until Sept. 1789, nearly five years after the orgnization of

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A telegram ras sent me last week from our presiding elder requesting me to convene the quarterly conference be－ cause the ordination of a missionary was involved．Friday，April 29，found the majority of our official brethren together． Bro．Danforth told the ever interesting story of one who had heard the roice of God in the clear＂Macedonian cry＂from beyond the seas，and who with gladness had responded to that cry．The authori－ ties bad desired him to go into the for－ eign ficld as a married man；he thought otherwise，and so，not accepted as a mis－
sionary，he had taken work within our dis－ trict．Suddenly the call from Neir York trict．Sudded．Our quarterly conference could be convened uaturally and ensily， and heuce the telegram brought us to－ gether．His church letter was read and his membership transferred to us from Central Square．His case was discussed mous vote be was recommended to be admitted on trial in the New Hampshire Conference，which was then in session． With similar emphasis in accordance with the Discipline，he was recommend－ ed for orders．The next morning the wires carried the good message to the Conference．Tuesday May 3，he was or－ dained by Bistop Harris in New York， and today（May ben royal work under Bishop Taylor．And to－night whice these hurricd sentences are slipping off my pen，Rev．Marcus E．Carver is one of a blessed band of brave souls，outward bound for Africa．May the skies bend lovingly，the winds deal kindly，and the waves bear softly the dear ship which pushes toward the grand missionary gate now swung so widely open．My heart hrills at the simple，sublime appropri－ ateucss of this incident．Before $I_{0}$ was worn，father heard the call of duty：and for his beloved Africa surrendered all of country，conference，friends and home． The ringing words，＂Thoughta thousund fall，let not Africa be given up，＂never lost their music to him，nor their man－ date over him．Since then long yeurs have passed away．He went to Africa twice，came home，looked into the faces of his friends，preached at Conference， sickened and died within a few days； going in splendid triumph from Syracuse to the ctermal city of God．All these years have seemed such sad years for have had littlinent．Liber and ara Church of Christ．But Livingitu he died on his knees in that hot country， Stanley has explored，has been convert－ ed，and now leads on mightily the plans of nations and the purposes of the Church，and Bishop Taylor has gone into Africa with the old－time swing of conquest．I atu so grateful that this significant action of the quarterly con－ ference was takeu under my pastorate， because holy memories have been stirred， and the ministry and the missionary the Meodiced new nay．May quickly aud grandly what slie ought to do for missions aud the Master；and Africa and the world soon revel in the lighht of the dear old gospel of Jesus and the resurrectivn．－Northetn Christ－ ian Advocate．

In sixteen states of the Uinion to－day， women outnumber meu，and conse－ quently a great hast must live outside of marriage．This does not，however，in terfere with the bome－making，for which women have so marked a function．In
both America and England，there has been a great increase of homes made by unmarried and widowed women，during the last few years．

PHNTINSUIA MIETHOIDISI，MMAY 28， 1887.

| these anble，unmated women，these un－ wedrded home－builders． <br> ＂If they have had surrows they have not published then．If they have suf－ fered disappointments they have silently borne them．If they bare met tempta－ tions，they have bravely conquered them． And they have demonstrated to the world the truth which it is reluctant to admit，－thai＂a woman，all by herself， and withrot any ：uall io help her，can， if she like：transiom a buese into a hroue．＂ Chardauquan for Moy． <br> There ：re Mutaralist parents who al－ low their chidow t＂grow up dancers， card－ph：yere，ame thatrequts，and then are suratieet tan then ramben <br>  But is it strange：are not these indul－ gencestorbidnm iy ta Disciplibe，and is it any enigmal that tie chinhren who have becurve wedded th them should hesitate to unite with a Church which condemns their fusorite ambements？ Train the children correctly，and they will stay with us．－Western Christiun Adrocate． |
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