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ONE DOLLAR A STAR SINGLE NOS. 3 Cente

PROVIDENCE.

BY J. G. WHITTIER I know not what the future bath Of marvel or surprise, Assured alone that life and death His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak To bear an untried pain, The bruised reed He will not break, But strengthen and sustain.

No offering of my own I have, No works my faith to prove; I can but give the gifts He gave, And plead His love for love.

And so beside the silent sea I wait the muffled oar; No harm from Him can come to me, On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift Their fronded palms in air; I only know I cannot drift Beyond His love and care.

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And thou, O Lord, by whom are seen Thy creatures as they be, Forgive me if too close I lean My human heart on Thee.

A Methodist Don Quixote.

BY COLEMAN E. BISHOP. The place of Lorenzo Dow in the American pulpit is peculiar. Hemight be called "The Great Dis- was discouraged by those who dared owned." He passed his life a wand- not contradict his solemn protestaering, outcast preacher; did a great tions of an irresistible call, and was work alone, generally unacknowl- rejected by all the authorities of a edged by any religious body; opposed by the societies and maligned by many of the clergy, whom he powerfully aided; and in death his name and work would have sunk into undeserved oblivion, but for his own writings in which, with prophetic instinct, he preserved the record of his own sacrifices and successes, and the scant recognition accorded them. He also recorded with impartial fidelity his own "fantastic tricks" and erratic independence, which furnish the only excuse for the treatment he received. He called himself a Meth-

He was a clerical bushwhacker. commercially and religiously. It since expelled the connection." was the formative age of the Constitution and of the American Republic. It saw the creation of American commerce and the opening up of the continent to settlement. And it | career, and brought him success in has been well called "the heroic age

of American Methodism." As the sense of dependence on the mother country, and of subjection to royal authority wore off, the people began to grow rapidly in mental and moral stature. The population which had timidly hugged the Atlantic coast, as if afraid to lose sight of the British navy, now turned its eyes inland, its thoughts over the whole world. The pioneer spirit awoke. The "Northwest Territory" was organized for settlement; Louisiana and Florida were purchased and the great Mississippi basin was opened up; Indian nations were subdued and "city lots were stacked for sale above old Indian graves." A second war was fought with Great Britain, to drive her from our path of advance on land or sea. Settlers in a thousand directions ramified the wilderness with the nerves and for them, as saith Matthew x: 14.

arteries of civilization.

The spirit of unrest, of adventure, of expansion, seized all classes and occupations; and the pioneers of the Cross pressed into the wilderness side by side, with the bearers of the ax and rifle.

Not the least remarkable feature of the evolution of this people was the deepening of the religious spirit. Responsibility brought seriousness; daily perils inclined men's thoughts to hear whoever would discourse of eternal things. Thus, the movement of the time at once prepared the way for the work of gospel spreading, and raised up strong men to do it.

One of the young men who was 'set on fire of freedom" to this work was Lorenzo Dow. Never was more unpromising candidate for the ministry. He was eighteen years of age (1795), thin, angular, ungainly, eccentric in manner, illiterate, diffident, and, worst of all, an invalid, supposed to be a comsumptive. No wender the proposition of this sick, gawky boy to go upon circuit without any preparation, met with opposition from his parents and brethren, church most liberal in its requirements of licentiates of any then ex-

"I do not believe God has called you to preach," bluntly declared the minister in charge, after having Dow try to preach, and seeing him faint dead away in the pulpit.

"Why?" demanded the weeping candidate.

"For five reasons.—1. Your health; 2. Your gifts; 3. Your grace; 4 Your learning; 5. Sobriety.'

"Enough! enough!" exclaimed the boy, aghast. "Lord, what am I but odist, and refused to work inside a poor worm of the dust?"

church lines. A zealous, even bigoted Just the same, all this did not sectarian; he preached in open defi- change his determination one whit. ance of all denominational polity. Nay, in a foot-note to this incident in his book, he makes this finishing awful might happen in the neighbor-The time in which Dow flourished, reference to his critic of this time | hood if nothing else would do to was a remarkable one politically, with evident satisfaction: "He is alarm the people. For this prayer

> Those who opposed him, little knew of the reckless earnestness of his character—the trait which lay at the bottom of his whole remarkable spite of all his disabilities and all the external chances against him. He seemed to have accepted as his all-sufficient credentials, the Lord's charge to his disciples in the tenth chapter of Matthew; accepted it as literally and confidently as if it had been delivered specially to a sickly young convert in Connecticut, about the close of the eighteenth century, instead of having been given to certain other illiterates in Judea eighteen centuries before. He always took the whole Bible literally, and acted and talked it in dead earnest. So providing neither gold, silver, brass nor scrip in his purse, nor two coats. nor shoes, nor staff for his journey. he started to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He stood not on the order of his going, but went at once. If any would receive him, well; if not, worse | up a meeting.

He asked no gifts nor collections; rejected most of that which was voluntarily offered—giving frequent offense thereby—taking only what would suffice for the day. Sleeping in woods and under fences was small privation to him, for he never slent in beds, any way; the floor or a bench was his choice, on account of the asthma, he said. He was used to long fasts, and would travel fifty miles and preach half a dozen times without food. Indeed, his defiance of all precautions against sickness, and reversal of all physical conditions, gave him rather a grewsome reputation with the simple folk among whom the invalid exploited, and some were afraid to entertain him. What a saint he would have made in those good old times, when asceticism, energy, fanaticism, piety and dirt were of the popular odor of sanctity! A modern Peter the Hermit on a crusade! To talk and to walk were his chief functions, and he rarely intermitted either. At that time the qualifications of a circuit preacher were said to be covered by the points: "Is he converted; is he qualified to preach; has he a horse?" Lorenzo had no need of the last of these qualifications. He was the champion pedestrian of the day. He could out-travel the public conveyances and tire out any horse over such roads. He was known throughout the south as "the walking minister." But through New England, New York and Canada his quaint figure, queer actions and rude and vehement exhortations soon got him the general sobriquet of "Crazy

We read in his journal, "As I entered the meeting house, having an old borrowed great-coat on, and two hats, the people were alarmed, some laughed, some blushed, and the attention of all was excited. I spoke for two hours, giving them the inside and outside of Methodism. I be sought God in public that something many said I ought to be punished." Again:

"Here, too, it was soon reported I was crazy. I replied, people do not blame crazy ones for their behavior; last night I preached from the word of God, when I come again I will preach from the word of the devil. This tried our weak brethren."

Hardly to be wondered at, one would say. At one time he got an audience into a school-house, and planting his back against the door, so they could not escape, preached at them two hours, hot and strong. At another time he hired a woman for a dollar to give up one day to seeking her soul's salvation; and again, following a young woman on the road importuning her to seek God, when she took refuge in a house; he sat on the steps, declaring he would not let her proceed till she had promised to pray. His nervous impatience of rest often impelled him to steal from a hospitable house at dead of night, and at daylight he would be found in another country drumming

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Light in the Night. BY M. H. Z.

Out on the vast prairie of Dakota, there lived a family almost alone. The father went away one morning, leaving his wife and only child, a son, at home. He was to be gone from home all day, and return in the evening. Something prevented him from returning as soon as he expected, and the night overtook him. He drove on, but it was dark all around him, and there being but few people living in Dakota at that time, he had no light of a neighbor to kindly tell him where he was. But his kind wife at home thought of him, and home.

So, dear friends, Jesus Christ is our light. He is constantly shining, to guide us on our pilgrim way. If we will trust him, he will direct our steps aright. We cannot go astray, if we follow Jesus Christ our Guide. He will finally bring us into the many mansions prepared for the blest.-Evangelical Messenger.

The N. Y. Tribune says at the farcwell reception given Bishop Taylor in Boston, he said: "It is reported that a most extraordinary discovery has recently been made in Africa in a tour from east to west. There have been found nations of people hitherto unknown, who number 50, 000,000, and live in houses built of stone, with gardens in the rear and properly laid out streets, who work in iron, copper and ivory, and are pretty well up in the industrial arts, many of them are well to do. This is a country never heard of before, and the Lord has furnished me a man. This man, William Richard Simmonds, was formerly an unbeliever, and addressed great audiences in Belfast and Dublin, but he became convinced of his error, and joined the Salvation Army. He has for years been studying all about Africa, with a desire to go there on missionary work, and he has offered to go with me. Our plan is to strike for these people, and we hope to make the scheme self-supporting when we get there, but we shall want money to travel and build with. I do not fear, I can get along as well in the future as in the past twenty-eight years. The Lord has anticipated this thing, and he has given me a silent partner in the missionary business who is ready to pay all my actual expenses. The money you may give for the transit fund goes all to that. My plan will be to erect in each place such buildings as may be necessary, and then go on, leaving some one in each place, and so have a number of stations growing up at one time. We ought not go out there with less than twenty men.

Women as Cashiers.

Dr. Hammonds's estimate of the moral preceptions and moral courage of women, finds a striking contradiction says the editor of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, in the daily experiences of business and the courts. Although hundreds of women hold positions of financial trust in the country, we ing guilty of embezzlement or defal- Christianity.—Erangelical Messenger.

cation. The evidence clearly sustains the position of those who believe that women are quallified, morally, physically and intellectually, for the handling of money in stores or in banks. General Spinner, who first introduced ladies into the United States Treasury as clerks and accountants, left on record a striking testimonial to the efficiency and integrity of the sex, and no one had a better opportunity to study the question than he, who at one time had one thousand ladies under his direction, engaged chiefly in handling money. He testifies that they count more accurately and rapidly than men, their hung out a lantern to guide him ability to detect counterfeits proved to be superior in almost every test, that they were without exception honest, and were invaribly more care ful and painstaking in their work. Complaints of inaccuracy and careless ness on the part of men were made frequently during Gen. Spinner's administration of the United State's treasury, but such complaints against lady clerks were few. The shrewdest and quickest detectors of counterfeit currency were women, and in cases of dispute as to the genuineness of money, General Spinner invariably took the judgement of a Miss Grandin, who was for a long time employed in his bureau. In speaking of her ability in this particular one day, Gen. Spinner said: "If I were a believer in clairvoyance, I should saythat she possessed that power, but as I am not, I call it instinct." There was a rule in the department compelling lady clerks who married to resign their positions, and when this lady married, the venerable Treasurer asked that the rule be suspended. because the Government could not well despense with her services. Although there are several thousand women employed by the Government as clerks, accountants, postmistresses, and in other capacities, not one has ever proved faithless to her trust. Many have been discharged for incapacity and for other reasons, but never one for dishonesty. These points are worth the consideration of merchants and bankers, particularly now when there seems to be an epidemic of embezzlement.-Exchange.

The Widow's Gift.

A poor widow came to her pastor and said: "Here is a two dollar and a half gold piece, which my little girl saved to buy her Christmas toys.God has taken her, and I feel, oh! so desolate; but I want my child's only earthly possession to go to help those mothers who may be in sorrow like mine, and yet who do not know the comforts of the Gospel. Several times I have been straitened for money, but I could not use my child's money. So I want you to send this money to the Missionary Treasury, and may God bless it to the salvation of many of the heathen." Was not that the Spirit of Christ? And could the gold piece be put to 'a better use? How tender was the sympathy of this bereaved mother for the poor bereaved mothers in heathen lands who have yet to hear of one of them be- have not the light and comfort of

BEYOND. Across to that strange country, the Beyond:

And yet not strange-for it has grown to be The home of those of whom I am so fond: They make it seem familiar and most doar. As journeying triends bring distant countries

So close it lies that, when my sight is clear, I think I see the gleaming strand. I know I feel that those who've gone from

here Come near enough to touch my hand. I often think, but for our veiled eyes, We should find heaven right 'round about us

I cannot make it seem a day to dread When from this dear earth I shall journey out

To that still dearer country of the dead, And join the lost ones, so long dreamed about.

I love this world; yet shall I love to go And meet the friends who wait for me, know

I never stand about a bier and see The seal of death set on some well-loved face.

But that I think, "One more to welcome me When I shall cross the intervening space Between this land and that one over there-One more to make the strange Beyond seem fair.

And so for me there is no sting to death And so the grave has lost its victory; It is but crossing, with abated breath, And white, set face, a little strip of sea, To find the loved ones waiting on the shore More beautiful, more precious than before.

— Ella Wheeler, in Chei tian at Work.

Dr. C. H. Payne, thus strikingly, delinevates the character of Absalom, in his "Guides and Guards in Character-Building:"

Look at another characteristic of

this young Absalom, and of nearly every other fast young man-his utter want of filial affection and regard. How fondly that father loved him and doted on him! How basely the heartless son requited the parent's love. What must have been the quality of that heart which could resist such love, and pierce the bosom of an affectionate father through and through with pangs of grief, a hundred-fold worse than death? Yet how many a young man to-day is thrusting the darts of keenest sorrow through the hearts of loving parents, by disregarding their godly wishes and spurning their counsels and their prayers! When I see a yourg man who treats slightingly the parents to whose tender care he owes his all of present good or future hope, who spurps his father's advice and heeds not the entreaties of his mother, I see another fast young man whose end is as certain as the laws of moral husbandry are invariable. to you again."

Estravagance is another feature of he care for the gilded trappings of royalty. You might have seen him walking about among his subjects in Jerusalem without guard or attendant. But this young sprig of royalty, who is living on the old man's money, keeps his dashing turn-out. and rides through the streets of the city attended by fifty out-runners. His old-fogy father may go on, if he chooses, in his plain, quiet way of living, singing his psalms and offering his prayers, and attending to all the duties of a religious life; but as for Absalom, he is bound to make a dash and cut a figure in society.

That is the fast young man of today exactly. He is the showy young man of the street. He drives a fast to the great moral reaction which reteam if he can get one, and he would sulted in the organization of the eulogium on their reverence for their rather drive it on Sunday than on famous vigilance committee. Since Christian training. In describing any other day. He makes a sensa- leaving San Francisco, he has labored the quiet and sacred observance of tion, if possible, and attracts attention to himself as a brilliant, dash- Africa and South America. He acing young man. It costs money.

doting father foots the bills; or, may be, the till of his employer is the bank on which he draws; or he takes self-supporting. The General Cona hand at stock-gambling, pocketing ference in Philadelphia last May, his gains and repudiating his losses; made him Bishop of Africa. His or, failing in these and other resources, he writes another man's name on a bit of paper, and gets the cash at the bank. In one way or another the extravagant style of living must be little things. The services have been supported, no matter what ruin and attended with much revival interest, disgrace follow in its train. Young fifteen persons having professed conman, beware of the company of such, and covet not the brilliant equipage and costly attire of the fast young

Observe the utter unscrupulousness. the entire want of moral principle, which marks the conduct of his hot-headed youth. He has an aspiring nature, and is ambitious to rise to high honor and power. A true ambition is a noble element in the character of a young man. Held in due restraint, and regulated by pure principles, it is a motive power that impels to illustrious deeds, and lifts the life above the sordid plane where the ignoble are content to throng. But a false ambition, that aspires to selfaggrandizement regardless of the rights and interests of others, is the base quality of a small soul, and will work its own destruction. It is a Vesuvian fire within the bosom, whose certain eruption will spread Pompeiian desolation over the fertilest vineyards and fairest fields of life's fond hopes.

Such was the ambition of Absalom. He wished to sit upon the throne, and he scrupled not at the use of any means to gratify this unhallowed desire. The basest treachery, the most shameless sycophancy, the most heartless ingratitude toward an affectionate father-all this was the price he paid to secure his ends. This fiendish spirit took possession of the soul, and with its hot and poisonous breath blasted every lovely quality and banished every worthy aspiration.

Summit Grove Camp. Bishop William Taylor, of Africa

preached twice Wednesday, August 6th, at Summit Grove Camp-Meeting, near New Freedom, Pa., besides conducting a children's meeting and giving an account of his self-supporting missions. He also preached on Tuesday night. Bishop Taylor is one of the most remarkable men in the Methodist Church, and has an illustrious ancestry. Among the early settlers of Rockbridge county, Va., was a gentleman who belonged to the unfortu-I hear a voice saying, "With what | nate royal house of Stuart. He | who does nothing for his Maker, will for many years with an only daughter, keeping her in seclusion, and the character I am delineating. David | holding little intercourse with the was not a man of show. Little did people about them. The lady's beauty and her historical connections made her an object of special interest to the young men of the neighborhood, and finally, overstepping the restraints of the parental roof, she eloped with a gentleman named Taylor, and was married. That lady was the grandmother of Bishop Taylor. He became a Methodist preacher in early life, and ever since has worked with a restless energy that knows no leisure. At one time he was pastor of Monument Street Church, Baltimore, then a part of North Baltimore station. He went to California with the pioneers, and preached in the streets of San Francisco for seven years, his efforts contributing largely as a missionary in Europe, India, cepts no salary, but avails himself

people among whom he labors. He believes all mission work should be style of speaking suggests Mr. Moody's. Rev. R. W. Todd, of the Wilmington Conference, preached in the afternoon on the importance of version on Tuesday. One of these was a gentleman well known in Baltimore, whose family have been tenting on the ground for several weeks. He was made the subject of special prayer, and on Tuesday night, while in Baltimore, he received spiritual light. He took the first train for the camp-ground, to inform his wife and family, and on arriving found that his daughter had been converted the same night.—Baltimore

Blessed n the Work.

In our humble endeavors to bless others, we have ourselves been blessed. In our efforts to send to our heathen sisters the "glad tidings of great joy," we have come to appreciate it more fully ourselves. Interested in a common cause, we have become interested in each other, and pleasant friendships-old ones renewed, and new ones formed—are the result of our meetings. As we have each month taken up country after country and studied it—its history, its religions, its people and their customs-we have gained much useful knowledge. A loved teacher, urging her pupils not, as they left their school days behind them, to allow themselves to become uneducated women, said: "By all means be a member of a Woman's Missionary Society. If there is not one in your church, organize one. Take and read the missionary periodicals of your Society. Become thoroughly interested and well informed in regard to the cause of missions, the greatest work of our century, and you cannot become intellectually or spiritually rusty women," and her words we find come true. -Mrs. Chidlaw.

Honor of Working for God.

Is it not one of the highest gifts of God's grace to be permitted to take any share whatever in his grand enterprise of the salvation of the sons of men-to be a co-worker with God? And does not that man lack one great evidence of the perfect reconciliation of his soul to God, who does not find something to do for him? The man man who never cares about the perishing heathen, is he saved? He certainly is not like Christ. If he be not like Christ, and have not the spirit of Christ, then he is none of his Every Christian man is bound to give himself, or, that being impossible, to give liberally of his means, to the Master's work in that department which most needs him-and that is foreign missions-unless he can prove to his own satisfaction that he ought not, and that he has not the gift. This is not a matter for argument, but of pure and simple duty to God and to our fellow-men. Christian! what are you doing for missions?-The Christian at Work.

It was not meant for praise, but the forlorn experience of Moncure D. Conway on the Sabbath in the Sandwich Islands was really an emphatic the Sabbath, this perverted Christian teacher dolefully says, "Never, in Scotland or Connecticut, have I seen such a paralysis as fell upon Honolu-But what is money to him? Some of the spontaneous kindness of the lu the first day of the week."

Cemperance,

Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—Scripture. O thou invisible spirit of wine! had I no other name by which to call thee, I would call thee devil.—Ehakespeare.

Christian women, are you so inter ested in the temperance reform that you will give not only yourselves, but your boys? If you do not give them to temperance, the age will soon mortgage them to intemperance.

The Messrs. Crozer, who own the village of Upland, near Philadelphia, steadily refuse to sell or let any premises for the sale of intoxicating

The city of St. Paul, Minn., has a police force numbering 75 men, and licenses 507 liquor-shops, which yield it an annual income of over **\$**50,000.

It is said that General Haldeman, the American minister at Siam, has persistently refused to permit the granting of a license to any American liquor-seller in that country.

"Gentlemen," a frank Western Judge is quoted as saying officially, the Court, as the bar well knows, is naturally quick-tempered, and if this court had not taken warning in time, and abstained from the use of ardent spirits this court would now be in the penitentiary or its grave."

Statistics just collected in the German kingdom of Bavaria show that that section of the fatherland has 5,482 breweries, or a little more than than one to each 1,000 inhabitants. In Munich the annual consumption of beer is 470 quarts to each man, woman and child, or about one quart and a third a day for each inhabit-A conscientious printing company

in New Jersey has taken a decided stand on the liquor question. The Crump label company, of Montclair, N. J., has issued a notice that it will print no more labels for liquor dealers. One of the directors thus explains its attitude: "We employ between 300 and 400 hands, and there are not more than half a dozen of the men who have not signed the temperance pledge. Some of them were hard drinkers. When the present temperance awakening struck Montclair, and our men began to feel its influence, we felt as though the company ought to do something too. A company can't take the pledge, but this company could show its desire to be with the men by refusing to work measure ye mete it shall be measured bought an estate and lived upon it he be saved? Can he be saved? The for the liquor trade. So its president, Samuel Crump, promised for the company that no more work of that kind should be taken. We have been making for one liquor firm about 10,000,000 labels a year. About \$20,000 worth of business a year is what this decision will cost the company."

Temperance work in Colorado is rapidly tending in the direction of absolute prohibition. A correspondent of the Observer writing from Pueblo, says: "A law and order society, composed of members of both political parties, recently organized work on a direct prohibition basis. As a saloon keepers and their friends organized "The Citizens' Protective Union, and made up a ticket by indorsing the pronounced whiskey men on each political ticket. Only one man named by the saloon-keepers was elected. Eight men, or one-half the council, were chosen as pledged prohibitionists or pronounced for high license. This movement was led by Dr. Hays, of the CentralPresbyterian church, supported by the ministers and Christian

Springs, which is a temperance town of six thousand, people, the whisky men made a strong effort to gain con. control of the city government. Pro. control of was the only issue. The result of the election is the total defeat of every one nominated by the whigh key men. This is the beginning of the end, which will be constitutional prohibition in Colorado."

LESSON FOR AUG. 17, 1884.—2 Samuel 18: 24-33.

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

GOLDEN TEXT: "Whose curseth father or mother let him die the death." (Mark 7: 10) 1. Anxious waiting (vs. 24-27).

24. David Sat.—He had submitted to the wishes of his friends and re. mained in the city when the army went forth to battle. Now he sat waiting for tidings. The "Wood of Ephraim," where the encounter took place, was within a day's journey of Mahanaim, probably in some part of the forests of Gilead, and had deriv. ed its name, it is supposed, from a defeat which was inflicted upon the Ephraimites at that place in the days of Jephthah (Judg. 12: 4). B_{ϵ} tween the two gates .- Like all fortified cities Mahanaim had its outer and inner gate, with its court between. where, in times of peace, the people congregated, and the judges dispensed justice, and business of various kinds was transacted. Roof over the gate unto the wall .- The outer gate was generally protected by flanking or overhanging towers, easy of access from the court between the gates. These towers were equally available for warriors or watchmen. Behold a man running alone.—He was running, of course towards the city, with news from the battle-field.

At the gateways of walled cities special care was taken to increase the strength of the wall and the power of resistence, since the most formdidable attacks of the enemy would probably be made there. The ordinary thickness of the wall not being sufficient, it was here widened, or, more properly, doubled. Considerable space was included between the outer and inner wall, and to each of these walls there was a gate. It was in the room thus made that "David sat between the two gates" (Freeman).

25-27. If he be alone, there is tidings. -He must have been either a courier or a fugitive, a messenger with tidings or the first of a defeated army seek ing safety in flight. His being alone was presumptive of his having been despatched from headquarters with news for the king. Another man run ing .- It proved afterwards that this second runner had been outstripped by the first. Porter—the "captain of the gate," entrusted with the care of opening and closing at fixed times, generally at sunrise and sunset. The running of Ahimauz. - The watchman detected a certain peculiarity in the running of the foremost messenger which showed him to be the sen of Zadok the priest even before his features could be seen. Says Hanna "There is a great deal of individuality in running; and practiced footrunners are known and recognized at a distance by their gait, as Ahimaaz was." Good man . . . good tidings. Ahimaaz had previously brought good tidings to David (15: 31, 34; 17: 14-17), and the king was naturally hopeful when the watchmen recognized the running of this favorite

Speed was a heroic virtue in those simple times; swift-footed Achilles and others of Homer's heroes; Asahel "light of foot as a wild roe" (2: 18). Saul and Jonathan (1: 23), and even people of the city. At Colorado may be cited as examples. From the statement that Ahimaaz ran by Elijah the Tishbite (1 Kings 18: 46),

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the Cushite did not run by that road, but took the road over the hills, which may have been the shorter, but also more difficult road. The two roads would probably meet a short distance from Mahanaim. It is therefore, perfectly intelligible that Ahimaaz starting soon after the Cushite, and running at his full speed with the definite object of outrunning him, might get to Mahanaim first, while the Cushite, ignorant that he was being followed, was advancing more leisurely up and down the hills of

Gilead(Cook). 2. Breaking it Gently (vs. 28-32) 28, 29. Ahimaaz called.—His voice outran his feet. All is well-more exactly, "peace." Fell down to the earth -the prostration of homage or allegiance. Blessed be the Lord thy God-a devout ascription of praise to the invisible but real Victor on the bloody field from which he brought tidings but a studied concealment, also, of Absolam's fate. Hath delivered up-"hath shut up." David was thus officially informed that his enemies had suffered defeat. Is . . Absalom safe?—the uppermost question in David's mind. He had bidden his generals"deal gently"with the youth. His heart was bound up in his boy, unworthy, rebellious as he' was. Had he escaped the casualties of battle? When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant .- The Vulgate (probably more correctly) reads: Joab, the king's servant, sent me, thy servant." Saw .. tumult ... knew not what, etc. - prevarication, more cred itable to the speaker's tenderness of heart than to his veracity. Ahimaaz had learned from Joab that Absalom was dead (verse 20).

Fondly foolish old sire! He is not so much concerned about the issue of the war as about his wicked son. The excess of his fondness is seen in the the word he uses calling Absalon-a vouth, voung man-boy. "How is it with my boy?"" Is there peace to my boy?" Verily there was reason for Joab's indignant words: "I perceive that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well" (see next chapter, verses 5-7). But allowance must be made for David's anxiety about the spiritual condition of Absalon. If he lived, he might yet repent (Hanna)

30, 31. Turn aside and stand here.-David retained him near his person probably for another questioning, in case he failed to hear definitely concerning Absalom from the second runner. Cushi came- or, as many render it, "The Cushite [Ethiopian] came." He had been despatched ahead of Ahimaaz, but the latter hall chosen a better road and outstripped him. The Lord hath ovenged thee, etc.—The Cushite is as pious as Ahimaaz in the terms which he uses to convey the tidings, and no less

By a beautiful figure of speech the war between David and the rebels is viewed as a case at law, wherein God is the judge or arbiter. The victory of David's army is, then, the legal decision pronounced by Jehovah between the pleaders: "The Lord hath judged thee out of the hand of thine enemies," as the sentence literally reads (Hanna).

32. Is the young man Absalom safe? -From what followed we may judge with what eager, tremulous tones this question was put. The enemies . . . be as that young man is-not a direct reply, but fatally significant.

The delicacy of Ahimaaz's communication was made up by the unmistakable plainness of Cushi's. He answers the question about Absalom indirectly, yet so as not clearly to make known his death, but also to express condemnation of his hostile attempt against his father and king.

the way of the plain, it is clear that The Cushite refers to God's punitive justice in Absalom's destruction, a fact that David in his heart-rending grief loses sight of (Lange).

3. A father's grief, (rs. 35.)

33. The king was much moved,--We catch but a faint shadow of the intensity of David's sorrow even from this graphic and pathetic narrative of it. It was something deeper than grief for his son's death-it was the feeling of its utter hopelessness, combined, too, with the consciousness that his own paternal misdeeds had had their share in this dreadful catastrophe. Went up to the chamber. Says Stanley: "He rushed into the watchman's chamber over the gateway, and eight times over repeated the wail of grief for Absalom his son. It was the belief of the more merciful of the Jewish doctors that at each cry one of the seven gates of hell rolled back, and that with the eighth the lost spirit of Absalom was received into the place of Paradise. Would God I had died for thee. - The very essence of self-sacrifice finds ut terance in this heart-breaking ejacu lation of the stricken king; it was this same feeling which brought our Lord from the skies, to die that we might not die.

Many things indeed entered into that bitter cup which David was made to drink in the chamber over Mahanaim's gate. There was the natural sorrow of a parent in the loss of a child whom he had once loved most passionately, and whom he still yearned after, though he had ceased to be worthy of his affection. There was also the hopelessness of this dreadful separation between him and his boy. When the infant of Bathsheba died, he could say, "I shall go to him," but on this occasion there is no such comforting assurance. Absalom's sun had gone down in thickest darkness; no one ray of hope remained to relieve the gloom of his father's heart, and none but those who have been called to mourn in similar circumstances, can tell how bitter is a grief like that. But, worse than either of these ingredients in this cup of anguish would be, I think, the consciousness in David's heart that if he had himself been all he ought to have been, his son might not thus have perished. Was there no connection between his own great trespass and Absalom's iniquity? If he had been less foolishly indulgent. Absalom might never have rebelled; nay, if he had been wiser, even after Absalom's fratricidal guilt. probably he had not stung him into revolt (Taylor).

Children's Bepartment,

"THAT LITTLE HAT." M. D. BRINE. I find it in the garden path, Its little crown half full Of wilted flowers-where's the rogue Who dared my roses pull? I find it on the roadside there, The flowers tossed away, And in the crown, packed carefully, A load of stones and clay. I find it in the daisied field, Or hidden in the clover, Inspected by the wandering bees, And crawled by insects over. I find it on the old barn floor Or in the manger resting, Or swinging from the beams above, Where cooing doves are nesting. I find it 'neath my busy feet Upon the kitchen floor, Or lying midway up the stairs, Or by my chamber door. I find it in, I find it out, 'Neath table, lounge or chair; The little shabby, brimless thing. I find it everywhere, But on the curly, golden pate For which alone 'twas meant-That little restless, sunny head,

On mischief always bent.

Oh! baby boy, this problem solve,

And tell me, darling whether Your rougish pate and this old had Were ever seen together? -Christian Standard

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A Battle of Snakes.

On a bare spot in a great field far in the West a large rattlesnake lay coiled and basking in the sun. Little did he dream that a mortal enemy was on his tra I. But any one standing near might have seen the king of coilers, in his bright black garb, slowly approach ng. The assailant was small, not thicker than a thumb nor longer than a yard-stick. He glided along, now raising his glittering head and darting fire from his eyes .-Stealthily he moved on toward the great rattlesnake. Between them was a small log, a part of an old fallen tree; just beyond it lay the When the little warrior came to

this log he raised nearly half his body from the ground, standing on his tail, as a fiery horse rears before he strikes a powerful blow with his fore-hoofs. Beholding his spotted en my he uttered a terrific hiss, and like a flash of lightning sped to the side of the rattlesnake. Now came a contest between science and skill on one side, and strength and deadly venom on the other. The little snake, with a skill and knowledge of its foe, did not strike home at first. The startled rattler coiled and sounded the alarm. The assailant spun round and round with his little eyes darting baleful fire into the eyes of its oppment, and as it completed each circle sought a chance for a sure and deadly blow.

But the other made the inner and shorter whirl with its head and neck to evade the same, and in order to strike a crushing blow itself; its great fangs glittered, and all the while the terrific rattles played deadly music. Finally the rattler raised and struck, but his fangs were dodged by the expert assailant, and they bit the earth, while the little reptile quickly closed, and struck his teeth into the back of the rattler's neck. And now the scene became terrific beyoud description.

The great snake turned and twisted, with widely opened mouth, uttering a horrid noise as the rattling and death-struggle increased. For a time the rattler kept its coils as closely together as possible to prevent the next crushing move of its enemy, and tried in vain to twist and shake him off with short and sudden blows. But with a skill beyond human undertanding, the assailant held its little body clear of the poisenous fangs, and kept its hold firmly.

In despair, the rattler raised his head, as if summoning all his strength for a final effort. But in the twinkling of an eye, as a whiplash twines around the tree, his enemy had coiled himself around the rattler, and tightening his grasp with a startling power, crushed the monster in a second. When the breathless head of the rattler had fallen to the earth, the little victor slowly uncoiled himself, unloosened his hold, and having snuffed the air of victory, darted off to other fields of conquest.—Harper's Young People. other. A Hungry Robbin.

Some farm-laborers were in winter working out in a field. When dinner-time came they all sat down to eat their food. A little robin, that was very hungry and cold, came hopping about, begging for crumbs. No one gave it any; but as it was not driven away the robin went coolly up to the dinner of one of the men and began helping

"Knock it down, the young thief," said one; "look how it's crumbling your bread."

" Drive it off, the impudent thing," cried another.

"No I shan't," said the min to whom the dinner belonged. "It's hungry and cold, poor mite, and wants something to eat as well as we. It's welcome to as much as it wants. I shall never grudge it." And he let the bird eat till it was satisfied.

The next day the same robin came again, and the man let it eat as before. He fed it as long as he remained in that part of the country, and while he relieved the want of the bird he never missed the morsel given to it, and yet he was a very poor man.

Of all the men sitting there our little reader will say, without stoping to think, that that one was the best, for there cannot be much good in anybody who would not assist, if it lay in his power, even a poor little hungry robin. best people are always the most ready to help others, if it be only with a little, and what they give will never be missed, while they will always have pleasure in doing good.—Selected.

No Doubt About it.

A man once owned a parrot which he could never teach to say anything except the one sentence: There is no doubt about it. Disappointed in the bird he took her to a fair where he tried to sell her for ten dollars. Attracted by her gay plumage a gentleman stopped before the cage and said, "Poll are worth that much?" 'There i no doubt about it!" was the brisk reply. A few weeks later, after he had found out how he was cheated, the owner happened to be standing before the cage and said to himself, half aloud, "What a fool I was to give ten dollars for that bird!" "There is no doubt about it!" piped Poll, and this time she was right.

Why Hating Does Not Pay.

It is not worth your while to hate, Your life is not long enough to make it pay to cherish ill-will and hard thoughts towards any one. What if that man has cheated you or that woman played you false? What if this friend has forsaken you in your time of need, or that one, having won your utmost confidence, your warmest love, has concluded that he prefers to consider and treat you like a stranger? Let it all pass. What difference will it make to you in a few years, when you go hence to the "undiscovered country?" All who treat you wrong now will be more sorry for it than you, even in your deepest disappointment and grief, can be. A few more smiles, a few more tears, some pleasures, much pain, a little longer hurrying, worrying in the world, some hasty greetings and abrupt farewells, and life will be over, and the injurer and the injured will be laid away, and ere long forgotten. It is not worth while to hate each

A traveller in Burmah, fording a river, found his body covered all over with leeches, busy sucking his blood. He began to tear the tormentors from his flesh, but his servant told him that his wounds would be poisoned unless the leeches dropped off spontaneously. The servant prepared a bath with healing herbs and directed his master to lie down in it. As soon as he bathed in the balsam, the leeches dropped off. You must bathe your whole being in God's pardoning mercy, and enimies—these venomous creatures—will let go their hold.—Christian Stan-

A great trade in paper bottles is growing up in Germany and Austria. Ten per cent. of rags, forty of straw, and fifty of brown wood pulp are used in making them. The paper is coated and impregnated with a solution composed of sixty per cent. of defibrinated fresh blood, thirty-five of lime, and five of sulphate of ammonia; dry and coat again: put ten or twelve sheets together, and then dry in heated moulds under pressure. They are made in two pieces and joined afterwards, and are said to be perfectly proof against spirits and other liquids.





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Editorial Correspondence. GREENSBORO.

This flourishing borough, in Caroline County, Md., on the branch of the Delaware Railroad, leading from Clayton to Oxford on the Chesapeake Bay, is twenty-four miles from Clayton and sixty-one from Wilmington. It has three churches—two Methodist Episcopal, one for the white and one for the colored people; the third is St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, which we were able to inspect through the courtesy of Dr. Goldsborough. It is a neat frame structure, Gothic in style, with neat and comfortable appointments. The Bible on the desk, from which the great interest from its age and admirable preservation. On the cover is an inscription as follows: "Presented 1767;" by whom, we are left to conjecture. Rev. Dr. Bevan, of Hillsboro, we learn, is the present Rector of this venerable parish.

Our colored brethren have a large two-story frame building only partially completed. Rev. John C. Carroll of the Delaware Annual Conference, an intelligent and sensible gentlemen, has charge of this and him carnostly at work for the intellectual and spiritual improvement of his people. In addition to his labors as preacher-in-charge, he has, with the aid of his son, carried on the district school, when a teacher could not be secured for it. Any financial aid that generous stewards of the Lord's noble example prompt others whom silver and gold may be willing to the Lord has prospered to "go and do give Brother Carroll toward comple- likewise." The Wye camp ground is ting his church, will be thankfully about seven miles from Centreville. received and faithfully applied.

by the Bethel congregation.

The church of which the Rev. Alfred Smith is the carnest and popular pastor, is a fine brick structure. with steeple and bell. The interior. with its stained glass windows, only lacks frescoed walls and a little fixing up to make it a very attractive room. church is very flourishing, and that near to enjoy the privilege of hearthe capacity of the room is taxed to .the utmost to accommodate the people who gather to hear the words of life from their beloved pastor. In the rear of the church lie the mortal remains of many, once active and zealous for God and Methodism in years long since passed. Naturally we looked with deep interest on the memorials erected to deceased ministers. Very near the church are the graves of Rev. James Bateman and William Williams, side by side. We yard. The following brethren were copy the inscriptions:

man, a minister of the gospel in the phia Conference.

Methodist Episcopal Church. A faithful pastor, a devoted Christian, and an affectionate husband, father and friend; he lived by all beloved, and died, by all lamented. He closed a life of usefulness in this place, May 30, 1830, in the 56th year of his age, and the 26th of his ministry. By faith he lived on earth-In hope he died—By love he lives in Heaven."

"In memory of Rev. William Williams, born in Worcester Co., Md. December 26, 1786; died September 27, 1841; 32 years a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church; 'I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of rejoicing, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will give me at that day."

How hopelessly sad were such reminders of our mortality but for the glorious hope of the resurrection, But "if ye believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." "Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

CENTREVILLE, MD.

An hour and a half's pleasant ride by rail to Baltimore; a night ride by steamer down the Patapsco; across the Bay and up Corsica Creek, and an omnibus ride of two miles brought us to Centreville, the county seat of Queen Anne, in time for an early breakfast. This prosperous town, the terminus of another branch of the Delaware Railroad that leaves the main line at Townsend, Del., is 64 miles from Wilmington, and thirty-five from Townsend. The streets are well shaded with beautiful maples, the dwellings present a Scripture lessons are read, is one of neat and attractive appearance. Rev. Thomas E. Terry has signalized his pastoral term here by a thorough renovating of the fine brick church for the use of the Parish of St. John, in the town, and by constructing a model of a chapel of wood near Ruthsburg, some five miles out. The recent dedication of this edifice, had the rare distinction of being entirely free from the almost inevitable drumming for contributions to pay off some balance of indebtedness. Every dollar needed had been previously raised. While due credit is given to the pastor and his generous friends four other appointments. We found in the neighborhood, mention must not be omitted of a generous friend. once a resident here, but now far away in Colorada, who in affectionate regard for the people with whom he had spent his early life, volunteered to bear himself one-half the expense of the enterprise. May this We met Rev. Dr. Bates, pastor of the A fourth church, we learn, is on Methodist Protestant Church, who the outskirts of the town, occupied labors here in pastoral co-operation with Bro. Terry to advance the cause of our common Master.

Woodlawn camp meeting, Rev. Joseph France, of Zion circuit in charge, began Tuesday evening with appropriate services. Wednesday was a most beautiful day, and large We were glad to learn that the congregations gathered from far and ing the Cosmopolitan Missionary, William Taylor, so recently honored by the General Conference of the M. E. Church by an election, and consecration as Bishop of the church for the Continent of Africa. As he could remain but one day, he officiated three times, preaching twice and giving a most interesting address on his missionary labors. There was great demand for his books, and large numbers were sold. The Bishop came from Pitman Grove, and left for Mt. Tabor and Martha's Vincpresent: Robinson, Sypherd, Van Burkalow, R. C. Jones E. White, Todd and Coxson, (of the Philadel-

Wilmington Conference News

WILMINGTON DISTRICT — Rev. Charles Hill, P. E., Wil., Del.

While improvements are being made on the Salem M. E. Church, Rev. W. M. Green, pastor, a meeting has been in progress at Cannon's woods, about three miles from New-

North East charge, R. W. Todd, pastor.-The Mite Society festival held last week, was quite a success, the receipts being about \$100.

The New Castle County Executive Committee of the State Temperance Alliance held an adjourned meeting at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in Wilmington. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing ways and means for a thorough pushing of the interests of the Temperance Legislative ticket which, by resolution at a previous meeting, will be fully made up on Saturday, the 16th inst. The Alliance officers have now, they say, full reports from all the hundreds in the county excepting two, from which they have advices, however, that reports will be forthcoming in due

At the public installation of officers of the I. O. of G. T. on Wednesday evening. August 6th, in Grange Hall, Newark, Del., the Rev. Dr. James L. Vallandingham, of the Presbyterian churen, made a most excellent address before the society on the temperance question.

Brandywine charge, Wilmington, E. I.. Hubbard pastor-It is expected that the lower part of the Church will be ready for Sunday school in a few weeks. The pews which were on the second floor before the improvement began, are to be placed in the basement and handsome new seats will be purchased to replace the ones taken out. The regular church services will probably not be held there until late in September.

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

The excursion of the Cambridge M. E. Sunday-school, Rev. James E. Bryan, pastor, Wednesday, August 8th, netted about \$60.

The Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Sabbath-schools of Oxford, will give an excursion from that place to Tolchester Beach, on Wednesday, the 20th instant. The steamer Nelly White has been engaged for the oceasion, and doubtless it will be one of the most enjoyable excursions of the season.

St. Paul's M. E. Sabbath-school, of Sassafras Neck, will give an excursion to Tolchester Beachon the steamer Chester, on Thursday, August 21st. The boat will leave Georgetown at 7 o'clock a. m., and stop at all landings on Sassafras River. Tickets for adults will be 75 cents and for children 25 cents. No efforts will be spared to make this one of the pleasantest excursions of the season, and the patronage of the friends of the school and the public generally is cordially solicited. -Cecil Co., News.

Notice to ministers of Easton District: The Easton District Preachers Association is appointed to meet at Hillsboro, Md., October 1st and 2d. The curators appointed at last session were Revs. J. E. Kidney, A. W. Lightbourne and I. N. Wood. Is it not time that the programme was published, that the brethren may have ample time for preparation?

A. S. Mowbray, Sec.

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

"Among the many attractions of this beautiful town, not the least, are the handsome churches, several of the finest on the shore being located there. The M. E. and M. E. South

both are splendid stone structures with towering spires, and of artistic design. The last named is said to have the handsomest interior; it is certainly equal to the other outside. and cost but \$13,000, while the first named cost \$17,000-at least so we were told. The new Protestant Episcopal Church, now in course of construction, will be a very handsome structure. It is of serpentine stone and is to cost \$25,000. A very nice frame church with spire, and cosy parsonage property, is located in East Cambridge, of the M. P. denomination, and occupied by Rev. J. S.

Bowers." A woods meeting will be held near Harrington by the Methodists of that locality, commencing about the first of September.

The Sunday-school of Zion M. E. Church, Nassau circuit, picnicked on Broadkiln Beach, Friday of last week, Rev. I. N. Foreman having the young folks in charge.

The members and friends of St. John's M. E. Church, near George town, Del., contemplate the enlarge ment of their cemetery.

The excursion of the three Sunday-schools of Georgetown, Del., to Rehoboth on Friday, August 1st, was a very pleasant affair, the only drawback being the want of enough cars to comfortably seat the large crowd.

A new church is being built at Aickmantown to be attached to Denton circuit, the Revs. A. D. Davis and James H. Rich, pastors. The Rev. Mr. Davis united in marriage on Wednesday evening, 6th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Thos. Melvin, Richard Andrew of Federalsburg and Miss Fannie Melvin of Denton.

Mrs. Rev. J. B. Quigg and daughter Miss Grace Quigg, are on a visit to Mrs. Quigg's brother in Baltimore county, Md.

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

A larger bell weighing 895 lbs, has been procured for the M. E. Church at Delmar, Rev. Albert Chandler, pastor, and was placed in the tower Thursday afternoon of last week.

On the 20th instant there will be a festival held at Union Church, the proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the church.

same day. This arrangement will be a great convenience to those who are unable to get their mail off on the 7.02 a. m., train,

The festival at Parker's Chapel, Tuesday of last week, was a complete success. The rain in the early afternoon kept some at home, but in the evening an immense crowd was present. Speeches were delivered by several parties. Salisbury was

The camp-meeting at Melson's church, eight miles from Gumborough, is expected to be the largest

The citizens of Newark, Md., are to have a new public school building, which, with the lot on which it stands,

Mr. Joseph Shiles Crockett has received the appointment as principal of Washington Academy, or as it is now termed Princess Anne High School. Mr. C. is a graduate of St. Milby, P. E., Frederica, Dec.

The Kent News of last week has John's College, and has been teaching in different localities.

time; for the last year or so he has been at Stockton, Worcester county -Princess Anne Herald.

Asbury, W. E. Avery, pastor. On Sunday, August 3d, the pastor preached a financial sermon from Mal. iii, 10, which had the desired effect upon his congregation. The Church Extension collection was tak. en up and the amount desired—twenty dollars—raised without trouble

Princass Anne circuit, Wm. E Tomkinson, pastor.—At St. Peter's 42 have professed conversion. Rev. Jas. M. Brewington is rendering good service. The meetings are held un. der canvas, and are largely attend.

The Mite Society of the M. E. Church South, met at the residence of Mr. H. J. Brewington, on Main St., Salisbury, Md., Monday evening of last week. Music and plays constituted the amusements of the evening.

Owing to the sickness of Mrs. Holstien, living near Wesley church, the festival, which was to have come off on the 14th of August, has been deferred until the 21st of August.

Correspondence.

Centreville, Md., August 11th, 1884. BRO. THOMAS: As requested, I send you herewith, a brief account of our camp-meeting, where your editorial note of last week left off. The weather improved during the second week and the interest in the meeting increased. The order throughout was most excellent, and although, there was not at any time such great manifestation of religious fervor as are sometimes witnessed at the meetings all through were very pleasing and profitable. The conversions number about thirty. The closing services held on Friday morning, the 8th inst., consisting of prayer and experience meeting, were of a very pleasant character. At the close, the audience joined in singing the hymn,

We shall meet beyond the River and Wye camp-meeting for 1884 was a thing of the past, but associated with it are many blessed memories that will long abide with us. Allow me here to express my sincere thanks to my ministerial brethren who were with us, and who so nobly assisted not by preaching, but also by laboring faithfully in all the services of the meeting. May our Heavenly Father bless them all abundantly.

And now let me say that our perple like the "PENINSULA METRobist," and wish it abundant success, and have full confidence in the present management; but it occurs to Mail matter placed in the Salis- have been said recently, by the brethme that in all the kind words that bury post-office by 12.00 noon, will ren concerning it, one thing has been overlooked, and that is, that the editor of the "Conference Worker," who by his perseverance and patience made the way of success easy for it, should not be forgotten. The "Methodist" had the way prepared for it; it had a John the Baptist to herald its coming; let us not forget the herald nor withhold the need of praise that is due to him.

With best wishes for the new editor and his paper,

I am yours fraternally. THOS. E. TERRY.

Crumpton, Md., D. H. Corkran, pastor, writes: The church here has been thoroughly renovated. A beautiful tower, sixty feet high has been erected, and a bell of 250 lbs placed in it. Substantial sheating re-places the old ceiling, the walls have been work inside and out has been neatly The Kent News of last week has John's Conege, and has been teach-the following notice of Cambridge ing in different localities for some the work was finished. The re-open-

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ing this camp-meeting, and is de-

serving of great praise. The congre-

gations on Sunday were, perhaps, equal to Camden in her palmy days, and vet we never witnessed such per-

these improvements, but gladly gives

it to those to whom it is due,-the

efficient building committee. the

liberal people, and the Rev. A. Chan-

dler, who first put the prospect on

at the re-opening. To God who giv-

spires the generous purpose to use it

Penrose Camp.

day at Penrose camp-meeting, which

is located some seven miles west of

Dover, Del., Rev. Wm. M. Warner,

of Wyoming, in charge. Rev. A.

Manship preached Saturday night,

and a spiritual prayer-meeting, in

which there were a number of con-

versions, continued until after mid-

night. The services on Sunday,

after the early morning prayer-meet-

ing, commenced at 9 o'clock, with an

experience meeting, followed by a

sermon by Rev. A. D. Davis, of Den-

ton, and prayer service, which con-

tinued till 3 p. m., when Rev. A

Smith, of Greensborough, preached

and the prayer service was continued

until night set in, when Rev. T. E.

Martindale preached. The prayer

services were again resumed and con-

tinued till after midnight, thus mak-

ing a continuous service at the stand

of over fifteen hours, during which

time there were probably not less

than 25 conversions. Such a day of

power we have not witnessed on a

camp ground for years. The preach-

ing was practical, pointed, evangelis-

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to produce immediate results. The

estimated number of conversions up

to this Monday morning is over 70,

with many still seeking. The meet-

ing is to close Tuesday morning,

August 12th. It is to be hoped with

yet more glorious results. Bro. Mac-

ship rendered valuable aid in man-

aging the finances and conducting

the revival services. The si ging

and praying reminded us of the days

gone by. Bro. Warner has proved

himself a master hand in conduct-

We spent last Saturday and Sun-

for his church, be all the glory.

fect order on a camp ground. Visitor.

In the Dorchester Era of the 9th inst., is a stirring appeal in the behalf of Temperance, by Rev. T. O. Ayres of East New Market, Md. We quote a few passages: The Reid's Grove Division. Sons of Temperance, had a picnic at McKendree M. E. Church on Saturday afternoon, the 19th ult. The meeting was opened by Rev. R. B Hazzard, and addressed by Revs. T.O. Ayres, VaughnS.Collins and G. F. Hopkins. The people round about Indian Town, Crotcher's Ferry and Reid's Grove have been greatly blessed by the abolition of rum from their midst. And people of Linkwood district have been as greatly cursed by setting aside of the law and the setting up of grog shops in the district. Every few days we hear of some violence being committed.

Now who is blameworthy for the sorrow and crime resulting from rum in Linkwood district? Every man who loaned his influence in putting rum byterian Alliance in Belfast, Ireland,

ing services of last Sunday. August | into the district. It is not strange that 10th, were a grand success in every the leading men cannot see state of respect. A sufficient amount to the case. That life is in danger; liquidate the whole debt was raised that property is depreciating: that without difficulty. Dr. Bristor morals are suffering loss; that the preached morning and evening, two souls of the people, for whom grand sermons, highly appreciated Christ died, are being rumcrazed by the large and attentive audiences. and prepared to be cast into outer "Honor to whom honor is due." The darkness-sent to hell, to abide unpastor claims little, if any, credit for | der the wrath of God forever.

Facilities for Reaching the Sea-

There never has been a time when the numberless resorts of the New foot, and aided in our financial effort Jersey coast were so easy of access to the people of the adjacent States as eth the power to get wealth, and inthe present. From New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, the lines of the Pennsylvania connect closely at Philadelphia or elsewhere with the seashore roads, making it possible for residents of the sections named to reach the Atlantic which, in most cases, a single change of cars. For Philadelphia, nine express traing leave every week-day, two additional on Saturday for At lantle City; three for Cape May on week-days, and seven on week-days, one additional on Saturday for Long Branch, and the long list of resorts on the upper coast. These trains run at hours best suited to the needs of travelers, and reach, direct or by connection, every point of interest from Cape May Point to Sandy Hook.

An equal number of trains run from the coast to the interior. Besides these, there are daily excursion trains from Philadelphia to Atlantic City, Cape May, and contiguous resorts, while Long Branch and Ocean Grove are accessible by cheap excursions every day except Saturday and Sunday. To ease of transportion, cheapness, is added, making the travelling expense of a summer tour an inconsiderable item. The comprehensive system of excursion tickets afforded by the Pennsylvania Railroad covers almost every point in the territory referred to herein. Such facilities places a trip to the seaside within the reach of every class of per-

The Delmar correspo dent of the Sulshing Advertiser says; The excursion from Delmar to Ocean City on Wednesday of last week in the interest of the Mission Baptist church was atte ded by more than 300 persons. A pleasant day and good rail road accommodations contributed to the enjoyment of the excursionists. The bathing, though unusally cold was much enjoyed. Many stopped at the Excursion House where arrangements for their accommodation had been made free of expense Satisfaction

An earthquake shock was distinctly felt on last Sunday afternoon lasting about five seconds. It was a mere tremble, but sufficiently distinct to be plainly felt. The same shock was felt in New York, Boston, Philadephia, Baltimore and intermediate cities, but so far as learned no damage was done.

Dr. J. Hooper Shepard, the new proprietor of the Cambridge Chronicle, died suddenly Thursday night, August 7 th. He had just taken charge of the paper, and issued his salutatory on Wednesday. Dr. Sheperd was a son of the late Cabel Shepherd, of Cambridge, and was born in Cambridge in 1861. He was educated at St. Johns college, Annapolis, studied medicne at the University of Mary land and practiced a short time in Baltimore. He then returned to Cambridge, and has since resided there. He leaves a wife .- Cecil News.

In his farewell speech at the Pres-

There are 3,580 Woman's Christian Temperance Unions in the United States and Canada.

Dr. McCosh said among other things: "Depend upon it, if the Presbyterian branches of the Church do not combine, they will be greatly weakened, and other denominations, especially the Episcopal Church, will surpass them by its unity."

The inhabitants of Terra del Fuego, who had an unenviable repute at one time of being lower in the scale of of civilization than any other people on the face of the earth, have now been so far brought under the influence of Christianity that there is in that region a church and regulary organized district, with schools, orephanage, Bible and mother's meetings, and, indeed, the whole machinery of o parish to be found in any town,

A young lady of Urbana, O., sent seventy-five cents to New York for a method of writing without pen or ink, and received the following on a postal card: "Write with a lead pen-

Bierstadt, the painter, after hearing John Hall describe a prairie in a sermon, made a beautiful painting, which he sent to Dr. Hall, saying hat as he was the author of the picture he ought to be the owner of it.

It will indicate the growing desire for unity among protestants in Italy, and will gratify Christians everywhere, to learn that recently the Christians belonging to the different Protestants churches in Florence sat down together to the Supper of the Lord in the Free Itelian Church. The same thing took place in Leg-

A curious discovery has just been made at Pompeii in the course of the excavations carried on there. A fine statuette of a crouching Venus was brought to light in a sculptor's workshop just cleared. The sculptor must have been engaged in repairing the statuette when overtaken by the awful catastrophe of the year 79. The head of the figure had evidently just been remodeled anew, as it is far inferior in style to the remaining portions of the body; the two arms were also new, and had been fastened to the trunk by metal pins. The body of the artist himself was also discovered in the shop, lying prostrate on the ground, and with a large cingulum still grasped in his hand. A cast of the man was effected by everything that is pestilential and of Paris into the cavity formed by reports, vicious stories, sensational the body in the solid dust.

There are men of ability in every walk of life who are notorious for is expressed and the excursion con- never getting along. Usually it is sidered a success both as to pleasure because they never stick to any one business. Just when they have mastered one pursuit and are on the point of making money, they change it for another which they do not understand, and in a little while what little they are worth is lost forever. We know scores of such persons. Go where you will, you will generally find that the men who have failed in life have never stuck to one thing long. On the other hand, your prosperous men, nine times out of ten, have always stuck to one pursuit.-Public Ledger.

> Bind together your spare hours by the cord of some definite purpose, and you know not how much you may accomplish. Gather up the fragments of your time that nothing may be lost.— Wm. M. Taylor.

> Francis Murphy has just closed a seventeen weeks' temperance meeting in Chicago, during which 11,000 signed the pledge.

his voice, and that he is in excellent carriers, with no attempt at dis-

health. Mr. Moody will begin revival meetings in Cincinnati in Octo-

At the recent Berwick (N. S.) Camp-meeting, 200 were at the altar: many were converted and some received full salvation.

Always Late.

Half the value of anything to be done consists in doing it promptly And yet a large class of persons are always more or less unpunctual and late. Their work is always in advance of them, and so it is with their appointments and engagements. They are late, very likely, in rising in the morning and also in going to bed at night; late at their meals; late at the countinghouse or office; late at their appointments with others. Their letters are sent to the post-office just as the mail is closed. They arrive at the wharf just as the steamboat is leaving it They come into the station just as the train is going out. They do not entirely forget or omit the engagement or duty, but they are always behind time, and so are generally in haste, or rather in a hurry, as if they had been born a little too late, and for ever were trying to catch up with the lost time. They waste time for themselves and waste it for of Bath, was a herdsman. others, and fail of the comfort and influence and success which they might have found in systematic and habitual punctuality. A good old lady, who was asked why she was so early in her seat In church, is said to have replied that it was her religion not to disturb the religion of others. And if it were with all a part, both of courtesy and duty, net to say of religion, never to be unpunctual, they would save time for, as well as annoyance to, others, and aid themselves to success and influence in a thousand ways.

Corrupting Literature.

A moral evil must be glaring, indeed, when a State Legislature, even under the pressure of public petitions, lays hold upon it. Bills for relief of such social dangers usually find their graves in committees. Several of our State Legislatures have recently passed bills, however, in obedience to public petition, repressing the sale of low and vile literature, whether book, pamphlet, magazine, picture, photograph or newspaper. Such publications are like the street sewers, where flows the usual process of running plaster | poisonous. Criminal news, police and impure incidents, often illustrated by the most flagrantly immoral pictures, are thrust continually before the sight of our children in publie: We might as well license the plague as permit the public and free ale of this soul destroying stuff. While the husbandman slept, the enemy sowed tares. The religious press should boldly unite its whole strength to crush out this debased literature, that by toleration, has grown so bold. Let anyone examine the paper-stands at the hotels and street-corners, inquire of the ubiquitous newsboys on the streets or in the railway cars, or enter the small shops where periodical literature is vended, and he will find these corrupting productions swarming up like the frogs in Egypt. The writer has observed them for the sale on the counter, with a few morning dailies, even in a corner drugstore. At the book stalls, beside the works of Paine and Ingersoll, that are placed squarely in the front, will be found these licentious publications, than which nothing could be more debasing to manhood. At the depots of small country towns the papers that confine their attention to police news Mr. Sankey says he has not lost may be heard publicly cried by the

guising the traffic, and on the car we have seen them pressed upon country lads.

Barber shops are almost sure to have their tables covered with these illustrated syrens of literature for the seduction of the youth, of whose exposure to such temptation parents are not aware. - Interior.

The Hun ble Exalted.

God chooses the humblest instruments. He passes by the tempests, and waters the fields and gardens with his imperceptible dew. He passes by the great elephant, and bestows the hues of sapphire and amethyst upon the tiny humming-bird. He passes by the lofty pine and the huge elm tree, and lavishes blossom and perfume on the violet. All history teaches the same truth. Moses was the son of a poor Levite; Gideon was a thresher; David was a shepherd-boy; Amos was a herdsman; the apostles were ignorant and unlearn ed; Zwingle was a shepherd; Melanchthon, the great theologian of the Reformation, was an armorer, Luther was the child ot a poor miner; Fuller was a farm-servant; Carey, the originator of translating the Bible into the language of the millions of Hindustan, was a hoemaker; Morrison, who translated the Bible into the Chinese language, was a last-maker; Dr. Milne was a herdboy, Adam Clarke was the son of irish cotters; John Foster was a weaver; Jav.

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We have too many limp Christians; limp in doctrine, limp in practice, and limp in their attachment to the blessed Saviour and the honor of his cause. A man should be one thing or another. Let him be for Christ, openly, manfully, heroically; or if he is opposed to him, let him confess the fact, and appear in his true character. Enemies in disguise are the worst enemies. Lukewarm friends are but little better. Christ demands a whole-hearted, undivided consecration to his service. -Methodist Recorder.

No father or mother can measure the influence of a bad book, a poisonous paper, or an unworthy picture. "Peck's Bad Boy," which simply toys with crime, will be the damnation of many a youth. Stories which make heroes of criminals and characters of the vicious, pretending to amuse the reader with the sports of sin, leave a poison in the mind which works the ways, of death. A foul picture leaves an image and taint on the mind of the child which is never effaced. The stories of crime, and murder, and infidelity to the marriage relation, and suicide, which are spread out and detailed under great head-letter displays in the journals which go into our homes, are a blast of hell, which, once blown over the mind of the child, forever leaves the track of death.—Religious Telescope,

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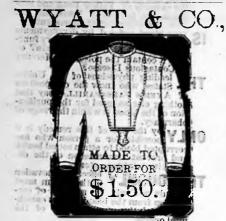
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