The Pulpit,

DIGNITY OF THE PASTORATE.

In these times, when it would seem as tho' ter as a servile office, without liberty or joy- vid Hartley. I wish to bear witness to the honorableness of any other. There is no calling that is so re- - Boileau. freshing to the soul, so ennobling to the better feelings, so strengthening to the moral nature, so coinsident with the highest sense of it too highly .- Boyle. one's own dignity and well-being, or so full of satisfaction, as that of the ministry. It has tares; but not half so many as some other pur- tox. around with crooked shoulders, and to hear of Zion; no orations equal to those of the find great opposition and persecution from them complaining that the work of the min prophets; and no politics like those which istry is full of burdens. It has its burdens, the Scriptures teach. - Milton. it is true; but what are burdens to one who ing of the gospel, with a sincere purpose of heroes. -- Rousseau. converting men and building them up in holy love. And if there are present any young men who have looked to the store, to the forum, to various secular callings for wealth and honor, let me tell you, you have passed by the highest calling. The noblest ambition is to be a worker with God for the salvation of men. And now, when the fields are white to the harvest: when society is to be reconstructed on half a continent; when the troubled waters need the voice of Christ, or of his ministry; when there is sorrow everywhere to be assuaged; when there is ignorance to be llumined; when foundations are to be relaid; when a work of your own fatherland is to be done which might make angels envious of the workmen-would that men would come forward and offer themselves to labor in their Master's cause, instead of seeking worldly pelf and their own petty interests. It is a time for Christian parents, with tears and ministry, or for young men to give themselves day of the Lord. His banners are flying, and His trumphet is calling. But, alas! how few are mustering! May God, that has inspired some, give a pentecostal baptism; and may we have ministers in proportion to the crying needs of the church and the country !- Beech-

THE GRANDEUR OF THE BIBLE.

If you have ever tried it, you must have been struck with the few solid thoughts, the few suggestive ideas, which survive the perusal of the most brilliant of human books. Few of them can stand three readings; and of the memorabilia which you have marked in your first reading, on reverting to them, you find many of those were not so striking or weighty, or original, as you thought. But the word of God is solid; it will stand a thousand readings; and the man who has gone over it the most frequently and carefully is the surest of finding new wonders there.-Rev. James

Hamilton. When I commenced my duties of professor of theology, I feared that the frequency with confession at all. It is even worse than none. which I should have to pass over the same And yet upon such a confession as this many portions of Scripture would abate the interest are relying for acceptance at the last day. in my own mind in reading them; but after They vainly hope that for this Christ will more than fifty years of study, it is my expe- acklowledge them before his Father as his rience that with every class my interest in- own. creases .- Prof. Leonard Wood.

read through the Bible once a year. My cus. God. Wherever the Lord's table is spread, tom is to read four or five chapters every there he will sit down with his disciples. And if bed. It employs about an hour of my time, show that he is not like them. He will bear beginning the day. In what light soever we ever does deny Christ, like Peter he will weep regard the Bible, whether with reference to bitter tears of repentance over his defection. edge and virtue. - John Quincy Adams.

Byron's table; and it would be easy to fill a real, living faith in Christ—the joy of faith, they do good to many Christians, as I sincere- can offer will accomplish. lecture with the testimonies, written or unwrit- - will work for Christ, will live ior Christ, ly believe. They have awakened in me an Does your son bring the money home to stone, as they pass by to their work, and their ten, which painters, sculptors, orators, and And if this is so, how many there are who earnest desire for a more full assuraence of you that he earns every week?' asked a gen- pleasure! Dead, and lapsing toward forgetpoets, have rendered to the most thoughtful deny Christ by pretending to confess him. hope, or rather, they have been a means of tleman of a hard-working widow whom he was fulness! Dead, and the world moving, the suggesting book in the world.—Hamilton. My reader, are you one of them? How are increasing a desire I had always felt since I visiting.

or on my father's knee, I first learned to lisp ed of Jesus? verses from the sacred writings, they have been my daily study and vigilant contemplation. If there be anything in my style or thoughts to be commended, the credit is due to my kind parents in instilling into my mind an early love of the scriptures .- Daniel Web- Arthur remarks that men who loved Christ

I am of opinion that the Bible contains life, but left no hint of his height, complexmore true sensibility, more exquisite beauty, ion, features, or of any point that could help the earth, and that all who are called by his night to support us both. more pure morality, more important history, the mind to a personal image. Others wrote and finer strains of poetry and eloquence, long epistles, of which he was the Alpha and than can be collected from all other books, in Omega: but his form was as much kept se-

its language. - Fisher Ames.

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I rest in the Bible as the only book in

which is found true eloquence and wisdom.-Picus Mirandula.

There is no bock like the Bible for excel-

No writers, from the invention of letters to men turned aside and ran away from the min- the present time, are equal to the penman of first time, although he had heard much of the istry, as from a thing not to be chosen-when the books of the Old and New Testament, in men seem to consider the office of the minis- true excellence, utility and dignity. - Dr. Da-

Every word and syllable of the Bible ought this vocation, and to say that it is more fruit- to be adorned; it not only cannot be enough ful in liberty and more fruitful of joy than admired, but it cannot be too much admired.

possible we can study it too much, or esteem and, as he humble trusted, the Saviour of his

the most sublime philosophy .- Sir Isaac Newsuits. I am ashamed to see ministers going There are no songs comparable to the songs Said he: "On my way to them I expected to

I must confess to you that the majesty of is filled with the Holy Ghost? They are but the Scriptures astonishes me; the holiness of as specks of dust that settle on the garments the evangelists speaks to my heart, and has thankful to God on my account. I purpose to of the warrior in the heat of battle, which he such strong and striking characters of truth, to spend some time with them, and hope to be does not think of. There is nothing that tax- and is, moreover, so perfectly inimitable, that es every part of a man so wholesomely, and if it had been the invention of men, the inrewards him so well, as the genuine preach- ventions would be greater than the greatest that the Good Spirit of God may be wifh us,

PRAYER IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Oh! since from those mighty words, "Ven ily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he will give it you," the veil has withdrawn itself from before me; I stand before them in amazement, as before an open sanctuary, and scarcely know how to bear myself for astonishment and rapture, at the abundance of magnificent and blessed thoughts I see contained therein I behold, as it were, a throne of God erected upon this saying. Gleaming lightnings shoot forth therefrom on all sides, only to illume to my view the Holy of Holies in the temple of Christianity. The most blessed articles of he New Testament stand there grouped around it, in unveiled splendors, like sweet messengers of peace; and in its centre apprayers, to consecrate their children to the pears the whole glory of the gospel, condensed into one wonder-teeming-majestically-refulgent, burning point.

How disgraceful do we stand before them !- Lately a dear one has died. I dare not say how For, if the prayer in the name of Jesus is the he died, for God is merciful, and although he ship that is to carry us to the opposite shore, was kiud and moral, he has left us no assurwhere all that is desirable is to be obtained, it ance of a changed nature. I have two other is evident that there must be among us some friends who are apparently nearing the grave What can you do alone, I should like to know?' tions such as these: "Am I poor? so was my lack of people who know how to sail with this without hope, and I ask that you will pray for bark. The condition in which we are proves their conversion. They are men in business. it, otherwise things would have a different appearance in the midst of us. Heaven would not remain so little known and enjoyed. The esting families, for whom your prayers are alchurch would flourish like a lily, and gift up- so requested. on gift would be showered down upon us from on high. Our weakness judges and condemns us. We know not how to make use of the key which has been given to us; and what Jesus said to his disciples may also be applied to ourselves: "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name."-Krummacher.

CONFESSING CHRIST.

When confessing Christ ends with a mere profession of religion, and going to the Lord's table at stated times, it is no better than no

We do not confess Christ aright when we I have always found in my scientific stud- do not confess him openly, everywhere, and ies, that when I could get the Bible to say under all circumstances. The Christian must anything upon the subject, it afforded me a never be ashamed or afraid to have it known firm platform to stand upon, and a round in that he belongs to Christ. If his heart is full the ladder by which I could safely ascend .- of the love of Christ, he will be glad to show in any way that he is a Christian. Wherever I have for many years made it a practice to he is, he will be found with the people of

revelation, to history, or to morality, it is an In order to have a sure hope that Christ I can easily conceive why the Bible was must witness a continual and good confession. and other reports of the Fulton Street Pray- was enabled to pay for his lands. one of the four volumes which always lay on "Faith without work is dead." He who has er-Meeting; are always most interesting, and How much good the small gifts that we Reader! how little time must pass before From the time that, at my mother's feet, you confessing Christ? Are you ever asham- had hope that I was a child of grace, that I

"Ashamed of Jesus, that dear friend

with a love stronger than death, wrote his

whatever age or language they may be written. cret as the body of Moses, hidden by the Al- A brother said there was much in the remighty in an undiscovered grave. The Chris- quests presented to make us humble before drop upon her face. I will hazard the assertion that no man tian tombs and relies of the first centuries God. Some are anxious for the salvation of ever did, or ever will, become truly eloquent show no attempt to make an image of Christ: dear friends and relations, and others were as without being a constant reader of the Bible, Too deep a sense of the divine rested upon anxious—perhaps more anxious—for more WE learn that the Rev Dr. Morris has ning low. Save a neighbor in the cabin at and an admirer of the purity and sublimity of the early church to admit any attempt to grace and more love to God, and a more perpaint the human as it appeared in him.

Practical.

A STRANG ER said he was now here for the benefits this meeting had been to many persons. When he was young he left home to The Bible is a matchless volume; it is im- besides. There he found the Saviour of men, soul, and he had come back to the place where We account the Scriptures of God to be he was born-the town of Flushing-to inform his parents and friends who resided there what a blessed friend he had found in Jesus. them. They were all Catholics. I was a Catholic when I was converted. But the Holy spirit visited them before I came to them, and they received me with joy, and appeared to be

> and righteousness. A brother made a request in behalf of tw brothees of a sister who is now present, and who expresses a gueat anxiety on their account. She has several times before sent written requests for prayer for them.

A very interesting request was presented for the wife of a clergyman in Vermont, who has been for many years an invalid; for more than thirty years a professor of religion; but now in darkness and doubt, that she may be restored to health and to the joys of her Lord. She is snxious for a blessing of the people of her husband's charge, and desires prayer that God would pour out his spirit upon them, especially during the present winter, when extraordinary efforts are being made to do them good. That the husband, too, may have a fresh token of God's favor, in seeing the work of the Lord prosper in his hands.

Another said: "For many years my heart has prompted me to ask your prayers for those I love, but in every attempt God seemed Oh, how these mighty words chastise us! to say, 'Ask me yourself,' and I desisted .which they are on the point of giving up on account of their ill-health. Both have inter-

"I have decided to come to you for prayer, your little cup?" after reading in your report of one who had I cannot stand and look upon his sufferother Christians in behalf of their friends. - nose. In my troubles I made known to my daughprayer has been answered in relation to my put up his hand and felt the blessed moisture. ushand. I now come to ask you to pray in There was no mistake about it; and he smiled behalf of my sons. For the intemperate one triumphantly again. 'It is certainly coming,' who once professed to love the Saviour, but he said. precious time, pray for the mother and sis- farmer.

might be led into a more perfect knowledge of the power of grace in my own heart, and On whom my hopes of heaven depend?" realize in my own experience the blessed confidence which many express, and which seems the gentleman. to me to be warrented by the sacred words, as The widow burst into tears.

are we? What is this meeting? What pow- that Institution. It is understood that his that sometimes swept by; on one occasion lent learning, wisdom and use.—Sir Matthew The Fulton Street Praver Meeting. God for such blessings? "For one," said he, I feel humbled as in the presence of a power mightier and holier than men. and, like the Psalmist who, overwhelmed with the magnitude and glory of God, as he was revealed to him, am led to exclaim, 'What is man?' Yet, seek his fortune, and had travelled in many so merciful and condescending is our God that parts of the world, and had been in a good he gives us encouragement and constant asmeasure successful in obtaining this world's surance that he loves to hear the voice of goods, but in the for-distant city of Geneva he prayer from the most humble and weak of his found that which was more valuable than all children." And prayers were offered, in which appeared a unity and purpose of heart, that great blessings should rest not only upon

A Parable of the Rain-drop.

righteousness to all mer. _ Ch. Hill

For weeks there had been no rain. dry winds whirled the dust in the air; the earth was parched and hard; the grass was dry ing up, and the leaves and flowers were be burning up, and all the hopes of a geners harvest were fast disappearing.

useful to them, and I ask you to pray for my A young farmer had purchased a number parents and friends in Flushing, and for me, promise of large returns for the labor he might and that we all may be led in the way of truth expend upon them. He could not entirely pay for his farm in ready money, but expected from his crops to obtain enough to make up the sum agreed upon. He was not afraid of hard work, nor of rising very early in the morning. He spared neither care nor toil upon his land, nntil the whole farm looked like a garden, and his crops promised him a dry heated term had come upon him, and all aloud for moisture.

graver as he looked, for not a fleecy fringe of blessed gospel was preached.

young farmer.

rain-drop to its neighbor. said its amused fellow.

'Do you expect to water his farm and to Another repuest came from Pennsylvania: save his crops,' said the other drop, 'out of

was so similar to my own in regard to my them, and I am going down, if for nothing the wall is a headstone of crumbling slate .husband's death, that I feel constrained to else, to show him how sorry I am for him.' It is so mossy and weatherworn that the hourgive it to you for the encouragement of others The sad face was still turned to the sky, glass and cherubs which once adorned it are

that she had done so herself, and I believe thought it; for I cannot see a cloud.' He decay have done their work, and

now denies him. For another, that he may The other rain-drops saw the beautiful have more of the Holy Spirit. For the one smile with which the first was welcomed, and who has gone from home to pursue his calling, how much good it did the farmer, although hence, ten thousand years hence, it will be as that he may be kept from temptation and con- it had not watered his fatm and one said to it is now-only that all token that any morverted to God: and for the other, that he another. Let us also go down, and see what tality laid down there to its long sleep will be

ters, that they may so examine and humble 'There they come, blessed be God!' shout- judgement trumpet blows! themselves before God that their prayers may ed the farmer; and he turned such a grateful "Seventy years"—you can spell that on the come before him acceptably. I love your and loving face to the sky, that the other rain stone. Seventy years here; and two hunmorning immediately after rising from my among the wicked and unblieving, he will prayer-meetings, and remember it before my drops could not stand it any longer, but, one dred, two thousand, ten thousand, forever. Father. He seems to have heard your pray- after another, just as fast as they could rush, somewhere else! Where? and seems to me the most suitable manner of reproach for Christ's sake. If, like Peter he ers, though mine have remined unanswered they tumbled down towards him. The exam
Was it a good bargain if he gained they for twenty-seven years. Pray on, brethren. ple was irresistible. In a few moments the whole world for those few years, and lost his God hears, and he wil answer, never doubt." clouds seemed to cover the heavens. The soul forever? Was it a good bargain if he heart-felt devotion. Another writes: "I want Christians to pray precious rain descended in torrents. The lost his soul for the very little—the pitiably invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowl- will confess us his at the great day, we must for me, that I may experience a deeper work thirsty crops were abundantly watered, the little—of the world that he did get? If his confess him now by our lives. The daily life of grace in my heart. I read the Intelligencer, harvests were saved, and the grateful farmer lips could wake from their sleep again, what The Character of a True Christian.

'Oh, yes,' she answered.

'I trust he does,' was the answer. 'He must, then, be a comfort to you,' said sealed up for the last day!

the prvilege of all true disciples. Do pray for 'Oh,' said she, taking the gentleman's hand, tionalist. me that our Heavenly Father may give me 'if he would only speak kindly to me once in this grace and blessed assurance, and that all a while! If he would sometimes kiss me, my ransoned soul, body, and spirit may be and say, I love you, mother,' I would not ask devoted to him and his Son's blessed cause on him for his money, but would work day and

name may be led into the way of truth and The poor mother was hungering and thirst- strength and indurance. ing for the love of her child; but he never An old lady, who had moved from cultivat-

er is there in the mixed and ever-varying con- lectures will be delivered during the Summer there were not less than thirty of them .-

THE SIN OF SINS.

"O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?', It was a sad sight-a sight which, I suppose, angels will be amazed and grieved to see-when a sinful soul is awakened and alarmed, and yet afraid to come to Christ, lest Christ should shut the door in his face, ond upbraid him with his sins! A thought grows secretly, like an instinct of nature, in a guilty conscience, that the Sinless One will meet sinners according to their deserving. Instead of that wise conditional the elect of God, but mercy, and truth, and of the Psalmist, "If thou shouldst mark ini. Daily Prayer Meeting----a Contrast. of her father-Victor Hugo and Alexander quity," they come forward with an absolute sentence, "Thou wilt mark my iniquity to

> trust his dying, as evidence of his love. It is a mania of that kind which is some-

CHRIST'S SYMPATHY EOR THE POOR.—The Son of God appear to have felt an especial full return for all his labor. But now this sympathy for the poor. Some of his most tender words of consolation were expressly inhis hopes were blighted. He walked slowly tended for them. "Behold the fowls of the air. and sadly out upon his farm, surveying the for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor desolation caused by the blazing rays of the gather into barns; yet your Heavenly Father sun. His fields seemed to be fairly crying feedeth them. Are ye not better than they Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is If his crops were lost he could not make the kingdom of heaven." The rich were not his payment, and his farm must be given up. shut out: Nicodemus, the ruler, was receiv-He turned his anxious face up to the heavens, ed; the offerings of the wise men of the and looked in every direction to see if he could | East were accepted. But let us not forget discover a sign of a cloud; and his face grew that it was emphatically to the poor that the

sus!-Arnot.

a cloud came between him and a burning sky. Poverty, suffering in feliowship with the A little drop of rain, far up in the heavens, Son of God, and so aced by hie sympathy, has happened to be looking down at this moment. a luster greater than that which sparkles It saw the sorrowful face of the unfortunate from the diadems of kings. The pious Lazarus is comforted not only when borne to Abra-'I am going down to comfort him,' said the ham's bosom, but when lying in rags at the gate, seeking crumbs from the rich man's ta-The next rain-drop laughed aloud at this. ble. His crust may be sweetened with reflection the Consistory Rooms. The wans are bare.

The seats are hard, and crowded together to Lord. Am I hungry? so was my Lord .-'I can show my good-will to him, at least,' Am I homeless? the Son of Man had not answered the benevolent little rain-drop. I where to lay his head. Shall not the disciple shall do all I can for him, and the best can do be as his Lord, and the servant as his great Master."

Are You Ready?

We pass an ancient burrying-ground every good hope in a brother's death. That instance ings without doing all in my power to relieve morning on our way to work. Just inside to pray always, nothing doubting, and that when, dropping down like a shining pearl, the faint and obscure. Only an antiquary can ry who originated the meeting, and has con they may not hesitate to ask the prayers of little rain-drop fell plump upon the farmer's make out the name upon it. If one were to dig down and search for the body of the man At twelve precisely the leader opens the meet-'Thank God.' said the farmer, devoutly; who, with many tears, was buried there more ter the desire I had often felt, to ask your 'the blessed shower is certainly coming;' and than two hundred years ago, he would find no prayers in behalf of my family. She replied he smiled all over his face. 'Who would have trace, either of coffin or skeleton. Time and

lost each human trace, surrendering up His individual being, he has gone To be a brother to the insensible rock

Turns with his share, and treads upon. Two hundred years hence, a thousand years may give himself to Christ in his youth; and will happen.' So down went two or three of growning less and less, untill it shall disapfor all conditions and classes of men, thanksnext sesson; among them, "The Gospel of lear friends, if not asking too much of your them, rattling upon the head and face of the pear altogether, and, only Omniscience shall remember that dead! It will be so when the

would they say?

people will be reading your name upon some sun shining by day and the moon by night, the streets thronged with old multitudes-all 'Does he keep away from bad company?' the going on of life the same as before you were withdrawn from it all, and your account

Are you ready for that time ?- Congrega-

Comfort From Little Things.

The heart in its despondency may be cheered by trifling incidents, and nerved for

thought to offer her what seemed so little a ed society to a desolate region, was once asked she replied: "Only once, during an almost uninterrupted snow-storm. We could not get fect conformity to his holy will. And who nia College, Lecturer on Natural History in creatures that we knew were a pack of wolves

gregation that assembles here from day to day, Session, and will not interfere with his pres- This was a dismal time; my heart almost that they should be appealed to to plead with ent engagements in Baltimore. - Luth. Miss. sank within me. Just when I felt like giving up entirely, I heard a sweet song-a clear how it thrilled me. I looked from the window, and there, right on the corner of our dwelling, it sat carolling just as sweet as if it were June. This gave me fresh courage .- in Paris in order to have the marriage con-Said I to my husband, "If that wee bit of a

back Christ's love in his face, and will not est in the city. Somebody gave each of them informed, he repeated, hesitatingly: an old farm in the lower part of the city, which at the time was regarded as a very final t? time seen among the diseases that afflict hu- small gift, but when cut up into house lots, or manity, in which the patient conceives a dead- covered with mammoth warehouses, has made wilting upon their stems; the crops seemed to ly distrust of his best friends. Such is the each party millionaires. These churches are malady, that the poor diseased brain sets up in the lower part of the city, and are known in imagination a hierarchy of those who hate as Trinity church and the North Reformed him; and his apprehension of injury is great- Dutch church. Both of these bodies maintain of acres of land, well situated, and giving good est from the one who loves him most. This a daily prayer meeting. That of Trinity is on of his will be turned upside down when the a very grand scale. The great cathedral is name here?" mania is cured. Oh that the spiritual mad- thrown open at nine and four. The services ness were removed fr om decieved hearts, and are conducted with all the pomp and cerethat those who stood at a distance in slavish mony that attend the Sabbath services. Robed Delarouche answered they were painters, the terror, might be seen sitting at the feet of Je- priests march in procession, fill the chancel, and read the full morning and evening service. Sometimes there are a dozen persons in the pews, sometimes less. Those present are most- ed him, and he muttered morosely something ly women, and a few antiquated men, who are about "unbecoming behaviour," as Ingress reevidently there because they have nothing else to do. In the lower end of the house there are more or less strangers walking around, and gazing about at the sights, the house being open for inspection, and they evidently regarded the services at the other end of the house as something to be looked at, but not to be participated in. On saint's day, when there s a choral service, there are more people present. But they leave in flocks when the singng is over and the religious services begin .-The little choral boys, dressed in their sur- known. plices, yawn and lay round on the chancel floor, or play with each other or the toys they bring with them, while the service is going

> held at the hour of noon. There is no plainer room in New York than the lecture room the Consistory Rooms. The walls are bare .make room, and are very uncomfortable. Th surroundings are unattractive, and little suited to devotion. The meeting is held in the midst of the busiest portion of New York .-The bells of the horse-cars, the shouts of car men, the noise of artisans, the hammer and saw of the carpenter, the whistle of the lo comotive, the blowing off of steam, and other noises of busy life, come directly into the room. The singing is congregational, with no artistic attraction-good revival tunes and experimental hymns, such as would be scouted fatiguing walk with his sister, "I am weary; ducted its music for ten consecutive years.— through the window, lighted up the shelves ing, usually a layman. He may be educated; ters of thought with whom for so many years he may be illiterate; he may be dressed as a he had held silent but high and enduring merchant, or as a carman; his hair may be communion. Raising himself by a sudden frosted with years, or he may be a young man effort from his pillow, he commenced a regujust commenced a Christian life, but he is a lar lecture upon New Testament exegesis. warm-hearted Christian. Before the meeting Soon a new image passed before his restless closes the room will be packed. Earnest men fancy. Imagining himself at the weekly And to the sluggish clod, which the rude and women will fill all the standing room.— meeting of his beloved Seminarium, surround-All names are here represented. Men come ed by his fondly attached theological pupils, from the sea, from the mountains of Asia, he called for the reading of a dissertation, from the hot sands of Arabia, from India, shortly before assigned, on the material and from the Old World, and all parts of the formal principle of the Reformation. He then New. Earnest prayers, sharp and telling in- dictated the titles of the different courses of cidents, the swelling chorus of songs, prayers lectures to be delivered by him during the givings for remarkable answers to prayer, fill John, from its true historical point of view." up the hour which is always too short. So, His last thoughts amid the struggles of

1. A sincere man. 2. A pure-minded man.

3. A heavenly-minded man

4. An affectionate man. 5. A man lowly esteeming his spiritual

attainments. 6. A dilligent man.

7. A zealous man. 8. A godly man.

9. A cheerful man. 10. A patient man.

11. A prayerful man. 12. A benevolent man.

13. A hospitable man. 14. A forbearing and forgiving man.

15. A sympathizing man.

16. A man placing a low estimate on earthly distinctions. 17. A man modest in his opinions.

18. A man regardful of the esteem of others, and of his own reputation.

19. A peaceable man. 20. A good citizen.

21. A man upright in his business.

22. A man mindful of the flight of time. 23. A man of daily growth in grace.

24. A man of sobriety.

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Unknown at Home.

The proverb used by our Saviour, that a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, has had many illustrations. The cheerful piping of a bird. You cannot tell following is one of the most interesting that we remember to have seen:

On a bea utiful spring day of the year 1843 a small bridal party entered the mayor's office tract drawn up. Small as was this company, thing can sing, much more can I;" and I it was very select. The bridegroom was a struck up a hymn of praise to God, and his talented young painter, who at the present bass voice made an excellent accompaniment. day enjoys a very considerable celebrity, and We felt better and that was the last of our his witnesses were Ingress and Paul Delarouche, two masters of the French school .-The bride had selected as witnesses two friends Dumas. After the mayor had written down the names and position of the couple, turning me." Thus perversly does a soul throw land are in New York. They are the two old-

> "Hugo? How is that written? Has it a The poet dictated letter for leter, when the mayor, with hightened dignity, addressed the

second question to him: "What protession do you follow" "None at all, said Victor Hugo, laughingly. "Indeed! no profes ion? But you can at

least write, so that you can at least sign your This being answered in the affirmative, the other witnesses came up. As Ingress and officer measured them with a disdainful glance over his spectacles, and said, "Room or sign painters?" The laugh of the company yex-

plied, "Write simply painter." Alexander Dumas understood better how to extricate himself from the affair, for he gave in that he was an annuitant, which placed him very much above his companions in the estimation of the mayor, who from now addressed him alone, and showed him every civility. All these men were then at the zenith of their fame: and yet their names had remained unnoticed and unknown, just here by Paris, while abroad they were everywhere

Death of Neander.

No more striking illustration was ever given of the "ruling passion strong in death,"than in the last hours of the beloved Neander. His thoughts, even when reason wandered. were on his work. Mrs. Conant gives the

following sketch: A wine bath had been prepared for him as a last resort. Refreshed and strenthened by it, he was borne from the darkened room where he had lain hitherto into his study, that cheerful little apartment opening to the sun, which had been so long the workshop and the paradise of the man of thought .-Here for nearly twenty years he had studied and written. From this spot had gone forth those great works which have delighted and instructed Christendom. Ere long he murmured, dreamingly, as if at the close of a long

Just then the rich sunset glow, pouring

from year to year, without pomp, patronage or death were devoted to the great labor of his display, this meeting, so full of rich, ripe life. Beginning at the passage of his Church fruits, holds on its beneficent way. These two History where sickness had arrested his pro prayer-meetings exhibit the contrast between gress, he resumed the thread of thought, and spiritual worship and worship of form; one in spite of interruptions, continued to dictate that touches the soul, and one that touches in regular periods for some time. At the the sense; between Ritualism and earnest close of each sentence he paused, as if his amenuensis were taking down his words, and asked, "Are you ready?" Having closeed a division of his subject, he inquired the time. Being told that it was half past nine, the patient sufferer repeated once more, "I am weary, I will now go to sleep!" Having by the aid of friendly hands stretched himself in bed for his last slumber, he whispered, in a tone of inexpressible tenderness, which sent a strange thrill through every heart, "Good night!" It was his last word. He immediately fell into a sleep, which continued four hours, when his great spirit, in the quiet of a Sabbath morning, passed gently into the land of peace.

> THE HIGHLAND BOY'S FAITH.—A traveller in Scotland observed some choice and rare plants growing on the edge of a precipice:-He could not reach them, but offered to a litthe Highland boy a handsome present if he would consent to be lowered to the spot by a rope around his waist. The boy hesitated, he looked at the money, and thought of all that it would purchase, for his parents were poor, and had few of the comforts of life; but then, as he glanced at the terrible precipice, he shuddered and drew back. At length his eye brightened, and he said, with decision, "I'll go if father will hold the rope." And he

"This boy's trust," says the Rev. Dr. Wise is the beautiful illustration of the faith which saves the soul; for as he put himself into his father's hands to be bound with the 25. A man clothed with the spirit of rope and lowered down the gorge to pluck the coveted flowers, so must you pur Christ's hands to be pardoned."-Historical Handbills.

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN

REVS. P. ANSTADT & C. LEPLEY, EDITORS.

Selinsgrove, Pa., December 19, 1867 THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN FOR

We are making arrangements for some de heading, &c., and we will engage some of the more than ten years ago. best writers in the Church as regular correspondents and contributors to its columns .-We will also devote our time more exclusively to the paper, in selecting suitable reading matter, and writing editorials. We hope in some respects to be able to make the AMERICAN LUTHERAN the best paper in the Church.

Will the friends of our paper, the advocates of American Lutheranism, sustain us in this work? Friends and Brethren, now is might be called so, bacause they emigrate the time to begin the work of canvassing for from their native country into heathen lands. subscribers. Let all go to work in earnest. Let ministers recommend it to their people from the pulpit, and take it with them in their pastoral visits, show it to the people and they land in Castle Garden, New York. Last get them to subscribe; it will do their people good. Let the present subscribers show the of this mission, and now he is writing commupaper to their neighbors and urge them to nications for some of the German papers in

Any person, minister or laymen, lady or gentleman, who will secure four new subscribers, with the pay \$2,00, shall receive the pa-symbolic Lntherans in the City of Hamburg. per one year gratis.

We also offer the following premiums to those who will engage to raise clubs of subscribers for the AMERICAN LUTHERAN.

procuring Lange's Commentary as premiums day morning the dark forms of men going out Synod of Maryland, but whether is now, or for subscribers, and can afford to sell them into the fields to labor. But I could scarcely ever has been considered 'a leading member, we will send two volumes; for eighteen we where the mail coach usually stops. I first leaders in the Gen. Council seceded from the to constitute the Synod. will send three, and for twenty-four subscri- drank a cup of coffee and then inquired for Gen. Synod on account of disappointed ambers we will send the four volumes that a church. I soon found St. Peters, which bition. Some of them wanted to be elected to the General Synod was now introduced, are now published. This affords a first-rate since the great fire, has been rebuilt; the to professorships in the Theological Seminary, pending which a resolution was passed, that opportunity for congregations who desire to steeple was not yet finished. make their pastor a present of a most desira- What I saw on the streets around this in Synod, and as they were disappointed in it was separated from the General Synod. ble Christmas or New-Years present. What church at least in one direction I do not wish this, they withdrew, and went to work to get congregation will be the first to send in 24 to describe at all. Inside I found a splendid up another Gen. Synod of their own, where Synod, as follows: Rev. Stuckenberg, Prim subscribers, to get one of the best Comment- house of God, with two preachers in their they could rule, and have things according to Rev. Goetman, Sec. Lay Delegates Mr. P

For 60 new subscribers with the pay in ad- crament of the Lord's Supper would be celevance. (\$2,00 each,) we will send one of Pel- brated. Thinks I the Holy Sacrament may and begin to press the American Lutheran. &c, retail price, \$110, or any other Melodeon or Cottage Organ they may select. For a less or Cottage Organ they may select. For a less tell the end. What should hinder me from tell the end. What should hinder me from the contaking it with them? And behold the number of subscribers, a lower priced instru- partaking it with them? And behold the

The way is now open for all men, women and children to earn a premium, and at the fused minister of the Word, receives the absame time, to extend the circulation of the AMERICAN LUTHERAN. Let all go to work approaches with other pious christians to the in good earnest, and give us the joy of adding 1000 subscribers to our list with the beginning of the next year. It can be done.

ONE MORE NUMBER

Will complete the third volume of the American Lutheran. We entreat all those who are still in arrears, to send in their subscription money without delay, as we need it most urgently: We also trust our friends and agents will go to work now in good earnest to get new subscribers. This is the most favorable time in the whole year to get new subscribers when a new volume begins, and the long winter nights are employed in reading.

who have been getting the paper gratis for that were very well attended. This depends their agencies, that they should send in at very much on the character of the pastor .least three or four new subscribers, otherwise But as regards private confession and absoluwe cannot afford to send them the paper gra- tion it is a fair characteristic of them all. So

Who wants Lange's Commentary? Lange's Commentary is one of the best for ministers and Sunday School Teachers. It has been pronounced the most comprehensive and important Biblical work of the age. We offer absolution of the Symbolists the same as that this Commentary as a premium for new sub- practiced by the Roman Catholics? scribers. There are now four volumes of this Commentary published, namely one on Math- Catholics is called Auricular Confession be- of God, and by an imperative conviction of ew, one on Mark and Luke, one on the Acts, cause it is whispered into the ear of the duty, respectfully beg leave to withdraw from and one on the Epistles of James, Peter, priest, and that of the Symbolists is called this Convention of the Synod, leaving it to the John and Jude. By an especial arrangement Private Confession, because the communicant guidance of our Heavenly Father, to deterwith the publisher, we can offer this Commen- confesses his sins privately but with an audi- mine, in the future, what course to pursue. tary cheaper than we have yet seen it offered | ble voice to his pastor. as a premium in any other paper. The price James. - Do they undertake to confess all is \$5,00 a volume. For six subscribers with their sins? the pay in advance, \$2,00 each, we will send coming. What pastor of an English congre- that of the Symbolists? gotion could not get from 6 to 24 subscribers for the American Lutheran in his charge ?-What more suitable Christmas or New Years' present could a congregation make to their beloved pastor, than the four volumes of Lange's Commentary?

REVIVALS .- From different parts of the church we hear of revivals of religion and accessions to the church are anticipated from the gracious outpourings of the Spirit of God. We will mention a few of the places

DANVILLE, PA.—Quite an extensive revi- ed the so-call General Council. val is reported as being in progress in Dan- Jomes—Do the General Council also prac- held an informal meeting in Dr. Martin's of- the scorn of the world that has little charity ville, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Geo. tice Private Confession and Absolution. Rhodes. Some fifty conversions have already Peter.—No, and I think they will hardly Worthington, Armstrong county, on the 4th threatening voices within, health gone, haptaken place, of whom about forty design to be able to introduce it. I am inclined to day of December, 1867. connect themselves with the Lutheran church think, that the more intelligent part of the As briefly as I can possibly make it, this is soul of my fellow-man with him from whose Rev's Dr. Zeigler, Williams and Kloss She was not suddenly removed from this next Sunday.

Conversations in the Sanctum Between Peter, James and John.

(John, seated in the sactum surrounded by iles of newspapers and periodicals, reading Brobst's "Zeitschrift.")

(Enter Peter and James. Peter, Well John, I see you are reading the "Zeitschrift," can you find anything interesting or edifying in that dull prosy German ided improvements in the AMERICAN LUTH- paper? I never saw one spark of wit or hu-ERAN for the year 1868. We intend to im- mor in that paper, at least none from the ediprove its typographical appearance, buy a new tor, since it is published, and I believe that is

John, I am reading an article here that is omewhat interesting, though not very edify-

John: It is a letter from Rev. Neuman the Emigrant Missionary who is now travelling n Germany.

sionary? It seems to me all missionaries John, O. you don't understand this. He is called an "Emigrant Missionary." because he labors among the German Emigrants as summer he went to Germany in the interest which he gives an account of his experience and adventures in the "Fatherland." In this article he gives a rather gloomy picture of

James,-Let us hear the account. Peter-Give me the paper I'll translate as I go along. (Translates) "During the night I rode in the mail coach to Hamburg, where I arrived on Sunday morning. Here I must Lange's Commentary .- We have made spe- confess that I was dreadfully shocked, when cial arrangements with Scribner & Co., for I saw in the dim twilight of the blessed Sunlower than we have seen them offered as pre- believe my senses, when, as our couch entermiums in any other paper. For six (6) new ed the city, I found a regular early market on subscribers with the money (\$2,00 each) in the streets or in the market place, where all advance, we will send any one volume of sorts of vegetables were sold. As I was a to- Synod"? Lange's Commentary; for twelve subscribers tal stranger in the city I remained at the hotel

aries as a Christmas present to their pastor? seats, and one candidate on the pulpit. He their own wills. I doubt whether they ever Graff, Prim. Mr. C. Yeager, Sec. To those who desire to receive other pre- had on a narrow gown, a white cravat around would have obtained all this, even with the Synod then entered very heartily into the miums, we can offer Sewing Machines and his neck, and was reading his sermon before a exercise of ever so much patience in the G en work of Home Missions, and resolved to have great crowd of empty seats, and a few others Synod. For 50 new subscribers, with the advance very thinly occupied. The collection was tak- James-I suppose they acted on the princi- For this purpose Rev. Barnitz and Earnest payment (\$2,00 each,) we will send a first-class en up by women, and all the other duties of ple, 'Rule or Ruin,' I remember reading in were appointed a committee to confer with the Family Sewing Machine, the retail price of the church were performed by them to my no Miltons' Paradise lost of a fallen angel who Superintendent of the Home Mission Society. which is \$60. Then they can take their choice small astonishment, inasmuch as these are declared that he would rather rule in hell. At this stage of the proceedings, Brother and select an Empire, Howe, Willcox & Gibbs old genuine churches of our Confession. At than serve in heaven.

oubet's Melodeons, 5 octave, rosewood cases, not be offered to you again in your travels of &c, retail price, \$110, or any other Melodeon which you know the beginning, but canst not stranger from America steps into the Sacristi, makes his confession before the somewhat consolution in the name of the Triune God, and

> left my hat, and found the pastors had al- 1852. ready gone, and left only the sexton behind

The reader may immagine what kind of an impression this makes upon a church goer ended my first visit in Hamburg.'

James, That's a lamentable state, for Lutheranism to be in, in the ancient city of Hamburg. Is this the case with the symbolic Lutheran churches everywhere,

Peter-I should think not, so far as the attendance at public worship is concerned. I We would especially remind those, ministers have been in so-called Old Lutheran churches also is symbolism calculated to foster a laxity in the observance of the Sabbath, for the sym- lished by Luther and the great Reformation a number of other congregations in different

John.—Do you regard this confession and tion of this Synod. (Art. 13, Sec. 2.)

Peter.—The Roman Catholics do, but the A S Miller. any one of the four volumes; for 12 subscri- Symbolists are required to confess only the A M Strauss. bers we will send two volumes; and for 24 most agravated sins, those of a lesser heineous- S F Breckenridge. subscribers we will send the four volumes .- ness they are permitted to pass over in silence. J Wright, Some subscriptions have already been sent in James Is there any difference between J G Goetman. as premiums for these books, and more are the absolution of the Roman Catholics and G F Ehrenfeld,

> Peter.-Very little, if any James.—Can you tell us anything more J H W Stuckenberg. about this Rev. Neuman?

Peter-He was once a missionaay in China and says he was very intimate with the sainted good while, however, and has served a Ger- the petitioners. the seceders that have now gone off and form- words "beg leave to" stricken out.

of it, for I see that a writer in the Lutheran the Pittsburg Synod. and Missionary speaks against those Luther-

other than that of the Symbolical Books and pleasure, to attend their meeting. of Germany in the sixteenth century. The inference therefore is plain that they dont der by the President, pro tem, Rev. A. C want the Lutheranism of the sixteenth cen- Ehrenfeld, of the former meeting, and Rev. tury but of the nineteenth century, that they S. B. Barnitz, Sec. do not want German Lutheranism, but Am-

James-Hurrah for the General Council They want to come back to American Lutheranism; we must encourage them in this. Peter-John, who wrote that article in the

Lutheranism of "other days and lands?" John-It is an editorial, but no one can and lay, as a guide to the committee. ell who wrote it. The only responsible name On Thursday morning the committee report-James, why is he called an "Emigrant Miswho write the editorials in the Lutheran and dissenting voice. Missionary are not known, they are a kind of literary bushwhackers, who hide themselves

> behind poor Bickel. heard of literary bushwhackers?

John-Here is another interesting little edtorial item in the Luth. and Miss. (reads) We have just received a note from a leading ouncil. If you had only had a little more hearts. patience, you could have got that, and more oo, in the General Synod."

ng member" that wrote this note?

Peter-It sounds very much like my friend | His guidance, in the future. John' of Baltimore. He is a member of the I would not pretend to say.

James-What does he mean by saying, 'you could have got all and more in the Gen

Peter-It is generally believed that the

John-It's perfectly awful.

THE PITTSBURG SYNOD.

Synod, at Rochester, Pa., resolved itself out hymn I returned to the Sacristi, where I had its connection with the General Synod in others, whose names I did not hear, life mem-

Last October, at Greenville, Pa., the Pitts- Missions. burg Synod took up the "Fundamental Prineiples of Faith," proposed by the Convention held at Reading in the month of December, and communicant. For the rest of the Sun- 1866, "discussed, and finally adopted them." day I remained quietly in my room, and thus Immediately after the result was announced, the following paper was presented:

GREENVILLE, PA., Oct. 15, 1867. of the Pittsburg Synod have adopted the of pastors for the Home Mission field with-"Fundamental Principles of Faith," proposed in the bounds of this Synod, therefore stitution, with the Testimony of the Pitts- ary President. burg Synod, adopted at Zelionople-with the great principles of liberty, respecting all hubolical Books deny the divine obligation of of the 16th century, with the true spirit of parts. Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld was appointed

to the original doctrinal position and the Con-Peter.—Not precisely. That of the Roman stitution of this Synod, impelled by the fear

Signed by MINISTERS LAY DELEGATES H K Ainsler, David Gibson, I C Smith, Jacob Hahn Peter Graff, George Kribbs. W E Crebs,

Upon this paper the following resolution was passed Resolved. That for the reasons above given

H Gathers,

English members must be getting very sick the history of the meeting of the minority of hands it came."

Sympathizing with these brethren as to ans who "insist on a rigid practice peculiar to the noble stand they had taken, and being loother days and lands." Now this I consider a cated within the bounds of this Synod, tho clear case of "backing down." For the Lu-still retaining my connection with the Marytheranism of "other days and lands" is none land Synod, I thought it my duty as well as

At 2 o'clock the meeting was called to or

A committee was then appointed consisting of Revs. Stuckenberg, Ehrenfeld and Goetman, to prepare a minute in reference to the status of the Pittsburg Synod and their relation to it. Synod then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to allow a free dis-Lutheran and Missionary that repudiates the cussion of the subject, for the purpose of gaining the opinions of the brethren, clerical

that appears at the head of the Lutheran and ed. After a debate of considerable ability, Missionary is that of Rev. Henry M. Bickel, and some verbal alterations, the following and he is mearly "office editor." The men minute was unanimously adopted. Not one

Whereas, It is our conviction, that the course taken by us at Greenville, was right: we hereby confirm that action, and therefore James, (smiling audibly) Ha, ha, who ever we are in duty bound to regard ourselves as the Pittsburg Synod, and will continue the same with its original doctrinal position, its

Constitution and its name. The brethren were fully sensible of the immember in one of the Synods still in connec- portance of the stand they were taking, -solion with the so-called General Synod, who emnity characterized the movement. The says: 'I have read all the proceedings of your vote was the decided conviction of honest

After this vote was taken, bro. Stuckenberg was called upon, by the Chair, to return James.-Who do you suppose is this "lead- thanks to God for his superintendence, in the past, and supplicate the Throne of Grace for

An election now took place for officers for the ensuing year, which resulted thus: Rev. G. F. Ehrenfeld, President.

" S. B. Barnitz, Secretary, " C. Yeager, Treasurer.

The roll having been called, and certificate of Delegates being handed in, it was found that there were 11 ministers and 7 delegates

The subject of the relations of this Synod others wanted to be the leading, ruling men Synod rescind its action at Rochester, by which Delegates were then elected to the General

a connection with the Home Mission Society. Officer gave a most satisfactory account of the werk of Missions in the West. This was the Peter-But now we must close the sanetum more gratifying to the brethren of this Synod as the cause of Home Missions hitherto, had been partially neglected, if not positively opposed. After communion in the evening, the mission work still went on. Bro. Officer continuing his remarks, and thereby created a most profound interest in this most important of all the general benevolent works of the Lutheran church in this country. The Synod Last October one year ago, the Pittsburg made their President a life member by the contribution of \$25. The congregation made of the General Synod. The majority ruled their pastor, Bro. Swartz, a life member. Mr. With the last Amen of the concluding the Synod into the position it occupied before P. Graff made Mrs. Swartz, and three or four bers. In all nearly \$200 were raised for Home

A committee on examination was appointed. The following brethren were elected Directors to the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg

Rev. Breckenridge, cherical, and Mr. P Graff,

Rev. J. G. Goetman read the following: Whereas There is great need of earnest Whereas, The majority of the Convention and prayerful effort to supply the destitution

by the Convention held at Reading, Dec. 18- Resolved, That during this Jubilee year. 66, which "Principles" we believe to be in we call the special attention of our congregaconflict with the doctrinal position of this tions, to the Home Mission field, and that each Synod, as stated in the Preamble of the Con- pastor make quarterly reports to the Mission-

> VACANT CONGREGATIONS. Brookville charge, Shannondale, Berkhei

man authorities in matters of faith, as estab- ser, Hausers, Red Bank, New Lebanon, and the Lutheran Church, and with the Constitui- missionary, to visit these different charges and preach amongst them, strive to organize them, Therefore, We, the undersigned, adhering and the Con Missionary President, Rev. Goetman, of Pitts
of The Synod of Central Pa. From all accounts there are large fields of

usefulness in some of those upper counties where ministers are very much needed. Religious exercises were conducted on Thursday morning by your humble servant, and in toral care of Rev. G. M. Settlemoyer, on the prayer, to meet again at Aaronsburg in March the evening by Rev. Stuckenberg, after which evening of the 5th of December 1867. the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the Synod and congregation. day evening by the President, Rev. J. G. On the evening previous Rev. Officer preach- Anspach of Mifflinburg. ed. On Friday morning Synod adjourned to meet again, God willing, in Salem, Clarion devotional exercise, Conference opened for the Co., the 3d Thursday of Oct. 1868.

Thus ended, finally, the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Pittsburg Synod, tho' ters and delegates to be in attendance. reduced in number by the secession of the majority, yet none the less the Pittsburg Studebaker, D. Kloss, H. Zeigler D. D., W. Yours Truly,

Gutzlaff. He has been in this country a it is impossible to grant the request of mer beautifully says: "The little I have William Emerick (Rev. Settlemoyer's) Philip seen of the world and known of the history of Sheueberger (Rev. William's. man Lutheran congregation in Pittsburg for Pending the discussion of this resolution, mankind, teaches me to look upon their erseveral years. After that he was appointed one of the petitioners asked that the paper be rors in sorrow, not in anger. When I take missionary for the emigrants in New York. recommitted to them. This was done and the history of one poor heart that has sinned He is usually a very clever, sociable man. The permission given to withdraw for consultation. and suffered, and represent to myself last time I saw him was at Fort Wayne, After a brief absence, the petitioners return- the struggles and temptations it passed where he took a very prominent part with ed and presented the same paper, with the through; the brief pulsations of joy; the feverish inquietudes of hope and fear: the These brethren accordingly withdrew, and tears of regret; the feebleness of purpose; fice, where they mutually agreed to meet at the desolation of the soul's sanctuary, and piness gone; I would fain leave the erring Sell.

Church Rews.

Rev. G. A. Roth writes to us from Daven-

LUTHERAN MISSION DAVENPORT.

I preach at four places among the German Holstine people, who are very strong in body, but feeble in religion. Sunday is to them no more than any other day, at least it has been so, but I hope the Lord has begun a good work here. When I preached the first sermon in my lower oppointment, a little villiage called, Wallcut, I was mocked and cursed .-The next time six of these people came to church; the next time seven; next time thirty; next about seventy, and next about one hundred and fifty. Brethren, you do not know how I felt; my heart leaped for joy and I thanked my Lord with tears.

The last time I preached there I organized a congregation, appointed officers, about thirty gave in their names for membership.

My next appointment is called Hickory Grove. There the Lord has also been good to me. However I cannot tell when I shall organize, But I hope to have a class of catechumens there before long. In my other two stations the work is not quite so promising, but I have great reason to thank God even for what is being done at these places.

I have also invitations to some other places to come and preach, but I could not do so yet, I have my hands full, and have to visit a great deal, by which I find I can do a great deal of good.

I have also circulated five dollars worth tracts, which my dear friend, W. N. Thissiel, of Philadelphia, General Agent of Colportage presented to me. I have sent for some more to Chicago, but have not received any as yet, and I have no money to buy any, as my salary is not very large. Here we live in small houses, and in winter we find it very cold, I find this out especially when I cross the praries, where I have to wrap up right warm or else the wind would chill me through If any good brother feels interested in this great work out here in the far west, let him send me something to help me in my sup-

I tell you my dear brethren, there is a great work to be done here, and some of our ministers who can preach German, and love their German brethren ought to come out here .-Two weeks ago I took a trip out west about 150 miles. There I found a settlement of Germans who had no minister, and have never had one. However, they built a church, and one of the dear people reads for them every Sunday. They are Lutherans, and want me to preach for them. So much for the present. Some other time I may write again, and let ple you know how we are getting along.

Installation in Sunbury, Pa-

G. N. Roth.

The services connected with the installation of Rev. G. W. HEMHERLY, as pastor of the Lutheran church at Sunbury, Pa., took place on Sabbath, the 15th inst.

Rev. J. Evans, President of the Susquehanna Synod, was assisted by the undersigned the former preached a sermon to the members of the church and performed the litur-

I will say nothing concerning the merits of the discourses, for I am decidedly opposed to these constant puffs of ministers and their sermons, in our religious papers. It is one of the follies and sins of the age, and it has ruined many a promising occupant of the pulpit, especially amongst our young men. I have neard it said, that the success of Spurgeon lies in this-"that he has come down so low that Spurgeon is nowhere, and Jesus Christ is everywhere." Brethren in the ministry, let us get down lower, that we may raise our Master higher. What we need more than even great learning, is as Apostolic baptism of the Holy Ghost. To secure this—a higher type of experimental and practical religion in the ministry and the laity-I have solemaly vowed to consecrate the energies of my remaining days.

I think the newly installed pastor has a heart and mind to work for Jesus. May God give his people hearts to work with him .-Brethren, remember the words of the Master. Son, go work to-day in my vineyard." H. ZIEGLER.

The Northern Conference of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania met according to appointment in the Ev. Lutheran Church of Center Hall, Centre Co. Pa., under the pas-The opening sermon was preached on Thurs-

On Friday morning after half an hour of transaction of business.

The Roll Call showed the following minis-MINISTERS: Revs. J. G Anspach, E. L. Heisler, A. C. Felker, G. M. Settlemoyer, iams, W. H. Gotwald.

LAY DELEGATES :- Conrad Strubb, (Rev. A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT.—Dr. Chal- Heisler's,) Samuel Herring (Rev. Felker's,)

THE ABSENTEES were Revs. E. Grothe, J.

the celebration of the seventh Jubilee of the the gentle chastening of her Father's hand

change of opinion adopted :ened the following

I. The diffusion of information relative to 1. By preaching as frequently as convenient on subjects intimately connected with the

each of our churches. 2. By frequent joint meetings, embracing to God. the co-operation of several pastors.

Reformation—if possible, once a month in

3. By the circulation of tracts, original or selected, and other literature having a direct bearing on the reformation, as also, on the objects contemplated in the celebration of this

II. Raising contributions. This part of the plan must be left, in

can only mrke the following suggestions: male and female, old and young, and especial- happy as to meet her in heaven.

ly our Sabbath schools. 2. The efforts itself may consist of only one. or of several applications during the year, or even of monthly contributions. These centributions should be aditional to our ordinary

and annual synodical benevolent operations. 3. These contributions should be solicited by personal application to our people, either by the pastor or suitable committees, or by for a little space in your excellent paper, and subscriptions taken in the church.

III. The objects to which our contributions on me. shall be devoted.

These objects are-Home and Foreign months ago, I took charge of the Beggar's general benevolence.

Respectfully submitted H. Ziegler.

Daniel Kloss. Grace, "of which we are glad."

The following resolution was passed:

Hackenberger, Kloss and Lazarus. of the place of next Conference meeting. Rev. P. Anstadt was appointed to prepare an essay for the next meeting of Conference, giving a satistical view of the benevolent operations of different denominations in our

tinued as speakers for next meeting. tral truth of the Reformation-Justification clear of it. by Faith-Rev. D. Kloss read his essay on the Augsburg Confession. It was an excellent production and listened to with marked attention. He was requested by vote of Conference to send a copy to Am. Lutheran and Lutheran Observer for publication.

Our Conference territory was divided into three districts, in which the ministers residing in those districts are to hold the special Jubilee meetings during the year as recommended in the "Plan."

The Secetary was requested to prepare an abstract of the proceedings of Conference for American Lutheran and Lutheran Observer. Conference adjourned with singing and J. A. Hackenberger,

> For the American Lutheran. IN MEMORIAM.

Departed this life in Gettysburg, on the 8th of Nov. last, MRS. MARTHA H., wife of of John Hill, Esq., of Hughesville, Pa.

her many excellencies, is worthy of more than in season and out of season" in preaching the R. Lazarus, J. A. Hackenberger, J. F. Will-merely a passing notice: Having been en-truth as it is in Jesus, whether men are pleasdowed with a superior cast of mind, and the ed or not. many graces that flow from a kind and amia- To the laity I would say, get a pastor who ble disposition, chastened and purified by the will be faithful to your souls, who will preach religion of her Saviour, she was fitted to ex- to you Christ and him crucified. If he does ert a salutary influence not circumscribed by this be satisfied, and dont quible and find fault the domestic circle. But in the service of with him, because he dont happen to tickle her God, the duties of religion and the gentle your ears or please your fancy. People who M. Auspach, P. Anstadt, J. P. Shindle and charities of home, her ambition was satisfied. have such itching cars dont deserve a pastor, Those who knew her best, loved and will for they are forever finding fault, and will Rev. J. M Anspach was excused on ac-mourn her most. The partner of her life and starve out a pastor. I always doubt the piecount of the severe illness of his wife. The the children whom God had given them, will ty of these fastideous christians who are nevmiss her in the thousand ways that only a lov- er pleased, and who always wish to lead their The election for officers for the ensuing ing and faithful wife and tender mother can pastor instead of following him. Remember be missed and mourned, while fathers and bro- Beggars point charge, and learn a lesson of President, Rev. E. Studebaker, Secretary there and sisters and other friends will, in wisdom. Rev. J. A. Hackenberger, Treasury Rea. D. their future reunions, mark with heartfelt

were appointed a committee to draft a plan for life, but gradually ripened for heaven, under Dec. 12th, 1867.

Reformation, who subsequently presented the through the slow, yet unmistakable ravages of following, which was after a general inter- pulmonary disease. She was from the first fully aware of the fatal nature of the attack, The objects as set forth in the original call but having in early life, chosen the Saviour for the celebration of the seventh Jubilee of as her portion, she could at all times repose he Reformation, are, to awaken amongst our her soul on him and commit those whom he people a higher tone of Christian experience had given her to his care. Thus the days and and Christian living, and also a more enlarg- months of her affliction were not days and ed spirit of liberality. For the attainment of months of gloom, but a time of light, a time these objects, your committee would recom- of the shining of God's countenance, a time of patient uncomplaining endurance, and

cheerful preparation to leave the world. She spoke of her disease with composure, and in a spirit of perfect resignation. She planned and provided for those she was to leave behind, as far as human foresight and means permitted, and what she could not forsee and provide for, she by faith committed

Thus her life's labor ended. "Having done what she could," she in faith and peace, "fell asleep in Jesus."

The grave has received what of her was mortal. The mold of the cemetery is heaped 4. By personal conversation in our families, over her silent heart and motionless hands in our social gatherings, and in our pastoral but her life nor her influence has ended .-Another happy soul is added to the throng of the redeemed. Another harp vibrates the no music of heaven.

small degree, to each pastoral charge. We Her pious life and christian death will have their power upon survivers. May those she 1. Our effort should reach all our people, loved and by whom she was beloved, be so

> For the American Lutheran. Resignation of Rev. I. Pleaseall.

DEAR BROTHER ANSTADT.

It is a long time since I troubled you I would not do so now but necessity is laid up-

I suppose you remember that about nine

missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Ex- point pastorate. I think I can honestly say tension, Church literature, Pastor's Fund, that I labored hard by day and night, and left Colleges, male and female, Theological Semi- ne means untried to please my people. I have aries, our Orphan's Home at Loysville, and lived as economically as I possibly could, and yet I could not make both ends meet. I and All contributions that are not designated my family have nearly starved, and if we for specific objects by the donors and pastors dont soon get away we will die for want of or church councils, shall be disbursed by the bread. They promised to pay me \$200 for my services and give me a home. The latter In conclusion, we would recommend that a I got such as it was, and about one half my committee of two be appointed to prepare a salary, and now call me dishonest for demandfraternal appeal to be read to all our churches, ing the other half. True, they favored me and also to propose the subjects to be discused with a few presents, but then charged me by our pastors and suggest that tracts and oth- with them, and deducted the amount from my er literature be circulated amongst our peo- salary. I always endeavored to please all, and to do just as they wished me. But what would please one would displease the other, and so by trying to please all I offended all. Now, you see, I had the idea that I could do my name indicates, but I find there is noth ing in a name. I must acknowledge that I Religion in their respective charges showed a have most signally failed in this charge. I hopeful and encouraging condition of things | held several meetings for them, and, knowing in the Masters Vineyard, notwithstanding the there were different elements, I tried to acdifficulties that sometimes give us cause to commodate myself to all. For some I bawled mourn. Some have had precious seasons of as loud as I could, because they wished it; for others I kept a little quieter, and for others I was silent altogether, but always giving each Resolved; That we as a Conference, to pro- one full time. But, O how I was disappointmote the Sabbath School cause among our ed. While one party was pleased the others gical services, and the latter delivered an ad- people, have S. S. Celebration at each meet- were mad, and at last all became offended. dress to the pastor, he also preached in the ing of Conference to be held on Sabbath after- and the consequence was the meeting broke noon. Speakers to be appointed at previous up, without doing any good. But what was my chagrin and horror, when a few days af-The speakers for next meeting are Rev. ter, all parties came to my house and told me to pack up and be gone This, I mentally ex-A plan was arranged for holding joint meet- claimed, is the gratitude for all my labors, selfings in the churches located in the vicinity sacrifice and efforts to please. I had no alternative but to resign. This I did with as much grace as I could. When I came here I was full fleshed and well favored, pretty much like yourself, Mr. Editor, but now, by excessive labor, mental anxiety and compulsory fasting, country during the last few years. Rev. E. I have become like Pharach's ill favored kine. Studebaker was appointed to deliver an ad- And besides this, though we were accustomed dress on the subject of Female Education.— to go barefooted, we must also go bare headed, Revs. Sell, Anspach and Williams were con- and nearly bare bodied. To cap the climax they drive me away like a thief or some oth-On Saturday evening after a very interest- er criminal. I tell you Beggars point is a ing discourse by Rev. Dr. Zeigler on the cen- hard place, and I would counsel all to stear

> I feel so mortified at my failure that I hardly know what to do. If I had not foolishly published to the world that I could please all, I would not care so much, but now everybody will laugh at me. But my name deceived me. but I intend to have it changed. I dont intend to publish again that I can please everybody, for I have learned that when a man tries that, he will please nobody. I was foolish to think that I could do this, but much foolisher to publish it, and the people were greater fools still for believing it. You perceive, Mr. Editor, that I am again without a charge, and hence must request you again to announce this fact, and if any charge wishes my services, I am ready. But I will not promise to please all. I am cured of that folly, and I think no people should be so void of good sense as to think that they can get any man to please everybody. That's all bosh. I found that out at Beggars' point, and so did the peo-

Finally, I wish to draw a moral or lesson from my own experience for the benefit of my REV. PROF. C. J. EHREHART, and daughter brethren. Never publish your own good qualities to the world, nor suffer others to The subject of this record is one, who, for puff you up to the bursting point. "Be instant

Yours truly.

· I. Pleaseall, Beggar's point, Starve Co.

Egypt

The Lycoming county Teachers' Intitute convened, persuant to the call of the ounty Superintendent in Jersey Shore, Monay afternoon, Dec. 9th 1867. Mr. J. T. Red Co. Supt. called the meeting to order ad read the law recently enacted by the Legilature tute adjourned.

consisting of Messrs. E. B. Parker, H. Albright and M. R. Beck.

The President appointed Messrs. T. F. cal works, when-Gahan, T. O. Clees and Miss Jennie Reighard, a committee on business. Mr. W. Miles was elected Treasurer pro tem. The names of the Motion lost. teachers were then enrolled and the regular initiation fee (50 cts.) paid by each. On Miles, and several selections read. counting the names sixty-four teachers were reported present. The report of the commitducted by T. W. McClain. tee on Constitution was adopted and the committee discharged. An election of officers was then held with the annexed result, Pres. J. T. Reed, ex officio: Vice Presidents Miss Jennie Reighard, Mr. T. F. Gahan; Record-

brarian Miss Julia Dykens. A reference was made to the law enacted On motion adjourned. by the last session of the Legislature regulating Teachers Permanent certificates, and in roll call, ninety-two members present, snow accordance with the same, a committee of storm continuing. Under the head of unfin-five were elected from among those who hold ished business the following resolution was county Professional certificates, to assist in submitted to the Institute, discussed and the examinrtion of candidates for permanent adopted. certificates The following persons were elected, Messrs. E. B. Parker, J. T. Hether-ly in the city of Williamsport and towns of lin, T. F. Gahan, M. R. Beck, Miss Jennie Lycoming county; provisions should be made Reighard.

Bell McCarter. Miss Jennie Reighard. The question "How should county Insti-

and W. Miles. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. in the chair. Upon calling the roll, many lecture on Arithmetic. beautiful and appropriate responses were giv-

On Motion the President delivered his regular inaugural address, after which Miss Sophy Reighard read an essay, subject' Applause. Rev. A. R. Horne delivered an address on the 'Theory of Teaching' followed by Mr, W. Miles in a lecture on "Social Life." On motion Rev. Joseph Stephens and Prof.

Long were elected honorary members of the On motion Institute adjourned 10 o'clock

Tuesday Morning-Institute assembled in the Hall at the appointed hour, the President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ermentrout. Seventy-two members present. Critics jeet, 'The Calture of the Imagination.' Music. ment in relation to the progress of this great reports read, minutes read and adopted.

Lecture by Mr. Parker. 'Political and Physical Geograf J. The fol- Climax of Creation.' A song was then sung lowing persons were elected honorary members 'The Irishman's Cabin.' The Critics' report of the Institute: Dr. McKinney, Dr. R. Grier, was read, when, on motion of Mr. Parker, a Mrs. L. Lyman, Rev. B. F. Stephens, Rev. vote of thanks was tendered to Prof. Long for A. R. Horne, Thomas MnCurdy, Andrew his courtesy in giving his Chapel for the eve-Junod, Hon. J. A. Gamble, Hon. James ning sessions of the Institute, and for his val-Gamble, Rev. Mr. Ermentrout, Thos. Wad- uable assistance rendered during the sessions dle, James Jones of the 'Vidette,' Col. S. S. and to his pupils for the excellent music fur-Seely of the 'Herald,' David Sample, Rev.
Jacob Miller, Prof. J. Walbridge, Dr. U
Reed, E. D. Trump, Jno D Gamble, Jno S
Laird, Judge Hepburn, Dr Finney and J J

Standard Hepburn, Dr Finney and Dr Sanderson. The programme for the evening members present. Minutes read and adopted. was announced when on motion adjourned.

On calling the roll eighty-nine members present. An essay was read by Miss Melinda mittee on Teachers' County Association was Soil.' Rev. Mr. Ermentrout lectured on the holding the next session of the Association

M. R. Beck, subject 'Alphabetical Charac- adopted. ters.' A discussion followed on The True Resolved—That Physiology should be Aim of the Teacher, opened by Mr. Ermentaught in every school in which the same is trout, followed by others. The best position of holding the pen, was

discussed. announced when Institute adjourned.

Evening Session.—The President called the meeting to order. Opened with prayer by Mr. T. O. Clees. The roll was then called and responses given. An essay was read by Miss Maggie Thomp-

son, subject, Concerning Stars. An address by Mr. Gahan, Practical Edu-

An address by Mr. Beck, subject, Influence of Exertion. The critic's report was

read after which Institute adjourned. Wednesday Morning-Institute convened at the appointed hour the President in the chair.

erence to teachers sustaining the Penna. Ed- tem of popular education; and ueator, and recommending the adoption of Brooks series of Mathematics throughout the the teacher more effective in his work, are myself of the reality. I am widely known, and men. Philip Philips sings every evening. county, which were passed. Class drills followed on English Grammar by Mr. Parker, and Gravitation by Mr. Gahan. Mr. Ermen-

trout followed on School Organization. An address by A V Group, Acquisition of Kdowledge, when On motion Institute adjourned to meet at

Prof. Long, visited his school and witnessed tiring zeal in his calling, to Rev. J. S. Ermena very interesting exercise in penmanship, at trout of Keystone State Normal School, to the appointed hour, the President called the house to order, minutes read and adopted, one hundred and two members present. An essay was read subject Vicissitudes of

Life by Miss C Steck. An interesting lecture followed by Rev A R Horne, subject The following resolutions were discussed:

Resolved—That the national authorities than one natured teachers, and commend E ruptions, at its presence disappear; should, by special enactment, compel non-action example to the consideration of other S kins lose each stain, and the complexion's clear cepting States to adopt, and inaugurate the localities in the county. Commou School System.

Resolved .- That the State Legislature should, by special enactment, compel non-accepting townships to adopt and inaugurate the Common School System.

should, by special enactment, compel parents to send their children to school. Discussion Miss M. Bullock, Miss Kate Zellers to be continued. An essay was read by Miss Ada Dodge, subject, A Day's Life.

and responses.

Singing-quartette. "A Laugh of a Child." An essay by Miss Bell McCarter, subject, Photographs not on Paper. Singing—a quar-

tette, "Beautiful Star." A lecture by Rev. Mr. Ermentrout, subject, 'Educational Fallacies." Singing, 'My Country 'tis of Thee.' An essay by Miss Fannie Nash, subject, The Tongue

Lecture by T. O. Clees, subject, 'Intemperance.' Singing "Amsterdam.' Critics' report was read, followed by singng "The Old Folks are gone," when Insti-

Thursday Morning Dec. 12th:-Institute relating to county Institutes, and mad a few remarks upon the same. J. T. Heherlin convened at the appointed hour, (the members having wended their way to the Hall place for a railway train in a few weeks more. On motion of Mr. Parker, a committee was appointed to remodel the Constitution, in accordance with the low resolution, in acdent in the chair. Roll call—ninety members present. Minutes read and adopted. • A discussion followed in reference to a resolucordance with the law regulating the same, bers present. Minutes read and adopted. · A

> On motion, a vote to reconsider the resolution resulted as follows: Nays 66, Yeas 21.-

Elocutionary reading, was taken up by Mr An exercise in penmanship followed, con-

A written report on the Diagramatic System of Grammar was read by Mr. Bierly. The following persons were elected honorary members of the Institute.

Mr. D. S. Andrus, Williamsport, Rev. Jno ing Secretaries, Mr. J. T. Hetherlin, Mr. E. Guss, Salladasburg, Dr. H. H. Martin, Dr. G. B. Parker: Corresponding Secretary A. W. King; Treasurer Miss Melinda Bullock: Li-

Afternoon Session .- President in the chair

Rnsolved-That when convenient, especialby school directors to employ competent teach-The President appointed as critics Miss ers of Vocal Music, and that they be paid out which nothing but a steam engine could un- 596 Broadway, N. Y., or 154 Tremont st., Bostor of the common school fund.

Miss Kate Zellers read an essay, subject tutes be conducted" was proposed and discussed by Rev. A. R. Horne, E. B. Parker up, on motion, Mr. Cable led in a class drill On motion Institute adjourned by singing Miss Kate Berryhill, subject, Time and Eter nity. At this stage of the proceedings, Prof Evening Session .- Institute convenced at Edward Brooks made his appearance, was inthe appointed time and place, the President troduced to the Institute, and proceeded to

A humorous speech was delivered by Mr. Hill, subject, 'Rage.' The questions in the box were read, when

On motion adjourned. Evening Session-Institute assembled at the appointed hour, in the Seminary Chapel, (and a goodly number present, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather). The President in the chair. Opened with singing. followed by prayer, by Prof. Long. Rol was called and responses given. Music by Prof. Long's pupils. An essay was read by dollars to invest, would do well to call upon Miss Mary Denniston, subject, 'The Great the Union Pacific Railroad Company's agent, Mystery,' followed by J. T. Hetherlin in a speech, subject, "he Age of Reason.' Music. A highly intersting and instructive lecture was delivered by Prof. Edward Brooks, sub-Mr. Miler read Poe's poem, 'The Bells," pro- national enterprise. Lecture by Rev. Mr. Ermentrout, subject ducing ruch merriment. An address followeu by W. R. Bierly-subject, 'Man Caps the

An essay was read by Miss May Sweely-sub Afternoon Session—Institute met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair. ject, 'The Ideal and Real.' A lecture followed on the 'Metric System,' by Prof. Brooks.— Bullock, subject, Blame the Culture not the read. Hughesville was the place selected for best method of teaching History.

Prof. Long gave his method of teaching the last the place for holding the next sessions of the last the On motion, Montoursville was recommended English Language. An essay was read by the Institute. The following resolutions were

Resolved-That we recommend to the Teachers of Lycoming County to meet during After reading the questions deposited in each year at designated places, and form themthe box, the programme for the evening was selves into normal institutes, for mutual instructions, to continue in session during four or five weeks previous to the annual examina-

Resolved-That the thanks of this Institute are due to J. T. Reed, E. B. Parker, Miss Mary Toner, Miss Kate Berryhill, Miss Jennie Hays, and Miss Eva Gilday, the committee on local arrangements, for their efficient A lecture by Mr. Ermentrout, The Pro- aid rendered in securing accommodations for gress and Prospects of the Common School the members of the Institute, and in rendering other acts of kindness, for the comfort of the Teachers during their stay in Jersey

The committee on resolutions reported the following which were adopted:

Whereas-The stability of all popular governments, and especially that of the Republic of the United States, depends upon a well de-Ninety-seven members present. of the United States, depends upon a well de-Mr. Parker introduced resolutions in ref-fined, well organized, and well conducted sys-

> chaistian and philanthropist, therefore Resolved -- That we regard the County Dis-

Resolved -- That the thanks of the Institute Afternoon Session.—Previous to convening the members of the Institute, by invitation of the Institute are hereby tendered to Supt. Reed for his until the members of the Institute, by invitation of the Institute are hereby tendered to Supt. Reed for his until the members of the Institute are hereby tendered to Supt. Reed for his until the members of the Institute are hereby tendered to Supt. Reed for his until the members of the Institute are hereby tendered to Supt. Reed for his until the members of the Institute are hereby tendered to Supt. Prof. Edward Brooks of Millersville Normal School, and to Rev. A. R. Horne of William-

tures, and for their labors and counsels in the | Sold by all Druggists. cause of education. Resolved -- That we are deeply indebted to the citizens of Jersey Shore for their hospithe citizens of Jersey Shore for their hospile R elieving sufferers from each angry sore; tality in accommodating gratuitously more All wounds it heals with certainty and speed: Resolved-That the national authorities than one hundred teachers, and commend C uts, Burns, from inflammation soon are freed;

sport for their interesting and instructive lec-

E. B. PARKER,

W. MILES, H. Albright. H. Albright.

On motion, Prof. Edward Brooks delivered E ven unbelievers would laud Grace's Salve. a valedictory address. The Co. Supt. an-Resolved .- That the State Legislature nounced that the following persons were, wor-Miss M. Bullock, Miss Kate Zellers, Miss

Nash, Mr. R. W. Bierly.

525 Miles.

We can hardly keep up with this Union Pacific Railroad. Three weeks ago we read of four hundred and some miles completions. States and Canadas. They have special arrangements with the Religious, Agricultural and other Newspapers. ed, then of five hundred, and now we are told that the base of the Rocky Mountains, sumit of the Black Hills (the easterly ridge tion is often the result of the Rocky Mountain range) is but thirty Having a direct influence to the parts, give imme The vigor with which this great national untion adopted concerning Brooks' Mathemati- Over the plains-across the rivers-up the

two ends of the line, and yet funds have nev-But still, if Uncle Sam had not put his shoulder to the wheel, opened up his purse, and offered his broad acres, the locomotive would farm of half a continent needed a road thro' civilization to keep them peaceable, and it was and rich mountain pockets so full of gold, button. It seems wise, therefore, that he should lend fifty million dollars, and give even twenty million acres of land, which would greatest railroad in the world for security, especially when his own freight-bills for work than pay the interest. But profitable as the able safety and value to the Company's own First Mortgage bonds. The Government stands behind them, and gives them such a guarantee as it never gave to the securities of For the Family, For the Farm, any private enterprise. We never desire to ecommend any thing beyond its actual merit, but we think that any one who has a thousand or write to their office, No. 20 Nassuu Street, New York, for a very interesting pamphlet, containing a map of the line, and a full state-

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Christmas always falls on the twenty-fifth of December, even if it is leap year, which joggles the almanac so, and sometimes the twenty-fifth is Sunday; and so it happened one year that in the little villiage of Blessington, Christmas and Sunday and the twenty fifth of December all fell on the same day, and more than that, little Jacob Old's birth day was on the same day; and when I tell you that little Jacob was exactly, to a dayone year younger than his brothers John and Feter Olds, you will see what a great occasion it was when the twenty-fifth of December, and Christmas, and Sunday, and little Jacob's birthday, and John's birthday, and Peter's birthday, all happened together; and oh, one thing more-Mr. and Mrs. Olds were married on Christmas eight years before, and this was leap year. I suppose it is not very often that such a Christmas happens.

The evening before this Christmas, John and Peter and little Jacob were playing about their father and mother just before bed-time The pretty room was nicely furnished, for there was Mr. Olds with his newspaper, pretending to read, and Mrs. Olds with her sewing, pretending to sew, and Peter and John and little Jacob playing about like three little kittens. Little Jacob finally climed into his father's lap and pretended to read the newspaper too. There was a long column of print all about the financial difficulties of Austria, and Jaky read it aloud to his father some-

"On Christmas morning children have presents from their papas and mamas. Sometimes table. Some boys like books, but I like a sled. Yours truly, Jacob Olds and Company."

my father's name."

He made it up.'

"I thought he was reading. Mamma, what is piped out to a sweet air the words:-Christmas, any way? It isn't Sunday, is it?" "I know," said John, "It's the day when presents are given. You have to say 'Merry

Christmas' to every body, and one who gets up first and says it, is the best fellow." "Then I'll get up first," said Peter. "You

wake me, will you, mama?" "Ah," said John, "you're great. If moth

er wakes up first she'll say it.' "Any way," said Peter, "we're going to have a great dinner. I heard Becky say so and she says folks always have a great dinner

"Becky knows ever so much," said little Jacob. "She knows a lot she won't tell. She knows something about Christmas that's a secret, I guess. I said Christmas was my birth-

"It's my birthday too," said Peter, who wanted to have every thing that any body else had.

"Well, its mine, too," said John. "Any body'd think you owned it. Does Christmas always come on Sunday, father? To morrow's Sunday."

"It hasn't any thing to do with Sunday,"

said Mr. Olds. "It only happens so." "Becky says," went on Jacob, "that she's always glad when Christmas comes on Sunday, and when I asked her why, she said because somebody she knew about was born on Christmas, and liked Sunday. I don't think

that's much." At this moment Becky herself, the old nurse, appeared in the doorway to lead the children to bed. They went frolicking upstairs, and Mr. and Mrs. Olds were left alone. Mrs. Olds stitched on in silence for a moment, and then looked timidly at her husband, who

sat behind the newspaper. "My heart misgives me, Jacob," said she. "I don't know, I sometimes think it would be better if the children were to know-to know something about what people generally know

-what they read in the Bible." "Becky hasn't been telling them any sto ries out of the Bible, has she?" asked Mr Olds, impatiently. "I told her when she came that if I ever found her telling religious stuff to my children, she should leave at once .-I'm not going to have her putting nonsense into their heads. I intend they shall grow up rationally, and make up their minds for

themselves, without any prejudice." 'I don't think she has,' said his wife, with a doubtful look on her face. 'You see how she checked herself when Jaky asked her about Christmas. She feels pretty badly though about it.'

'Let her,' said Mr. Olds, pushing his speetacles hard down on his nose. 'It's not her concern, at least.'

Becky had taken the three children to the room in which they all slept in their little beds, and had tucked them in, and then, as was her wont, had got down upon her poor old knees and prayed hastily within herself that the Lord would bless the darlings, and send somebody to teach them; while the children, as usual, kept still, because Becky was looking under the beds, as they thought, to see if any person was there, and their little hearts were always in a little fright till Becky got up again and kissed them, and told them that they might go to sleep, for somebody was watching over them, and would keep them safe; and as they always found Becky there when they woke up, they had no doubt she was the Somebody, and Peter when he heard Becky say somebody was watching over them, secretly thought that Becky herself climbed up on the bed-post and sat there all

lived in a little village of England.

were a little girl,' said John. 'Sing us a song,' said Peter.

Christmas, Becky. Tell us about the man down on her knees, and wept and prayed that had his birthday then, and liked Sunday. aloud that the good Lord would teach the lit-You know'--

'Who was it?' asked Peter.

'It was somebody,' began poor Becky, at her wit's end how to tell what she longed to We don't want 'Good Lord;' we want you. On WEDNESDAY, 8th JANUARY next tell, without disobeying, and so making a sad I'm going to sing that over again,' and he mystery of it all.

son Dawes that used to be'-'Tell us about Parson Dawes,' struck in

'Well, I will,' said old Becky, suddenly what Parson Dawes did when I was a little excited. girl. Parson Dawes he was a good man, a his own, and so says he one Christmas were keeping it for a surprise.' time to the chorister,—that's my father, chil-

'O Becky, you're making up,' said Peter; 'you haven't got any father.' 'But I had one, Peter, when I was a little

what thus, with his fat finger moving over thought that Becky was always making be-

lieve when she spoke of Somebody. 'The dear children,' murmered the old woman. 'Says he, says Parson Dawes to my they are in stockings, but ours are on a big father, 'Simon,' he says, 'they used to have a custom for children to go about Christmas-eve I think my papa will give me a sled,"—here and sing carols. Now, you just teach the he had nearly reahed the bottom of the col-children to sing one, and I'll go round with umn, he read so fast, and so he ended up,— the children myself and sing it.' He was a "and we wish you all a merry Christmas. — nice old man, Parson Dawes, but folks thought Oh, is that in the newspaper?" asked Pe- have no children of his own. So my father, put on our things and go out, and nobody will ter, who had been listening. "Why, that's he taught us children a carol which Parson Dawes he gave him; and sure enough we "Pooh, you goose," said John, who was ex- went round, and Parson Dawes he went with actly of the same age, but always treated Pe- us, and we sang, and we sang—oh, it was ter as if he were years younger, "that's Jaky beautiful," and nurse Becky, forgetting, every thing except what she was remembering, and "Oh," said Pete, who was not very quick, forgetting her own poor cracked old voice, EIGHT TRAINS DAILY TO AND FROM PHIL

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'In Bethlehem, in Jewry, This blessed babe was born, And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn; The which his mother, Mary,

Nothing did take in scorn. 'From God, our Heavenly Father, A blessed angel came, And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same, How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name.

'Fear not, then said the angel, Let nothing you affright, This day is born a Saviour Of virtue, power, and might; So frequently to vanquish all

The friends of Satan quite. 'The shepherds at those tidings Rejoiced much in mind. And left their flocks a feeding In tempest, storm, and wind And went to Bethlehem straightway,

This blessed babe to find. 'But when to Bethlehem they came, Whereas this infant lay, They found Him in a manger, Where oxen fed on hay, His mother Mary kneeling,

Unto the Lord did pray. 'Now to the Lord sing praise, All you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas

All others doth deface. Oh tidings of comfort and joy! For Jesus Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas-day.

"And did Parson Dawes sing it all with the children?" asked John.

"Indeed he did," said Becky, warming with house to another a-singing, and Parson Dawes risburg at 600 pm. he carried a stick and pounded on the ground when we sang. He was just daft-like, when we was a-singing, and he took to his bed that very night, and so he died."

This was quite unexpected and Peter began IVISON, PHINNEY, BLAKEMAN & CO.,

"What made him die?" said he, whimpering. "What made Parson Dawes die? I did-'nt want him to die."

little head was trying to put together what Among the most promare the following, viz.: nurse had said and sung. "Nurse," said he, "do please sing that again. That part about the shepherds.'

So Beeky sang again :-"'The shepherds at those tiding Rejoiced much in mind, And left their flocks a-feeding

In tempests, storm, and wind, And went to Bethlehem straightway, This blessed babe to find. Oh tidings of comfort and joy! For Jesus Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas-day.'

'But when to Bethlehem they came, Whereas this infant lay, They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay, His mother Mary kneeling. Unto the Lord did pray.

"But what made them go to Bethlem?"asked John. 'What's Bethlem?" "Why, it's were the babe was." said little

Jabob. "Don't you see?" "The little babe that was born, was Jesus night, where she could see them all, and could Christ the Lord," said old Becky reverently, clasping her hands and lifting up her face. - are invited to send for our Descriptive Catalogue wake, and begged Becky to stay and tell come down on earth to live, and He was born Agent, Lebanon, Pa.

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'Oh, don't go,' said Jaky, 'do.n't go, nurse tried to sing the verse that had been sung last. 'Oh, was it Somebody,' cried Peter, 'Some- He came pretty near it, and the other chil- One present, worth. body who watches over us? But you're a wo- dren took hold with eagerness and insisted on One present, worth. singing it too. They had sweet voices, and Two presents, worth \$2'500 each. 'The dear child,' said the puzzled old body, pretty soon old Becky with her cracked voice, One present valued at. 'so I am. If I was only a man, like old Par- and the three children, were all singing to- Two presents valued at \$15,000 each

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'It was a secret,' said John. 'She said she very good man, but he hadn't any children of wasn't to tell. I guess father and mother

> 'I guess it was Somebody that was born. said Peter. 'And then He died, just like Parson Dawes.'

> 'I wish we could have heard them all sing,' said little Jacob; 'it must have sounded like what the shepherds heard.' 'I say,' said John, in a hurried whisper .-'Let's us.'

'What?' said little Jacob, starting up. 'Let's us sing,' said John. 'Well,' said Peter, beginning,-

"The shepherds at those tidings-'No, no,' said John, impatiently. 'Peter, Peter, I don't mean here, but let's play we were Parson Dawes and the children. I'll be Parson Dawes and you be the children, and

we'll sing, just as they did.' nice old man, Parson Dawes, but folks thought he was rather queer, p'raps because he didn't bounced out of bed. 'Johnny, Johnny, we'll hear us, and then we'll sing.' (To be continued.)

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