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Poetry,

what to which it is to go.

One Step More.

What though before me it is dark, Too dark for me to see? I ask but light for one step more; 'Tis quite enough for me.

Each little humble step I take, The gloom clears from the next; So, though 'tis very dark beyond, I never am perplexed.

And if sometimes the mist hangs close, So that I fear to stray, Patient I wait a little while, And soon it clears away.

I would not see my future path, For mercy vails it so; My present steps might harder be I The farme know?

It may be that my path is rough, Thorny, and hard, and steep; And, knowing this, my strength might Through fear and terror deep.

It may be that it winds along A smooth and flowery way; But, seeing this, I might despise The journey of to-day.

Perhaps my path is very short, My journey nearly done, And I might tremble at the thought Of ending it so soon. Or, if I saw a weary length

Of road that I must wend,

Fainting, I'd think, "My feeble powers Will fail me ere the end.' And so I do not wish to see My journey or its length; Assured that, through my Father's love

E ch step will bring its strength. Thus step by step I onward go, Not looking far before; Trusting that I shall always have Light for just "one step more."

—British Messenger.

The Pulpit,

For the American Lutheran. CHARGE TO THE PASTOR,

vid S. Morgan, over the Congregational Church, of Worthington, Mass.

MY BROTHER IN THE GOSPEL:

You to-day assume toward this people and the visible church of Christ, highly important, tender and sacred relations. Relations, which have to do not with present wordly interests, but with interests that per tain to the endless future of the soul. may well regard the position in which you stand to-day, as the highest and most fearfully responsible in which the providence of God has ever placed you. You are by the solemn imposition of hands ordained to the gospel ministry, and you are formally set over this religious society and this community as an ambassador of Jesus Christ.

In order that you may well and effectually discharge the duties incumbent upon you and attain to a measure of usefulness, satisfactory to yourself, approved of God, and which shall realize unto this people their golden anticipations and turn their dearest hopes into fruition, you will need much of the wisdom, much of the faithfulness, and much of the spirit of every occasion do you preach. Let not your the Divine Master himself. You are unable to direct your own steps, mould aright your own conduct. incompetent to shape correctly your opinions and views of Scriptural doctrine, and by the might of your own arm or the genius and persuasion of your own intellect, you are power'ess to save the souls of the heart. Use not language as the vain use

For these and all other gifts and graces, realize yon are wholly dependent upon your Father in heaven. Hence, strive to be duly enlightened by the Holy Spirit, for it has been promised that he shall teach the servants of Christ, amid the difficulties of their calling, what to do and what to speak, how to do and how to speak. Seek to be taught from above. Learn of Jesus. Search the revelation of his truth. Meditate upon his character. Examine the motives that prompted him to leave his Father's house and die for a lost and ruined world. Examine the motives which actuated him while on earth in his visits of mercy his words of kindness and his acts of love.-Strive, in the prosecution of your calling, to be controlled and guided by the same motives animated by the same spirit, and display the same utter abnegation of selt. If you have been truly called to preach the gospel, this call was not received from this religious society, or any individual or combination of individuals, but you have been spoken to by a voice from above. "For no man taketh this honor unto himself but he that is called of God."

If as we trust, you are qualified for the momentous work upon which you now enter, you have derived these qualifications, not from that their sins are not half as bad as they the college or seminary alone, but from Him really are. Never speak from the pulpit of innocent merriment, and notwithstanding who is the source of all wisdom, of all knowledge, of all sufficiency. If you have really been commissioned to proclaim the gospel, heresy as a slight divergence from sound or- adults," we cling to our own notions upon this your commission is from Jesus Christ. If you have been sent into this field of labor you have been urged hither by the Holy Ghost. In short, if you have authority to preach, have been separated unto the gospel, and have been intrusted with the gospel, you have received this liberty and this trust from heaven

scince. Do you preach righteousness to oth- need not be cold and harsh, but he can faith- "Originally the Chsistmas-tree represented ers. Do you preach purity of life to others. fully rebuke and at the same time tenderly the birth of the Christ-Kindlein. At the Be righteous and pure in life yourself. Do love and affectionately cherish. Preach like foot of the tree was seen the Manger, the We know not what we owe to those tireless you exhort others to be holy? Be ye also a man having his sermon wrought out in his Mother and the Child. These have now disholy. Do you entreat others to be humble? very soul. Like a man who feels that upon appeared, and the only figure remaining is that made intercession for all coming generations. Wear the garment of humility yourself.— the issue of his ministry hang tremendous of the announcing angel, who appears at the What vast trains of the children of men must Should you meet with obstacles, be firm and interests. Like a man thoroughly aroused top of the tree, and is generally mistaken for have swept in review before the Saviours' eye! patient. Should you encounter opposition, Would you have your hearers awake and the Christ-child himself." should discouragements becloud your pros- attentive, you also must be awake This custom is among the Germans more each little lamb in all the flock, so our Shep-

pects, maintain your principles. Like the Ro- and vigilant. Undoubtedly by a universally commemorated than among our- herd, in those nights of watchfulness and man soldier of Pompeii, amid the fiery erup- more earnest and faithful style of preaselves. But, in Bethlehem, Pa., which is a prayer, knew and looked upon us, for whom tion of Vesuvius, while the heavens grew ching on the part of the ministry much of the Moravian settlement, this ancient festival is he came to suffer and atone. For his chosen black above him, and the earth reeled beneath indifference now manifested in the sanctuary, still observed, with all its original freshness he sent upward the voice of intense, earnest black above him, and the earth reeled beneath him, and the lava rolled over him, stand firm in the form of nodding heads and bending and beauty. On Christmas-eve every houseat your post. Be so firmly rooted in the faith forms, might be effectually and happily avoid- hold has a Christmas-tree whose branches are at his feet, and for the unborn world that he their attention to the invasion of our church. This is an illustration of inertiae. and so persuaded in the conscious discharge of ed. Attribute not, however, all the slumber- loaded with bon-bons and toys for the child- saw with Divine vision. your duty, that like the rock amid the howl- ing in God's house to the dullness of the ren, and pendent with gifts suitable for their

ings and beatings of the tempest, you shall ministry. ever remain unyielding and unshaken. Be There are ostensible worshippers so indiffer- gious services are held in the church, and blameless. Be willing to do and to suffer, to ent, so eareless that neither the burning words adults and children there congregate togethand the shilling may be inserted. On each side of the having sought no protection from an unseen York Presbyterian churches, the place of the having sought no protection from an unseen York Presbyterian churches, the place of the having sought no protection from an unseen York Presbyterian churches, the place of the shilling may be inserted. terested and impartial in all your acts. Fawn of a godly Spurgeon, yea, I verily believe that Advent of the "Holy Chill," and the brethnot upon the learned, the talentrd and the nothing short of the smell of brimstone, the ren and sisters unite in responsive hymns whose everlasting love once remembered you. rich, nor scorn and neglect the ignorant and heat of fire, the throes of an earthquake, or commemorative of this joyful event. During the poor. Treat them all as brethren and sis- the last trump of the Almighty could prevent the singing they partake of the "Love Feast," ters equal in Christ. Be gentle, be devoted, them from sleeping in the house of God. and the children afterward receive and carry be strong in grace. Be sober, just, temperate Be not discouraged then if some do slumber home with them a wax-light, as their rememand self denying. Be hospitable, charitakle, despite all you can do to prevent it. We all brancer of the "Light of the world," embodiand affectionate to your people. Be an en- have some highway side hearers, some thorny ed in human form, whose coming as their sample to the flock. Bear in mind your most and some rocky hearers. Sometimes our con- Saviour they thus celebrate. Blessing powerful sermons will not be composed in gregations are thin, and there seems to be more rest upon the dear children; may their young your study or delivered from your pulpit, but pillars and pews than there are people, and hearts rejoice on the merry occasion, and may they will be those that are held up to view some of these as stupid in the matter of at they towards all around them reciprocate beand impressed upon the souls of men by your tention as the seats they occupy. But as nevolent feeling! May they ever be the com-What you preach in the pulpit practice up- Antimachus when all the rest of his audience with the holy angels, "Glory to God in the on the street, and live it out upon all occa- forsook him, so on such discouraging occasions highest; peace on earth, and good-will to numerous foes for the promised crown, let it sions, in all your associations with the young you may have one attentive hearer who shall men." and the old, with the profane no less than the repay you for all your labor, and over whose And as children ever love to hear stories, godly and devout. The nails you drive home salvation you shall have cause of rejoicing we will whisper to their sympathizing ear, the from the sacred desk, clinch in your converse before saints and angels in heaven.

with those into whom they have been fasten- Finally, dear brother, I commend you to his Christmas-tree. On a certain Christmased. Thus live, so that when you have prea- God and the word of his Grace. Receive into eve, in a certain German city, while a Christched to others you shall by no means be lost your sympathy the poor, the afflicted, the er- mas-tree was sparkling in every house, a poor yourself. Such is the nature of the oversight ring, the fallen and the destitute. "Break homeless orphan was wandering, faint, weary you are required to have in exercise in con- not the bruised reed and quench not the smo- and cold, through the streets. He gazed nection with yourself, your own heart, and king flax." Visit the sick bed and the couch longingly at the windows, from which joyful own life. You are also required to open more of the dying. Offer there such comfort, con- lights streamed. He knocked timidly at directly and more minutely than we have yet solation and support, as is derived from the door after door, but was unheeded. He mentioned an eye of watchfulness upon your Word of God. May you be thoroughly fur- would fain have gained entrance to one of charge. In the providence of God you are to nished unto every good word and work. And these happy households, merely to look on, be an overseer, a pastor, a servant, a steward, may you be, as we anticipate, unto all this but no one heard him. At last he retired, a prophet, a shepherd a watchman, a teacher people collectively and individually a perpetu-sick and miserable, to a dark cornor; and and a witness to this flock. You are to feed al blessing. Would you break the stony there, as he shivered with the cold of the fulness. These beams you are to reflect in as a jewel in the royal diadem of Jesus.

Practical.

Christmas-Eve and the Christmas

every direction to enlighted those who sit in

darkness and in the shadow of death. These

streams accompanied by God's Spirit, you are

to communicate to others for their healing and

purification. You are to be a fountain filling

many vessels, flowing without interruption, to

which whosoever will may come and

Let your sermons be the pure, unadulterat-

ed word of God. Preach a crucified Saviour

in a manner that shall show the grandeur of

the crucifixion. From every text of Scripture

which you preach, find a road to the Cross and

to Christ. Endeavor to be like the blast of a

great trumpet, that shall awake the dead in

Preach in earnest. Said Baxter, "I'd

preach as though I ne'er should preach again

and as a dying man to dying men." So on

object be to win the empty applause of the

world, but to secure the approbation of your

Master. Preach not as pleasing men but God.

Not so much to amuse and delight your audi-

ence as to instruct and profit your audience

Not to tickle the ear as to instruct and melt

money, simply to jingle, or as the butterfly

uses flowers to gild its wings. Not for enter-

tainment or show, but to store the head and

nourish the soul. "That is the best looking

glass," said Watson, "not which has the most

gilded frame, but which shows the truest face.

So that a discourse which is adorned with

beautiful imagery, or gilded with flowers of

rhetoric, if this be all, is not the best, but

that which has been bathed in the blood of

the despised Nazarene and reflects and reveals

the true image, the symmetrical likeness of

the Lord Jesus." Clothe your thoughts in

of your hearers. Preach the whole truth .-

Preach doctrinal, practical and experimental

not only pleasant truths but unpleasant ones.

Preach not only of the joys of Heaven, but

warn of the terrors of Hell. Preach not only

of the peace and safety of the righteour, but

Not only of unfathomable, exhaustless love,

but of stern inflexible justice. Not only ex-

hort but rebuke. Not only praise the right

but courageously condemn the wrong. Nev-

er make use of soft words to conceal or apolo-

gize for gross offences and thus flatter men

of the unrest and dangers of the wicked .-

draw and drink and be refreshed.

BY EMMA B. STORK. "OH, the Christmas-tree is a jollity

To the oldest heart, I ween; For what to the pine are frost and time, If still the boughs are green? And what to the heart are wrong and smart, the arms of the Christ-child." So love is undefiled ?-For despite his tears and the sin of years

Love keeps the man a child. How blaze the lights o' the Christmas nights How burns the Christmas fire! But kindlier still is the bosom's thrill Of happy dame and sire; Nor near nor far, nor in flame nor star,

They hold so fair and dear."

ALL HAIL! The Christmas-eve of Eeighteen hundred and sixty-seven. The glad utby-gone years, yet live fresh memorials among

the reminiscences of our childhood. Great Gift-day of the Father Almighty, whereon he hath presented to mankind his hath sent him to bless you."

language with the capacity not only of the learned, but of the most simple and illiterate

come, thy merry return! Preach plainly, boldly and fearlessly: Preach

Obey the Saviour's call; Come seek his face, and taste his grace. And crown him Lord of all.

Ye lambs of Christ, your tribute bring; Ye children, great and small, Hosanna sing to Christ your King; O crown him Lood of all.

This Jesus will your sins forgive, O haste! before him fall; For you he died, that you might live To crown him Lord of all."

We love little children-we rejoice in their a CRYING SIN, calling it an unfortunate weak- that some grown-up people say-"We have ness or infirmity. Nor speak of a damnable no children now-a-days—but only infants and thodox belief. In other words call a theif a thief matter, and we cannot but infer that these Lehne, and give her a kiss for my sake. a liar a liar, a murderer a murderer, and the people's eyes have grown misty, and that they devil a devil. Never attempt to win a vic- need clearer spectacles; for we are ourselves tory with the hilt but with the blade of the happy in the friendship of many real, bona sword. Never think to tone down a rough fide ehildren; and we are rejuvenated, as it and ragged surface with a smooth file. If were, by the lovely presence of these bright heaven, how imperative is the duty of parents of

you want to gather a harvest, never rake with sun-streaks from heaven. to exercise the strictest vigilance over yourpel will never be happy, widely respected and amongst them, according to the good old Germent of the unending communion, the cestatself. You are ever to take heed to yourself. Hold the mystery of faith in a pure conHold the mystery of faith in a pu

respective ages. On the same evening, relihead upon a prayerless pillow, remember that under the significent head of 'shameful,' and ward into the top of the cork. Now take an there was one Plato to hear the famous poet fort and the joy of parental hearts, and sing

> account of the "Homeless Orphan Boy" and MASSACHUSETTS. er. and who drew down stars from heaven to light a Christmas-tree for the poor orphan.-And when the tree was all lighted, the Christchild took the boy into the tree, and they were all wafted away into heaven. The next day the newspapers contained this item of city intelligence :- "Found in - street, the dead body of a boy of some eight or ten years of age, parents unknown; coronor's verdict, death by starvation and cold." The poor little outcast had quitted the world, outwardly in circumstances of extreme wretchedness, but inwardly in a dream of heaven, and in

And we also subjoin, in conclusion, for the sake of our youthful friends, Johnny Luther's Christmas letter from his Father. - "Grace and peace in Christ, my dear little Son. see with pleasure that thou learnest well, and prayest diligently. Do so, my son, and continue. When I come home, I will bring thee But their fortune lies in the bright young a pretty little fairing. I know a pretty, merry garden, wherein there are many children. They have little golden coats, and they gather beautiful apples under the trees, and pears cherries and plums; they sing and jump, and terances of our Immanuel's Advent, in our are merry. They have beautiful little horses, too, with gold bits and silver saddles. And I asked the man to whom the garden belongs, whose children they were? And he said. they are the children that love to pray and Son, his best-beloved, memorable day of to learn, and are good. Then I said, Dear peace and blessing upon a world; For "God man, I have a son, too, whose nane is Johnny Luther. May he not also come into the gar-Behold the announcing angels, breathing den, and eat those beautiful apples and pears, out upon the ear of the ravished she pherds and ride those fine horses? Then the man their advent-hymn: "Glory to God in the said, If he loves to pray and to learn, and is highest; peace on earth, and good-will to good, he shall come into this garden, and Lipmen." Let us also go up to Bethlehem, and pus and Jost, too; and when they all come see the child Jesus, while we open our hearts together, they shall have fifes and trumpets, for the gracious vision, and receive his divine and lutes, and all sorts of music, and they shall dance and shout, with little cross-bows. Children's joy-day-welcome, thrice wel- And he showed me a fine meadow there in the garden, made for danceing. There hung "Come, children, hail the Prince of Peace nothing but golden fifes, trumpets, and fine silver cross-bows. But it was early, and the children had not yet eaten, therefore I could not wait the dance; and I said to the man, Ah, dear Sir, I will immediately go and write all this to my little son Johnny, and tell him to pray diligently and to learn well, and to be good, so that he also may come to this garden. But he has an aunt Lehne; he must bring her with him. Then the man said, it shall be so; go and write him so. Therefore, my of death and eternity. Ah, thought I, will learn and pray. And then you shall come to day ?-- Western Missionary. the garden together. Herewith I commend thee to almighty God. And greet Aunt Thy dear father.

to make it so pleasant and happy for their

All Night In Prayer.

And as the shepherd knows and recognizes

Think of it, careless one! As you lay your head upon a prayerless pillow, remember that your Saviour agonized all night in prayer.— on the authority of some other paper, says: other cork and cut a slit into the lower end, As you walk forth into the busy scenes of life, A few Sundays ago, in one of the New so that a silver twenty-five cent piece or

Christian, let the thought fall on you, as the word "Peace" fell on angry, storm-tossed Gennesaret. Christian soldier, fighting against stimulate your zeal, and inspire you with strength, till you listen to the glad beat of the reveille, in the sunny morning when you first tread your everlasting home. Christian teacher, mother, guide, remember the Master in his toils, and discouragements, and prayers, on the green mountain-slopes of Judea, in the crowded streets of Jerusalem, in the rocking fisher's boats on breezy Galilee. Dying Christian, let it be your comfort, as you go through the dark valley, that Christ once bore you all night long upon his heart .- Norfolk Journ-

What I Have Seen.

I have seen a woman professing to love hankerchief at the story of their sufferings, verse. The effect may be imagined. take from a well-filled porte-monnaie, of costly church music has been obtained in some of dom! workmanship, twenty-five cents to aid the so- the London churches. One of the papers Light is good, and it is a pleasant thing to ciety formed to promote their welfare. Ah, says: thought I, dollars, for ribbons, and pennies

bonds and mortgages, and when business his sermon in full, but he would have it printwas over, return to his home exhausted and ed. were an idle tale. Ah, thought I days and years the opera that evening? for mammon, but not a moment for Christ.

I have seen a young lady who had taken the solemn vows of God upon her, rise late in the morning, and without time for more than a hasty word of prayer, go forth to shop, drop in to chat with friends, come home to dine, go out again to ride, and return to make an elaborate toilette for an evening party, pausing longer over the great question, "What shall I wear?" than her conduct seemed to evince she had over "What shall I do to be sayed?" I have seen her when asked to take a class of young immortals in the Sabbathschool, to point them to the Saviour she had vowed to honor before the world, shake her head and answer, "No, I cannot; I have no talent for that kind of thing." Ah, thought I, is there not danger that at last she will find that like the foolish virgins she has no oil in

I have seen a professedly Christian mother more wrought up over the mud brought in upon her carpet by her boy's shoes, than over the lie which sullied his conscience, and proclaimed him a coward. I have seen her exhibit more anxiety when detained from church, to hear from her daughters' lips how this and that one was dressed, than what the man of God said concerning the great themes and tell Lippus and Jost, too, that they must children at the right hand on the last great

"The Holy Opera."

The unnatural and wicked practice of profaning the sanctuary by giving part of its solemn worship over into the hands of operat- a penny on the floor before you. It is imposic singers is beginning to provoke the protests without moveing the heels. Try it. This is of some of the leading papers of the country. an illustration of the fact, that when the cen-The New York Observer has the following ar- tre of gravity of a body falls without the would infer that the evil which Newman Hall A Slight of Hand Experiment.—Take a so earnestly deprecates has already found its

es by operatic singers. Even our sober-mind- A Fork and Bottle Fxperiment.-Take a ed friends of the Philadelphia Presbyterian, porter or mineral water bottle. Let it be

Arm, pause, and let memory go back to Him regular prima donna was temporarily supplied, fork, the handles bearing downwards. Place Think of it sleepless one, tossing wearily on voice was the subject of conversation, as some on the bottle and give the forks a gentle your restless pillow! Christ prayed when the of the worshippers beguiled their homeward swing. They will revolve without danger of world slept! If conscience, or care, or grief way, thus: Who was she?' 'Who can she falling off. This is an illustration of the censtand near you, with their phantom forms rob- be?' The answer was: 'She is a young, tim- tre of gravity being well supported. bing you of repose, pray! If pale sickness id girl, quite unaccustomed to such a congresilver half dollar or quarter and a piece of trail her poison-dropping robes near you, withering with hot breath the rose on your cheek, It came out the next day that the timid and the other against the bottom. Be careful pray, as Jesus often prayed when head and young girl was one of the performers in the that they come in close contact with the

ers. They have their theatre in Brooklyn, tric juice of the tongue.

over the water from us, and one of the news- Lightening .- Same metals as above. Put Miss Florence A. Rice, the favorite canta-trice of Dr. — 's Presbyterian church, had the ceiling. The moment you bring the two

a splendid benefit concert at the Academy on metals together at their edges you will see a Monday night. She acceived some rich pres- faint flash of light, resembling lightening.ents on the occasion. She was assisted by This is galvanic electricity excited on the same Pattison, Thomas, Simpson, and Mme. Martinez. The audience was very large and proportionately enthusiastic. The London Musical Standard has had its

attention arrested also by the progress of the Holy Opera in the United States, and says, thing from him than they that seek to bring under the head of American Choirs:

Mr. Brock, the well known minister of a large denominational chapel in Bloomsbury, this flock, which Christ hath purchased with hearts of your hearers, work much upon your Christ more than the world, clad in a silk has lately visited the United States. In the his own blood, with spiritual manna. You knees. "The effectual fervent prayer of the swer was promised to every sincere prayer.— dress costing \$75; making up and Trimmings course of some remarks upon American church on earth forgives so much as he. are to be an angel of love, bringing glad tirighteous man availeth much."

Use often So he prayed to the Lord Jesus, to give him of same, 40; bonnet (or apology for one), music, he mentions visiting a church, the dings of great joy, to all these hearts around the cry of Rowland Hill, "Master help."— a Christmas-tree. And as he prayed, he beyou. You are to be an earthen vessel, radiant Having turned many to righteousness by your held a star in the distance, and as he gazed, \$500; watch, chain, pin and other trappings, and two gentlemen. By this choir a hymn of from God. with the beams of the Sun of Righteousness, preaching and godly example, may you shine the star approched him, and he descried the \$300; total, 1,100—all hung upon one frail Wesley's was sung in the manner following: and overflowing with the streams of God's as a star in the kingdom of God, and be set glorious form of a beautiful child. It was dying worm. I have seen her at a meeting in The first man sang the first line, the first la- well as by what we lose; a little more patience, wipe her eyes upon an expensive embroidered third line, and the last man completed the not have attained! to what tender inclinacy

Cree was astonished, a few Sundays ago, to the Cross, the ever-during Stay, the imperish-I have seen a man who had long been a hear the litany prefaced by a long tenor solo, able Root, of which all else that gladdens member of the visible church, rush to his rendered by a 'professional gentleman,' and the Christian's heart is but the bloom and business after a hastily-swallowed breakfast, followed by the performance of another solo odor; the dry tree that shall flourish when without a prayer in his family for God's bless- by a young lady, standing upon a hassock every green tree of delight and of desire ing through the day, spend hours in the eag- for the better elevation of her person. As fails. er pursuit of that which perishes with the the music took up much time, the clergyman er pursuit of that which persons with the using, speaking not a word save of stocks and announced that he had not time left to preach Dr. Cuyler on Repeating Sermons.

petulant, to turn away from a sad story of The regular opera is beginning to feel the from Rev. T. L. Cuyler: want and suffering with "I am tired and cau- effect of this church rivalry. Our Academy 'A poor juiceless sermon should never be not hear it!" I have seen him sleep away his of Music was opened last Monday evening, preached the first time; but a nutritious, savevening without a pleasant word for either after being closed a week or two on account ory discourse may be made all the better on a wife or children, and retire to rest with no of the strike in the chorus singers. On Mon- second delivery. Dr. Addison Alexander more apparent thought of God his Maker, day, a young gentleman called upon a lady preached his glorious sermon on the Faithful than if his meeting him at the last great day friend and asked if she would go with him to Saying' until he wore out the manuscript;

Sunday.

the holy opera.'

little difference.

Few choirs sing with any idea that they are missionary tours. performing an act of worship. And however it is constituted, whether of persons from the opera, or others, the arrangement robs the congregation of a part of the worship which

is from a Methodist paper: This is the title of one of our mission tracts. "Be your own they could get and asked for more. They Executor." This should be the title of angave their people all they could give, and other to be written. Who will write it?— gave then people at the same wanted to give them more. Perhaps as many Let it embody the following sentiments: "Mis- lawyers, politicians, men in various departsionary societies are sometimes put to the ments of active life, have been compelled for necessity of defending wills made in good the same reason, to suspend their labors, and faith, which worldly-minded heirs are endeavoring to break. Hence it is well for the tense application to business which has brethren in all our churches, so far as possi- threatened them with a premature burial. ble, to be their own executors. Give to God while you live. Superintend the distribution dear little son Johnny, learn and pray away, or death and eternity. An, thought 1, will of your own estate. It is by far the wisest she, through her instrumentality, find these way. It will give you both joy and peace to the fashion of keeping compliment albums. see your money securely lodged in the treasury of the Lord before you go hence to be the person reported to have said it to sign her here no more. Do not fear coming to want: name to it. From the way in which the peo-TAKE HOLD AND LIFT.—A teacher of the He to whom belongs the gold and silver, and ple delight in "picking others to pieces," we Freedman in one of the Southern States was within whose royal power all agencies are should judge that a left-handed compliment sitting at the window of her room watching held in ready tribute to the best interests of album would be more quickly filled. two negroes loading goods into a cart. One His redeemed ones, will not leave you to suffer of them was disposed to shirk; the other for the lack of any good thing. All you have said, "Sam, do you expect to go to heaven?" to do is implicitly to trust in Christ. If His house at Baltimore, on the 27th ult., and cause is to be your heir, bestow the gift while snatched off a bundle containing \$6,870 in There are a great many Christians in our living. Place the money as if in the very compound interest notes. He was seized, but In entering upon this work, God requires you the teeth upward. The minister of the Goseach child to long to be fitted for the enjoy-ment of the unending communion, the cestate ment of the unending communion, the cestate their hope of going there by taking hold and lawyers shall cheat you of your intent or Jesus. Then no rapacity or unright-complice picked it up and made good his es-their hope of going there by taking hold and

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Stand with your heels against a wall; lay sible to bend down and lift up the penny,

common quart bottle; lay a straw hat on its open mouth. Lay it on the crown so that it rests on the bottle. Put a grain of corn on The newspapers, sacred and profane, the the hat right over the mouth of the bottle,

tongue, but not with each other. No sensation will be felt. But now let the two metals The 'Black Crook' is something or other, touch each other, in front of the tongue, and we know not what, that is going on nightly immediately a very strange acid sensation will in one of our minor theatres, and it is said to be experienced. You will soon withdraw the be the most indecent of spectacles, but just ic batery. There are two metals and an acid suited to the present taste of the theatre-go- to act on them, which, in this case, is the gas-

the silver coin between the teeth and the up-Miss Florence A. Rice, the favorite cantaprinciple as in the last experiment.—Ed.

FRAGMENTS.

They are nearer to God that seek somesomething to him.

People think it a weakness to forgive an insult. Then God would be the weakest in

the Christ-child, who came to answer his pray- dying worm. I have seen her at a meeting in behalf of homeless wanderers in New-York, dy sang the next, the other lady sang the a little more constancy, and to what might we with Christ, to what satisfying communicaand when the contribution-box came round, And the same progress in the high art of tions, to what rest, what power, what free-

behold the sun, yet far dearer than outward A visitor at the church of St. Catharine peace, far sweeter than inward consolation is

There is great good sense in the following

and Dr. Griffin repeated his elaborate dis-'O no,' said she, 'I went twice yesterday.' course on the 'Worth of the Soul' ninety 'Why, you forgot;' he said, 'yesterday was times! He never wearied of it-nor did his audience either. His congregations change 'Yes, I know,' she answered, 'but I went to constantly, and memories are leaky; a firstrate, practical sermon ought to be repeated To this we might add that we do not see (with extempore improvements) about once why the choir should not meet with the same in five years. Fewer sermons and richer condemnation, as if made up wholly by per- should be a settled pastor's aim. Whitefield formers from the opera. Essentially there is attained great finish and power by giving the same discourse over again through all his

OVERWORK.

Fifty clergymen, perhaps more have gone from the United States within the past six months because they were overworked-or "Who is Your Heir?"—The following they overworked themselves. It comes to the same thing. Their people got out of them all

> An inventive young lady has recently set Whenever she hears a good thing said about

> A thief rushed into Mr. Kim's banking

THIS NUMBER

new subscribers. This is the most favorable angelical Luthran doctrines. time in the whole year to get new subscribers when a new volume begins, and the long winter nights are employed in reading.

We would especially remind those, ministers who have been getting the paper gratis for deep snow; I have seldom seen winter set in their agencies, that they should send in at so soon and so severely. least three or four new subscribers, otherwise

Commentary is one of the best for ministers and Sunday School Teachers. It has been loses its whiteness, so easily do some men lose pondents and contributors to its columns.— and his people. The ecclesiastical ingatherpronounced the most comprehensive and important Biblical work of the age. We offer Commentary published, namely one on Mathew, one on Mark and Luke, one on the Acts, and one on the Epistles of James, Peter, John and Jude. By an especial arrangement with the publisher, we can offer this Commentary cheaper than we have yet seen it offered is \$5,00 a volume. For six subscribers with the pay in advance, \$2,00 each, we will send any one of the four volumes; for 12 subscribers we will send two volumes; and for 24 Some subscriptions have already been sent in would be a greater cordiality between editors paper to their neighbors and urge them to the Saviour's dying command: "Do this in therefore changed, and new articles were preas premiums for these books, and more are and readers. But we are mostly far removcoming. What pastor of an English congre- ed from our readers and personally unacquaint- Any person, minister or laymen, lady or there. gotion could not get from 6 to 24 subscribers ed with most of them. Hence the proverb's gentleman, who will secure four new subscrifor the American Lutheran in his charge?— verified, "Out of sight, out of mind." An bers, with the pay \$2,00, shall receive the pa- with great success among these people since er helped to prepare, constituted the basis. What more suitable Christmas or New Years' editor's heart would, however be equally per one year gratis. present could a congregation make to their cheered with other people's by a valuable We also offer the following premiums to has been in Danville only about a year and a Confession, it is clear that Melancthon and beloved pastor, than the four volumes of Christmas or New Year's gift. The most ac- those who will engage to raise clubs of sub- half, during which he has added something not Luther, as is claimed by some, was its real Lange's Commentary?

THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The symbolists in the Synod of Pennsylvania have complained that we did them great injustice by accusing them of a Romanizing tendency. We will say nothing of the fact that two or three of their ministers have gone and placing the images of the saints inside of their churches just like the Romanists. These are but the outward trappings which indicate

they called it slander and attributed it to ig- withhold their contributions to benevolent norance and prejudice. What will they say purposes; then they reduce their annual subthough now, when their own friends the Missourians accuse them of the same tendency? work of retrenchment goes on till they have They will hardly dare to brand them as slanderers, or maintain that their assertions proceed from ignorance or prejudice.

the Missourians containing an article from the church paper, for fear it might diminish their and select an Empire, Howe, Willcox & Gibbs teacher has recently uttered a caution in your pen of Dr. Sihler, of Fort Wayne, in which salary

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.'define doctrines or exercise any authority piety whatever. It is simply by its own confession

them for the benefit of our readers.

under its Head and Lord, only of brethren, chew, or smoke or snuff. Ten Commandments, &c.

an ecclesiastical body transforms the Church Romanism, and the third one condemns the of Christ into a state where the enactment proceedings of the Council at Fort Wayne .- The widow of the late Rev. Mr. Thorne, tion. of Christ into a state where the enactment proceedings of the Council at Fort Wayne.—
and execution of definite, positive civil laws at the control of the c is perfectly proper, but here we do not find also down on the Council, and the editors of to the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, formers was to restore, to bring to light again, Chanceller Rever holding in his hand the editors of the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, formers was to restore, to bring to light again, the other in Latin.—

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We find the first and in truth. The council also down on the Cou faith and love, but fear of punishment and the Lutheran and Missionary. I will read Pa. the spirit of bondage. At the same time such you a few extracts from the Standard .an assumption in ecclesiastical affairs is a (Reads.) downward and backward movement toward . We will not conceal the depressing effects of its debts, and all parties to its endowment

Dr. Sihler, "by the 'executive power?" Doubttruth we have no respect for the formality

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The reading occupied two hours. The effect which, upon the plea of order shirks questation at the world of the spirit. God was with them. those who disobey its laws. But this would also their faith and offer a reason for the hope church, during the Jubilee year, to be devot- laid their hands to the plow and they dared was most marvellous. be a declension from the gospel, and a falling that is in men is their right, which no Consti- ed to Muhlenburg College.—Ev. Lutheran. not look back. back into the civil, or Old Testament, or po- tutions have any business to infringe.' pish penal government; for as the Church of 'It is a little uncomfortable to deserve the

Some communications came too late the General Synod is merely an 'advisory bo- of our Synod. in spite of the decleration of reason to feel very thankful. for this week's paper. They shall appear in | dy?' Would to God there were nothing else | the whole that they could not now unite.-

Completes the Third Volume of the Amer- We hope they will answer his questions. And this matter would increase the difficulties in ican Lutheran. We entreat all those who are in addition, we beg of them in future not to the way of our union with the Council." still in arrears, to send in their subscription be displeased with us when we charge them | "Upon this, in connection with an editorial money without delay, as we need it most ur- with a Romanizing tendency, until they have in the Lutheran and Missionary which will gently. We also trust our friends and agents satisfied their own symbolical friends of the surprise many in the General Council as in will go to work now in good earnest to get Missouri Synod that they teach the true Ev- did us, and for which we trust the Council

Conversation in the Sanctum. Between Peter, John and James. James-But this is cold weather and such a

we cannot afford to send them the paper gra- its pleasures as well as summer. How beau- ERAN for the year 1868. We intend to im-

this Commentary as a premium for new sub- the whole year occurs in winter, namely ter, and writing editorials. We hope in some scribers. There are now four volumes of this Christmas; it is a season of universal joy to respects to be able to make the AMERICAN old and young. To brighten the feeling of universal joy it is customary to give presents, parents to their children, children to one another, friend to friend, and congregation to their pastors.

James-Do the readers of the church paas a premium in any other paper. The price pers ever remember the editors at Christmas or New Years and send them valuable Christ- Let ministers recommend it to their people

believe they are rare. I believe if we could get them to subscribe; it will do their people be more among our readers personally there good. Let the present subscribers show the

of new subscribers with the pay in advance; nothing can please him better than that. On THE ROMANIZING TENDENCY OF the contrary, nothing is more disheartening to

over to the Roman Catholic church, that they are erecting crosses on their church steeples.

Teter—The usual excuse is that they we will send two volumes; for eighteen we great faith in the power of prayer, goes into work. At Augsburg he gave a more correct will send three, and for twenty-four subscriretrench their expences. But instead of bears we will send the lour volumes that knowledges with his lips, that he himself is gining with some of the luxuries in which they habitually indulge they begin first with the inward and downward tendency toward stinting their immortal souls and the souls of ble Christmas or New-Years present. What glory may redound to the Master's name. His their children. They first stop their church congregation will be the first to send in 24 people all love him and earnestly unite with When we accused them of this, however, for the sake of a dollar or two; then they subscribers, to get one of the best Comment- him in the work of honoring God. They love subscribers, to get one of the best Commentnothing more left for the cause of God in any

The December number of the Lehre und suing a suicidal policy, who do not try to get Family Sewing Machine, the retail price of Wehre, the Theological monthly journal of their people to subscribe and pay for a good which is \$60. Then they can take their choice

he reviews an article in the Lutheran and Peter-Sometimes also people stop their For 60 new subscribers with the pay in ad-Missionary, containing the following passage: church papers, because they have lost all in- vance. (\$2,00 each,) we will send one of Pel- in the present case. I feel satisfied that Geo., "Now we have a certain religious organi- terest in them. They have become immersed oubet's Melodeons, 5 octave, rosewood cases, the young pastor, appreciates what I say, withmore time nor inclination to read religious or Cottage Organ they may select. For a less he ought to be made a D. D., immediately by Even its friends admit, that it has only a shadowy existence, that it possesses no legisla- papers. So when I get a letter from a sub- number of subscribers, a lower priced instrutive, executive or judicial powers, that it can. scriber who orders his paper to be stopped, I ment will be sent. not, for instance, license or ordain any one, begin greatly to fear that he is declining in The way is now open for all men, women es Christ to be everything and George Rhodes

man stops his church paper?

of questions to the editors of the Lutheran in detail, but I will instance only the article ning of the next year. It can be done. and Missionary. We will translate a few of of tobacco. I have known christian men to spend from \$50 to \$100 in a year for tobacco. 1. "Where," asks Dr. Sihler, "is it written With this they might not only have paid their in the Word of God, and where is it taught own church papers, but also supplied all the in the Lutheran Confessions that any eccle- poor in their neighborhood with the church siastical body possesses 'a legislative power?' periodicals, and thus cause the widow's heart gospel and the nature of the New Testament | infinitely more good physically, intellectally, evangelical church. This Church consists and morally, than all the tobacco they can

who are governed outwardly by His Word, Peter-You are right, James. But let us and inwardly by faith, as the Lord says: - now change the subject. John, what's the "One is your Master, Christ, but ye are bre- news from the General Council this week? thren." The Church of Christ knows noth- John-The Missourians and those of the at Chambersburg, Pa., and will enter upon its spirituality. It is a heavenly life brought ing and desires to know nothing of any other Joint Synod of Ohio, are opening their bat- the labors of his new charge in January. law than that which God himself has written teries upon it in good earnest, and in real upon the heart and which is contained in the symbolic style. The "Lehre und Wehre" of December, has three articles, in two of which The assumption of a 'legislative power,' of it charges the Philadelphia symbolists with

Popery, and is entirely un-Evangelical and which the reading of these resolutions in con- are released from their obligations.—Ev Luth. 2. What are we to understand, continues by Sibler "by the executive power?" Doubts.

Wickedness in high places, they took unto roof of the chapel, and carried even to the precious work of grace.

The pastor of St. John's Church, Allen- themselves the whole armor of God'—the precious work of grace.

the gospel has no laws to give, so it also has implied censures upon us as, being mere outsiders, for presuming to ask questions the an-

Is not the written Word of God clear and plain enough, to judge and determine in given cases? Does not every congregation possess?

When we will be able to unite. Nor do we restant form which gives comfort and strength to the body, as well as to the soul. Myself the plain of the confession of the grief which we given renewed manifestations of His power to save sinners. Up to the time of writing, 25 have been received and by night, in order to induce him to take we will be able to unite. Nor do we restant form which gives comfort and strength to the body, as well as to the soul. Myself festations of His power to save sinners. Up to the time of writing, 25 have been received and by night, in order to induce him to take we will be able to unite. Nor do we restant form which gives comfort and strength maintained, by that very circumstance it festations of His power to save sinners. Up to the time of writing, 25 have been received into the church by confirmation, making 36 and go to work.'

to blame in her. In this particular she is al- Probably no one in the Council thought it could be taken as a kindness to make us Thus Dr. Sihler goes on proposing questions trouble of this kind, which could have been to the editors of the Lutheran and Missionary. so easily avoided. Possibly some saw how

would not like to be held responsible, we shall have something more to say in a future num-

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN FOR

We are making arrangements for some de John-Yet winter has its enjoyments and ided improvements in the AMERICAN LUTHtiful the newly fallen snow appears. In its prove its typographical appearance, buy a new Peter-One of the most joyful seasons in to the paper, in selecting suitable reading mat-LUTHERAN the best paper in the Church.

Will the friends of our paper, the advo cates of American Lutheranism, sustain us in this work? Friends and Brethren, now the time to begin the work of canvassing for subscribers. Let all go to work in earnest. from the pulpit, and take it with them in Peter I have heard of instances, but I their pastoral visits, show it to the people and

ceptable gifts to an editor however, are lists scribers for the AMERICAN LUTHERAN.

Lange's Commentary .- We have made spe-To those who desire to receive other pre-

Melodeons.

Finkle & Lyon, or Grover & Baker Machine.

and children to earn a premium, and at the nothing in the work of saving souls. an 'advisory body,' that is to say, it may, like any private individual, give advise, that is all."

John— What do you count among the luxuries that ought to be dispensed with before a all."

Same time, to extend the circulation of the uries that ought to be dispensed with before a man stops his church paper? John- What do you count among the lux- same time, to extend the circulation of the The Lord still more largely bless my dear in good earnest, and give us the joy of adding On this passage Dr. Sihler puts a number James—They are too numerous to mention 1000 subscribers to our list with the begin-

Church Relvs.

Rev. Irving Magee, of Baltimore, Md., has

The church at Waynesboro', Pa., has refused the resignation of Rev. A. Buhrman, which involves the withdraw of his acceptance of the call to the charge in Middletown, Md

Illinois State University, by resolution of

writes from his new field of labor in Argus- was in a blaze. The pope, cardinals, bishops, ville, N. Y., as follows: "I have found at and priests, seeing the mighty fire, kindled by

PINE GROVE MILLS, Pa.—Rev. D. Sell writes: "We enjoyed quite an interesting revival at Centre Line, an outpost in my charge. There were some 14 or 15 professed converversion, the majority being heads of families. The meeting continued over three weeks .-Rev. D. W. Kinsel assisted me during the meeting, and rendered very efficient aid .-This brother's health is so far restored that he will soon be able to preach again regularly.

For the American Lutheran Danville, Pa.

Mr. Editor : On last Sabbath it was my privilege to assist bro. G. M. Rhodes at a communion season. He had held a series of meetings in his church which continued about five weeks, trines and practices, on which there was any during which a very extensive spiritual awakening took place. It was evidently a very Who wants Lange's Commentary? Lange's unsulfied whiteness it is an emblem of purity. heading, &c., and we will engage some of the precious season of "refreshment from the James—And just as easily as the snow best writers in the Church as regular correspondent of the Lord" to this young pastor We will also devote our time more exclusively ing was quite large. Fifty one members were added to the congregation on Sunday at the morning service. Among those were eleven youth, through all the intermediate periods of were presented to the Elector at that place. life, this new accession of members was taken; for Augsburg, taking with him Luther, Spaland as they stood before the altar covenanting atin, Jonas and Melancthon. Luther, howformally with their God to live and die in the faith and fellowship of christianity, the moisture gathered in pearly drops in many eyes that witnessed the scene, and I suppose angels were glad in jubilee because of these trophies of redeeming grace. The Lord's supper was administered in the evening; and between two and three hundred gathered around this crucifixion scene in obedience to tention of presenting the Torgau articles was remembrance of me." It was good to be pared which were afterwards called the Augs-

Brother Rhodes ministry has been crowned Schwabach and Torgan articles, which Luthhe has taken charge of the congregation. He like seventy or eighty to the church.

It is not a difficult matter to account for finds those dreary words, "Stop my paper." lower than we have seen them offered as prestreightened circumstances, and then begin to bers we will send the four volumes that inmost soul, as he humbly and gratefully acopportunity for congregations who desire to but the feeble instrument whom God uses in make their pastor a present of a most desira- this glorious work, in order that the greater aries as a Christmas present to their pastor? kind, and justly so; for he endeavers to merit their love by being as lovable as possible : intensely faithful to them, he acts on the prinmiums, we can offer Sewing Machines and ciple of christian kindness in all his associations with them, and thus actualizes the truth, For 50 new subscribers, with the advance that if a pastor can not get along with his John—It seems to me those pastors are per- payment (\$2,00 each,) we will send a first-class people in kindness, he can not get along with

Now as Dr. Ziegler our young friend's my cry has been heard in heaven. paper against praising preachers, I trust I may not fall within the limit of his censure Spurgeon in this one respect at least, he wish-

River Brother.

For the American Lutheran, THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

brought to light again, and was accomplished consented to it and fixed the 25th of June as continued for six weeks. Never, in the historier in the name of a spiritual principle. It pro- the day on which it should be read. This tory of this church, was there such an ex-Rev. J. S. Heilig, pastor of the church in claimed for its teacher, the word of God; for was destined to be the greatest day of the tensive awakening. They came from far and Such an assertion is directly opposed to the sing for joy. This would have done them mear, to hear the glad tidings of salvation, and one of the most glorious in mear, to hear the glad tidings of salvation, and one of the most glorious in mear, to hear the glad tidings of salvation. great success. Since his connection with that and by these means rejected all worldly ele- the history of Christian ity and of mankind. These meetings were deeply solemn. All sincere friend and an efficient worker in the charge he has added sixty-two members to its ments. Rome had been established by 'the tion by 'the power of an endless life.'

> accepted of a unanimous call to the church Christianity from every other religion, it is down to man. But what its founders had separated, had soon come together again; the Church had fallen into the arm of the world; and by this criminal union it had been reduced to the sad and deplorable condition in which we find it at the era of the Reforma-

The influence of their work was soon felt main one of the master-pieces of the human On the 29th of April a Lutheran church was a child's version of a sermon delivered in ARGUSVILLE, N. Y .- Rev. J. R. Sikes throughout all Christendom. All Europe 3. "What is the meaning of the assertion that to the Synod belongs the 'judicial power?' The gospel says, 'The sptritually mindod indees all things and is judged of no man'.

Siders, for presuming to ask questions the answer of the meaning of the assertion and priests, seeing the mighty fire, kindled by and priests and priests, seeing the mighty fire, kindled by and priests and pries ed judges all things, and is judged of no man.' we still hope that the day is approaching mere words, but is manifested in a more subyears they had seen this work steadily in. It is anything of the sermon. And St. Paul writes: 'Judge ye what I say.' when we will be able to unite. Nor do we re-

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN the right and power to act according to this Synod of which that District has hitherto HARTLETON, Pa. -The Lutheran congre- measures for subduing and destroying the in all things follow the exact path of truth? additions since we organized, more than donb-Word, for example, in cases of Church dis- been a part : refused to unite with it for the gation of Hartleton, gave their pastor, Rev. heretics, as the reformers and their followers We may be permitted to doubt it. That the ling our membership. Thanks be unto God, REVS. P. ANSTADT & C. LEPLEY, EDITOR | Cipline, according to Matthew 18. Or is the present. In this action one half the Pastors | D. Kloss, a donation, consisting of wheat, corn | were called, by force of arms. The horizon fundamental doctrines of the Word of God | the Church of the Reformation lives in Jercongregation bound by God's Word to dele- belonging to the English, heartily concurs." oats, &c., to the amount of about \$68,00. - became hourly more threatening. It was the are taught in a manner substantially correct, Selinsgrove, Pa., December 26, 1867 gate this, her right and power, to the Synod? The Joint Synod cannot take it kindly that These manifestations show a kind feeling of crisis of the Reformation. Luther wrote, "We in the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg week with me at this meeting, rendering ac-4. "What is wrong in the principle that the Council saw fit to receive a small portion the people to their pastor, for which he has are balanced in the hand of the Lord as a Confession,' is believed by all in the Lutheran ceptable and valuable assistance. Our people ship upon the sea, or a cloud in the sky.' Church, and in my humble opinion, it should here are keenly alive to the importance of

or, Charles V., issued a proclamation from the General Synod. means for prosecuting the war against the turies more to be the symbol of Lutheranism, Turks, and also to consider the religious ques- we have no doubts, but we feel confident, that, peace and unity to the church.

Melancthon, Jonas and Bugenhagen, with human mind. the request, that as the Diet was to take the place of a general council, or national assembly, they should draw up articles on those docdispute, so that they might know definitely what course to pursue in the discussion of the religious questions before the Diet. As the Elector expected the Diet to meet very soon, he requested them to prepare the articles immediately and bring them to him at Torgau on the 21st. These articles are commonly called the Torgau articles, because they On the 3d of April the Elector left Torgau

ever was left at Coburg, while the rest continued their journey, and arrived in Augsburg on the 2nd of May. The Emperor did not come to Augsburg as soon as was expected, and the Diet did not open till the 20th of June, seven weeks after the arrival of the Elector. The original in-

burg Confession. For these new articles the

As regards the author of the Augsburg author. Luther never claimed to be the au- ent man and an independent christian believer ler, to Miss Anna C. Smoker, both of Derry thor of it, nor was it ascribed to him during in God's Revelation in its original and literal township, Mifflin county, Pa. our young friend's success as you understand the Reformation. Luther himself repeatedly procuring Lange's Commentary as premiums the facts in this case: and believing that calls it Melanethon's Apology—it was then an editor, than when he opens a letter and for subscribers, and can afford to sell them bro. George will excuse me for the personal finds there drown words (Coburg Melanethon and his competers were conspira-'At Coburg Melancthon had already put his James—I think it is a bad sign when a miums in any other paper. For six (6) new histian man orders his above has a miums in any other paper. For six (6) new has I may remark, I offer the hand to the task, and traced out in the first hand to the task, and the first hand to the task hand t christian man orders his church paper to be storned. What do now thick is a way think is a way that way the way think is a way think is a way think is a way that way that way the way that way that way the way that way that way that way the way that way stopped. What do you think is generally advance, we will send any one volume of sorbed in his work, scarcely thinks about the abuses of the Church according to the abuses of the Church according to the abuse of the church according to the according to the abuse of the church according to the according the cause when people stop their paper?

Peter—The usual excuse is that they cannot afford it. Occasionally people get into and elegant form to this confession.' The Confession was completed on the 11th of

> While the struggle was thus preparing at Augsburg, Luther at Coburg, on the summit of the hill, 'on his Sinai,' as he called it raised his hands like Moses towards heaven. He was the real general of the spiritual war that was then raging. His letters ceased not to bear to the combatants the directions which musketry, spread confusion in the enemies organized this year. camp.' 'I shall weep, I shall pray, I shall never be silent,' wrote he, 'until I know that

The Emperor at first refused to have the fore them. Confession read before the Diet, but as the The Reformation of the sixteenth century Protestant princes insisted on it, he finally

law of a carnel commandment,' the Reforma- the Emperor had resolved to hear the Confes- God. Ninety precious souls were "translated sion, could contain only about 200 persons, from the kingdom of darkness into the king. the genuineness of his religion. His family If there is any doctrine that distinguishes long before 3 o'clock—the hour fixed for the dom of God's dear Son," and sixty-seven were an affectionate husband and a kind and tendership by confirmation reading of the Confession—a great crowd admitted to membership by confirmation. was to be seen surrounding the building and During the meeting of the Synod of East

Bologna, appointing the 8th of April as the 'This Confession is justly styled the mother chased, on which to erect a church edifice day for the assembling of the Diet at Augs- symbol of the reformation.' It has been and parsonage, and in twelve months more, at burg. This date was afterwards changed to adopted by the greater part of all Protestant furthest, we hope to worship God under "our the first of May, though the first meeting of Europe, and has been the standing symbol of own vine and fig-tree." The tangible symthe Diet did not take place till the 20th of Lutheranism for more than three hundred "green-backs," will cheer us in this good June. The object of the Diet was to provide years. That it will continue for three cen- work. tions of the day, with a view of restoring when the circumstances, under which it was composed, are taken into consideration, it number 213 have been received into Church This proclamation was received by the elec- will always be regarded by the literati of fu- fellowship tor of Saxony on the 11th of March. On ture generations even to the end of time as the 14th he sent a copy of it to Luther, one of the most wonderful productions of the manfully stood by their Pastor, giving him their symmethics of the sent a copy of it to Luther, one of the most wonderful productions of the

DANIEL KLOSS.

For the American Lutheran.

This question is agitating the church in the country and the city. If you were to admit the testimony of those who adopt the language of "you must crush them," or the metaphysical conglomeration of the numerous communications of some Doctors of Divinity, who, in the language of a certain Princeton Theological Professor, have bestowed upon them tp., Perry Co. Pa. the titles D. D., because they "need them,' one is compelled to conclude that blood Also at the same time, by the same, J. H. and royal descent, or a sectarian bigotry, not Whitzel of Marysville, Pa., and Miss Annie a liberal faith, are the essential prerequisites M. Bixler of Watt tp., Perry Co. Pa. for the formation of a Lutheran. This man may be the height and depth of some professional minds, and it may give them joy while Persing Esq., on Tuesday evening, December it plays into their sectarian and prejudiced 24th 1867, by Rev. J. A. Adams, Mr. Sebastheran as Pope Leo's Bull of excommuica- of Mount Carmel, Pa. tion. And why? We answer simply because it is un-Scriptural. If the writings of Luther; if the classic pages of Melancthon; if the moving of God's Spirit through the Reforma- to Miss Elizabeth Linthurst, of Milroy, Pa.

tion of men as divinely appointed instruments pher or the theologian, it is that to be a Lutheran is to be a Bible christian, or pre-eminently a Scriptural man. In short, an independ- On Dec. 19, by the same, Mr. Joseph Milpurity. It this be false, then Martin Luther was a revolutionist; if this be untrue, then tors; one a disturber of the political and soassertion, that to be a Lutheran is to be a ble rule of christian faith.

winter, which were protracted until nearly sinking hearts. But Luther, full of faith ual slumbers, "shook themselves from the of his friends by composing that beautiful good. As the interest of these meetings inhymn, since become so famous, 'Ein' feste creased, many were awakened to a sense of 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.' Burg ist unser Gott'-(Our God is a strong their lost condition, and began to inquire, tower.) This hymn was sung during the what they must do to be saved. Many Diet, not only at Augsburg, but in all the were hopefully converted, and 101 were the grave by a large number of his sorrowing churches of Saxony, and its energetic strains added to these churches by confirmation and friends and neighbors, and the occasion was were often seen to revive and inspirit the were the days.

We desired minds. These were the days by letter from other denominations. A new and beautiful church edifice was completed by a suitable discourse by the Rev. most dejected minds. These were the days by the congregation of Limestone township, of travail for the gospel truth which was about at the cost of 5,000, and was dedicated to to appear in the world with a might destined the worship of God on the first Sabbath in Abbottsville charge held at Oxford on the

> a prosperous state, with a hopeful future be-PINE CREEK CHURCH.

thronging the court, hoping by this means to Pennsylvania, in Pottsville, by invitation, in we have proof that our loss is his gain, and catch a few words. Charles took his seat on company with my delegate, I attended the though we mourn his departure from the the throne, the electors, or their representaSabbath morning we repaired to the house of ed into the church triumphant in heaven. tives, were on the right and left hand; after prayer and found it well filled with worshipthem the other princes and states of the emers, the Evangelical churches of Pottsville We bow with resignation to this dispensation being all and well represented. We had not of an unerring providence, and kiss the hand the true spiritual element of the Gospel. It Chancellor Bayer, holding in his hand the good to be there. I requested their prayers was a great work. Having to wrestle not German copy, advanced to the middle of the in behalf of my approaching meeting. Fer-'against flesh and blood, but against princi- chapel, and, standing before the throne, be-'against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of palities, against powers, against powers, against powers, against powers, against the rulers of palities, against powers, against palities, against powers, against the rules of the secretary furnish his the darkness of this world, against spiritual ously, distinctly, with a clear, strong and son"effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous family a copy of these resolutions and request wickedness in high places,' they took unto orous voice which re-echoed under the arched avail much," we doubt not, but that these de-

ecclesiastical penalties and punishment upon those who dischard its laws. But this would also the princes the sword of the here many years since. We have lost much The Confession of Augsburg will ever re- by the long delay, yet we are encouraged to mind, enlightened by the spirit of God. It organized with twenty-six members. A small Chicago last Sunday. The preacher urged does not usurp the right of the Word of God; beginning, but shall we "despise the day of that Christians should be active to Christ.it desires to be its hand-maid, and not its rismall things?" Regular service has been "They should serve Him, not with breath

On the 21st of January, 1530, the Empernever have been received differently into the manent prosperity. They are moving in the

THE SUMMING UP OF THE MATTER. Nearly six months of the twelve have been devoted to revival meetings, and over 300 have professed conversion to God, of which

their sympathies, aiding him by their prayers, and co-working nobly with him in all the work pretaining to the charge-not neglecting, meanwhile, his temporal wants, paying his salary, and, over and above that, sending "sunshine" to his house in the way of liberal do-What constitutes a Man a Lutheran? nations. With such a people, what Pastor has not a heart to work with a will?

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In Mount Carmel, at the residence of Peter expositions of truth; but it is as un-Lu- tian Moyea, to Miss Elvira Zimmerman, both

> In Milroy, Nov. 21, by the Rev. J. F. Dietterich, Mr. Samuel Weimer, of Juniata co.,

On Nov. 27, by the same, Mr. James Bell, -teach anything to the student, the philoso- to Mrs. Anna Evans, both of Stone Valley,

DIED.

James McCord departed this life Nov. 20th cial order, and the others aiders and abetors 1867, aged 56 years, 9 months and three and also fomenters of a wicked cursade days. The deceased was a resident of Perry against the recognized civil and religious gov- county, Pa. He was a good man, both as a ernments of those times. But as we intend citizen and a christian. His end was peace.

On the 14th of October after a short illness receiver of the Scriptures as the only infalli- brother Joseph Brenneman, an Elder of the Ev. Luth. Church of East Berlin, Pa. Bre-B. has left a widow and an interesting family of children to mourn their irreparable loss .-JERSEY SHORE CHARGE, SUSQUE- The congregation a pious and an efficient officer, and the community an invaluable mem-A brief account of the condition of this ber. He loved to do good and glorify his charge, and the glorious work of Divine Grace | Master, he has been humble and uniform in experienced in our midst, during the pastoral his deportment, consistent in his profession bear to the combatants the directions which they needed, and numerous phamphlets issue- be interesting. Four churches constitute the ing from his strong-hold, like discharges of charge, one of which, the Jersey Shore, was full of faith. His death was rather unexpected, but for him to die was gain. He was A series of meetings were held in the prepared for his change and it was peaceful churches in Nippenose Valley, during last and full of hope. His last moments were the 1st of April. The results of these meet- spent in giving advice to his family, and tell-Every friend of the reformation was aware ings bear the seal of the Divine approval, ing them of the great degree of divine love of the dangers that threatened, and many went to Augsburg with downcast eyes and churches became awakened from their spiritchurches became awakened from their spiritand without fear, greatly revived the courage dust, put on their strength-jut on their gregation and his beloved pastor, and left the zation, which calls itself, 'The General Synod on the Evangelical Lutheran Church' of the State of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and they have no local street of these meetings in the sound and the sound and the sound and the sound are sound as the sound and the sound are sound as the sound and the sound are sound as the sound as the sound are sound as the sound as the sound are s

On the 16th his remains were followed to

At a meeting of the joint councils of the to eclipse all that had been done since the time of St. Paul.

May. It may be said, truthfully, of the churches in the Valley, that they are now in resolutions were presented and adopted by a

> Whereas-it has pleased Almighty God to On the first Sabbath in October a special call from our midst bro. Joseph Brenneman, meeting was held in this church, and was an Elder of the East Berlin congregation, Resolved-That in the death of our beloved

As the chapel of the palatine palace, where God was nigh. Entire house-holds turned to assuming piety was a beautiful illustration of Resolved-That in his triumphant death

nion Prayer Meeting" of that place. On church on earth, we believe that he has pass-

Resolved-That this body hereby tender

J. B. BAUGHMAN, SECRETARY.

REVIEWS OF MAGAZINES, &c.

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Wells. The December number contains I7 por- only by Lutherans, but by all Reformed Evantraits of distinguished men, discusses the ques- gelical churches. • It is a pity that the matter tion; "What shall we do with old maids?" and contains as well as every other number, a large amount of useful and instructive reading matter. It is true it is wedded to its favorite was not brought more prominently before the Christian public of Europe and America.—All Protestantism is indebted to Luther, unidea, Phrenology, but independent of this it is der God, for the Reformation which gave to filled with other practical matter making it the world once more the pure Word of God, worth ten times the subscription price. It is a a pure faith, and a deliverance from the regular knowledge box. Terms: \$3; in clubs thraldom of Popery. Luther and his Refor-

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'Yes,' replied her mother, 'my careless girl

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So the three children dressed hurriedly in the dark, Peter much wondering in his puzzled head whether John, when he got through, was going to take to his bed and die, like Olds in surprise. Parson Dawes. They groped about, talking 'O Mr. Olds-I couldn't help it, ma'am to each other in loud whispers, and putting on but when those darling children asked me their clothes in all sorts of new ways. At about Christmas, and I got telling them about last all were dressed, except that Peter could the hymn which we children used to sing with not lace his shoe, so he let the lacing go drag. Parson Dawes when I was a little girl, I ging after him.

tell you what. We'll take blankets.'

So each of the children took a blanket off brought presents; and O, Mrs. Olds, I couldthe bed and wrapped it round himself and n't a bear that the darling children shouldn't with them in her old cracked voice. over his head, and so with suppressed giggles hear about the blessed Jesus, who said, 'Suf- The next day was Sunday and Christmas. the three little blanketed figures stole down- fer little children to come unto me, and you The three wise little boys did not know much stairs and out of doors. There was no snow don't let them go; and I thought, says I, if about the King of the Jews whom they went the large and splendid steel plate of "The Maron the hard ground; there was no moonlight the Lord asks me, Becky, why didn't you let to worship. But they went, nevertheless, either, but the bright stars were shining as them come? what made you a-hinder them, and they carried, though they did not know The Engravings and certificates will be delivthey stepped forth, shutting the door noise- -and so I told them, and now I'll go, sir, as I it, some very precious offerings. lessly behind them.

'with which he pounded when the children which she had been all the evening making sang. You haven't got any stick, John.'

ing a hearth-broom which he had concealed Mr. Olds walked up and down the room under his blanket. 'I thought of it. I'm uneasily, and Mrs. Olds, half ready to cry and Parson Dawes. Now, children, when I be- half ready to be downright angry with Becky, gin to pound, we must all sing.'

the room where they had bade their father giving his coat a twist, and buttoning it about and mother good-night. The curtain was him, and then, as Becky left, he turned to THE Passenger Trains of the Pennsylvania dropped, but a bright light was behind it .- his wife .-

we're Parson Dawes and the children.' 'Oh?' said little Jacob. 'That isn't the stairs. They entered the room. way. Let's go to Mr. Lirry's.'

Mr. Lirry lived next door, and again did Mr. Olds roared,-Parson Dawes and his choir sing and pound in vain They tried the next street. A wagon drove by, and the men in it stopped and turned to look at the three queer figures.

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'O Peter, what made you run?' said John, all out of breath.

so dark, and they had got so bewildered with Mr. Olds said,the run, that the poor little things could not

John, clinging to his hearth-brush, and de- said meekly,termined, like a brave little fellow, that he Please, master, I must go. I must find the would defend them. They began to sing children.' again, and somehow the stars shone so bright- Mr. Olds said nothing, but went out of the ly, and the music sounded so sweetly, that room with his wife. He put on his coat, and

'to find a babe in. I shouldn't wonder, no, I hand. They went from one house to anothshouldn't wonder one bit, if we were to see er, and the neighbors joined them in the some shepherds, and should find a barn, and search, till the whole villiage was astir.

think of it. Wouldn't Becky be grad?' 'She said there was a star over it,' said dren?' Peter, 'a bright star, and it was right over Nurse took them to bed at seven. It is now risburg at 600 pm. the place. I don't see where we are, and eleven.'

I'm cold.' 'I see a barn,' said little Jacob. 'Yes, I have been eight, Mr. Olds, I heard some chilsee it plainly, and oh! what a bright star; dren singing outside the window, and I says

and it is growing brighter too.' And indeed just at that moment it did but then it stopped, and when I went to the

above the barn. The children were all alive for Henry just afterward started for Compton. with eagerness as they came up to it. What if we should go right in and find he should have a good moon when he came

him there!' said little Jacob, his eyes starting back. I thought it was he when you came in. out of his head. 'Johnny, we must sing the There he is now, when a wagon drove toward

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to make out things. There stood some oxen, cheerfully. 'They're taken care of at some Third to make out things. There stood some oxen, encertainy. They re taken care of as some was to make out things. There stood some oxen, farm house, you may be sure; nothing but washington Library Co. their pens and stalls. The light that came honest folks live down there. Come, Henry, was the rising moon, which rose higher and jump out, and Mr. Olds, you and Mrs. Olds Is Chartered by the State of Pennsylvania, and higher, sending its light through a great take the wagon and drive down that way, so's easterly window. The children crept up to a to bring them home nicely.' manger, and peered eagerly and yet timidly 'No,' said Mr. Olds. 'We don't know how

'Let's wait.

little children clambered and lay close togeth- blankets. Give me the lantern-Rachel, you er, waiting till the Child should appear.

tle naps all the evening, thought it as well to the lantern, and they went out to the barn. go to bed once for all. Mrs. Olds indeed had 'Rachel,' said he, as she clung to his arm, One present, worth felt that she would gladly go and sleep off the 'it could not be that our children should suf- One present, worth. felt that she would gladly go and sleep off the uncomfortable thoughts that began to visit fer any harm on Christmas. I'm not superstiTwo presents, worth \$2'500 each.

ago that we were married.'

Well, Rachel,' said he, good humoredly, as usher in Christmast-day.

and Christmas. I wonder what sort of notion hold of the door. they have of Christmas ?"

'A very correct notion,' said Mr. Olds, restlessly,—'a day of frolic, of giving and received at the sound of bells, and sung the words Ten presents valued at 50 each.......

The remaining presents consist of artiing presents, and eating plum-pudding. They that were last on his lips. It was their fath-

shall have a merry Christmas. ed on Christmas-day?' continued the mother, ly.

thoughtfully. when they study history; and they won't have any nonsensical notions about it.'

At this moment Annie, the maid, came to say that Becky, the nurse, would like to speak to the master and mistress, if she might, and right behind came Becky, with her eyes very red, and her hands twitching at her dress. ·Come in, Becky; what is it?' said Mrs.

'Please, ma'am, I must go.' 'Why, don't we treat you well?' asked Mr

heard you say I must;' and the poor old wo-'Parson Dawes had a stick,' said Peter, man who had rushed through her words up her mind to say, quite broke down, and

'Yes, I have,' said he triumphantly, show- sobbed into the lap of her great gown. stood still by the fire.

They were standing under the window of Till see you in the morning,' said Mr. Olds,

In vain, however, the children sang, and Par- 'Come, Rachel, we'll go to bed; but first follows son Dawes pounded. No one came to the we'll look on the children, to make sure they haven't been spirited away by some of Beck-'Papa! mama!' shouted Peter. 'See us! y's invisible friends,' adding a worried little West Philadelphia at 7.00 a m. laugh. They took their light and went up

'Merciful Heavens!' cried Mrs. Olds, and

'Becky!'

The whole house was roused and in a tumult. The servants crowded into the room, and a great wailing was made. Mr. Olds, rais-'I'm afraid,' said Peter, beginning to run ing his voice above the din, while his wife

'She's been in her room crying like every thing the whole evening,' spoke up Annie, the 'Where are we?' said Peter. But it was maid. There was silence a moment, and then daily (except Sundays) at 3 20 am, and arrives at

'None of you leave the house.'

It was hardly necessary to say this; not one at Eric at 9 45 am 'We must turn round and go back,' said scarcely dared to leave the room, but Becky ly (ezcept Monday) at 1215 a m, arrives at Al-

they walked along without fear, and even she mechanically dressed herself, and togeth-Peter began to chatter about many things. er they went out of the house, but not alone 'This is just the night,' said little Jacob, Becky had followed, bearing a lantern in her

there in the manger would be a babe. Only 'Neighbor,' said Mr. Lirry, 'about what time was it you might have missed your chil-

'About seven and a half o'clock, or it may to Mrs. Lirry, 'There are children singing;' seem as if a particularly bright star shone widow I heard nothing. I remember the time, It was just before the moon rose, Henry said them, and the horse was reigned in at such a

long we may have to look. Henry's horse has 'Perhaps he has not come yet,' said John. been to Compton and back, and is tired. I shall harness my horse in the carryall and There was a hay cart standing on the barn take every thing that may be needed. Becky, floor half filled with hay, and into this three go back to the house and get cordials and

r, waiting till the Child should appear.

It was about the time the three children will follow me.'

They turned back, and were soon by the Three Hundred Thousand Dollars were clambering up into the hay cart that house again, when Becky went in, but Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Olds, who had been taking lit- Old would stay by her husband. He carried

tious, but it's Christmas, you know.' Just then One present valued at. 'Jacob,' said she, 'it was eight Christmasses the clock struck twelve in the clear air, and Two presents valued at \$15,000 each. at once, too, the bells were merrily rung, to Four presents valued at \$5,000 each.

he took off his spectacles, 'I suppose you will 'O Jacob,' said she, bitterly, 'what right give us a first-rate dinner in honor of the have we to expect God will take care of our Ten presents valued at 300 each... children? Hark!' and she seized his arm con-'Yes, and it's the children's birthday, too, vulsively. They stood dumb upon the thres- Fifty-five presents valued at 200 each

"They found a babe"-

It was little Jacob who had suddenly waker's barn to which they had come back in 'Won't they come to ask why it all happen- their wanderings. He sang both verses clear-

> 'Rachel,' said Mr. Olds, 'I dare not go in, moment, the other children waking, began talking and crying together, and Mrs. Olds, opening the door, cried, as she looked into the darkness,--

'My children, my children!'

'Here we are, mamma,' spoke up little Jacob. 'Oh, I thought perhaps the babe had come. Do you really think he will come tonight? Nurse told us about him, but it was a secret. There was One who was found just Revolution. so, when the angels sang to the shepherds, and He was good to people, and He died.'

Peter, who was crying and was very sleepy. 'Why didn't you hear us when we sang?' said John. 'We sang real loud, and I pounded with my stick. This is the way we did,' couldn't help it sir; but oh I told them about and the children now wide awake, and stand- War,' and three certificates of stock, becoming We can't get our hats,' said John. 'I the Babe that lay in the manger, and how the ing on the barn-floor, sang once again their Wise Men of the East, how they came and Christmas carol. And Becky, who had come Christmas carol. And Becky, who had come out, said nothing, and could not even sing with them in her old cracked voice.

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